



Lavant

C.E. Primary School

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Dear Parents

I hope you had a lovely half term break with your children.

Thank you to all of you who attended parents' evening before half term. It is always very encouraging to have such a high turnout, and great to receive such overwhelmingly positive feedback. Please see a summary of the evaluations below.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Do not Agree	Strongly Disagree	Not sure
I feel well informed about the progress my child is making	92%	8%			
I am clear about my child's strengths and I am aware of any areas for development.	85%	15%			
My child's targets/ next steps were shared with me and these were clear	89%	11%			
I received information about how I can help my child at home	81%	19%			
I was given the opportunity to raise any issues or concerns	89%	11%			

Lavant Goes Green

Thank you also for so many positive comments regarding our whole school learning journey 'Lavant Goes Green'. It is so encouraging to hear what a significant impact this learning journey has had on your children and the subsequent changes in behaviour that will no doubt follow. Over the course of the two weeks the children learnt about renewable energy, the problem of plastics, and the importance of reducing, reusing and recycling. Our school solar panels are now fully functional and are producing power, not only for school, but also for other Local Authority run buildings. As a school we are committed to recycling as much as possible and continue to be a collection point for old milk bottle lids, old pens and stamps. Please leave any items to be recycled in the correct boxes in the school foyer.

Lavant Goes Green Art Competition and Exhibition

Well done to all the children who entered the Lavant Goes Green Art Competition. An exhibition of the artwork will be on display at St Nicholas' Church this Saturday 3rd March and can be viewed by everyone visiting the monthly Brunch Café. All parents are invited to the Brunch Café to view the children's artwork whilst also grabbing a bacon sandwich and cup of fresh coffee. This month's Brunch Café sits right in the middle of 'Fair Trade Fortnight' and, as a Fair Trade Active school, we will also be selling a range of Eco and Fair Trade Products at our Fair Trade Stall. In addition to the usual products, this week, there will also be a range of Fair Trade clothing and fabrics on sale from 'Pastiche'. Please do come along and support this worthwhile event.

Staffing Update

We offer a very warm welcome to Mrs Nichola Goman who has joined our school today. Mrs Goman will be working with Mr Taylor and Mrs Kern supporting the fabulous learning in Pheasant Class. I am also delighted to welcome Mrs Carol Skeens, who will be joining our Wren Class team from Monday 25th March. Mrs Skeens is well known to many of you and we are delighted that she, and Mrs Goman, are joining our crew of fantastic Teaching Assistants.

World Book Day - Author Visit – Thursday 7th March

To Celebrate World Book Day we have David Fuller, an accomplished Author, visiting School to work with the children throughout the day. To mark this occasion the children are also invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. Please see separate letter for further information.

Dance House 2019

Children in Dance club are currently busy preparing for a Dance Show on Monday 25th March at 7.15pm at the Alexandra Theatre, Bognor Regis. Please contact The Alexandra Theatre, Bognor Regis Box Office on 01243 861010 to book your tickets now, for what I know will be a wonderful performance.

Your Child's Safety

E-Safety

The physical and emotional wellbeing, and safety of your children is always of the utmost importance to us and it is a subject that is continually revisited by staff and children as children progress through the school. As part of this work, just before half term, our children in year 6 visited West Dean C.E Primary school to participate in a workshop lead by e-safety expert, Mr Alan Mackenzie. During the workshop, the children explored how to stay safe online and discussed how to use social media safely and responsibly. Staff also attended additional training on this subject to ensure our understanding of this growing issue remains up to date.

Bullying

We are very pleased that incidents of bullying are very rare at our school. If however, any child reports that they, or another child, may be being bullied, this is something we take very seriously. Children are able to report any concerns they have to any adult in school who will always listen to them and take any issues raised seriously. All children involved are spoken to and full accounts of any accusations are listened to and acted upon. If the situation is considered to be of a bullying nature, parents of all children involved are contacted and we work together to find a swift resolution to the problem. All staff are made aware of ongoing concerns and are vigilant in monitoring relationships in class and on the play ground.

Sensitive issues

We are very aware that during their time with us, many children go through difficult times due to friendships or external family circumstances. Please assure your child that if, at any time, they are worried or struggling with a particular issue they can always speak to any adult who will take their concerns seriously and offer a listening ear. All teachers will be reiterating this message to children over the next few days.

Nuts

Please remember we are a nut free school and do have children with nut allergies in school. Children must not have nut based products in their lunchboxes. This includes Nutella Chocolate Spread.

As the days are finally getting longer again and spring will soon be here, we can all look forward to a really creative, fun and learning packed rest of the spring term.

Kind regards



Adrian King

Key Upcoming Dates

Woodpecker Class assembly
Corporate Challenge Running Races
Golden Learning Opportunities begin
Book Character Dress Up day
Chichester Festival for Music, Dance & Speech
Corporate Challenge Running Races
Pheasant Class assembly
Book Fair

Friends Jumble sale
Dance House performance - 7.15pm
at Alexandra Theatre, Bognor Regis
Corporate Challenge Running Races
Mother's Day Sale
Easter Service
Last Day of Spring Term

First day of Summer term

Wednesday 27th February
Wednesday 27th February
Friday 1st March
Thursday 7th March
Saturday 9th March
Wednesday 13th March
Thursday 14th March
Thursday 14th March
Friday 15th March
Saturday 16th March
Monday 25th March

Wednesday 27th March
Friday 29th March
Friday 5th April

Tuesday 23rd April

Weekly Diary Dates

Please do remember to check weekly Diary Dates to keep yourself up to date!

If you have any ideas or suggestions for our school please feel free to complete the slip below and return to the school office at your convenience.

Name:
Comment: