



Lavant

C.E. Primary School

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to an exciting new school term. On behalf of all the staff a very big **THANK YOU** for all your generous Christmas wishes, cards and presents, they were very much appreciated. It was lovely to see so many of you towards the end of last term - whether at our performance of Babushka, KS2 Carol Service, or our Christmas Music Assembly. I hope that you all had a great Christmas and that your child is ready for an action packed spring term!



SPRING TERM OVERVIEW MEETINGS AND 'DROP IN' OPPORTUNITIES

As always, during the second week of term, each class will be holding their termly overview meetings when teachers will outline the exciting 'Learning Journeys' planned for the term ahead. We do hope you will be able to attend these short meetings to help you prepare your child for the coming weeks at school and ensure you are well informed about the term ahead.

Termly Overview Meeting dates are as follows

Woodpecker Class	Monday 9 th January
Wren Class	Tuesday 10 th January
Pheasant Class	Tuesday 10 th January
Robin Class	Wednesday 11 th January

Please remember that you are welcome to drop in any day after school to see your child's learning and all parents have the opportunity to more formally meet with their child's teacher at our spring term parent consultation meetings which will be held later in the term.



POLITE ANNUAL REMINDERS

It is customary at this time of year that many of us make New Year's Resolutions; to set ourselves goals or to improve an aspect of our lives. Below are my annual reminders of important school routines and expectations that, you, or your child, may like to focus on in the coming months.

ARRIVAL AT SCHOOL

Please ensure that your child is on the school grounds and ready to enter the school doors at 8:45am so that their learning time is not lost. From Monday 9th January, the school gates will be shut by 8:50am and any pupils arriving after the gates are shut, must be **accompanied by an adult** and enter the school building via the main doors. Parents of any child arriving after the gates are shut, are required to sign the late book and provide a reason for lateness. Although it may be only a few minutes each morning, arriving 5 minutes late each day equates to 25minutes of lost learning a week and, over a whole school year, this adds up to an astonishing 16.25 hours of lost learning.



Absence – If your child is absent from school for any reason please ensure you telephone or email the school office each morning of the absence explaining why your child is not present. In line with the Chichester Locality Absence Policy, all absences are treated as unauthorised unless (or until) the school agrees on a satisfactory explanation.

HEALTHY LIVING



Drinking water - Every child must have their school water bottle in school every day to enable them to drink regularly and keep their brain hydrated. All bottles must be taken home every weekend for a thorough wash. New bottles can be purchased for £2.00 from the school office if you need a replacement. **Please note that water bottles must be filled with water, not squash/juice.**

Healthy Eating

Recent research suggests that half of children's sugar intake comes from unhealthy snacks and sugary drinks, leading to obesity and dental decay. A recent government survey found that on average, children are consuming at least three unhealthy snacks and sugary drinks a day, with around a third consuming four or more. The overall result is that children consume three times more sugar than is recommended, the survey results find. Remember that sweets / pure chocolate bars are not allowed in school lunch boxes. Encourage your child to try out some healthy alternatives this year!



Nut Free School.



Please remember that we are a nut free school and do have a number of children and staff members who have significant nut allergies. Last term we found a few children were having Nutella in their sandwiches which puts other children at risk. Nutella not only contains 13% nuts but also over 50% of the ingredients is sugar and palm Oil. Please can all parents ensure Nutella, or any other products containing nuts are not included in their children's packed lunch.

GOLDEN LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES (G.L.O)

We are delighted that we are aiming to relaunch 'Golden Learning opportunities' again on Friday afternoons in the second half of this term. Spring term GLO has been a long-standing tradition at our school but sadly, we have not been able to run this initiative since 2020. Please look out for further information as to how you can be involved in the next couple of weeks.

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

We are delighted that Frances Talbot will be continuing to visit weekly to lead our Church led act of worship every Thursday at 10:30am. Frances remains in school after each Church assembly to help children write prayers in the reflective corner in our school hall. We are also grateful for students from Bishop Luffa School and a team from Chichester Baptist Church 'Open the Book' who will be continuing to visit the school on a fortnightly basis to lead acts of collective worship. This half term in collective worship, we will be exploring how our school values are underpinned by biblical principles. In the second half of term we will be learning about the structure of the bible, key biblical characters and, towards the end of term, we will be focusing on the power of prayer. We will also be setting up prayer space in school during the last week of term.



WEEKLY DIARY DATES

Please do remember to check weekly diary dates to keep yourselves up to date!

Here's to an exciting term ahead,

Mr Adrian King

KEY DATES FOR SPRING TERM 2023

January	
Thursday 5 th	First Forest School session for children in Year 3
Sunday 8 th	Winter Warmer in School hall – 4 – 6:30pm
Monday 9 th	Woodpecker Class termly overview meeting 3:15pm
Tuesday 10 th	Wren and Pheasant Class termly overview meetings 3:15pm
Wednesday 11 th	Named children in KS2 attending Bronze Ambassador training Robin Class termly overview meeting 3:15pm
Thursday 12 th	Forest School session for children in Year 3
Sunday 15 th	Winter Warmer in School hall – 4 – 6:30pm
Tuesday 17 th	Friends Meeting 7.00pm
Thursday 19 th	Forest School session for children in Year 3
Sunday 22 nd	Winter Warmer in School hall – 4 – 6:30pm
Monday 23 rd	Measurement check for all children in EYFS
Tuesday 24 th	Dance House Club rehearsal and performance at Worthing Theatre
Wednesday 25 th	Locality Cross Country Event @ Bishop Luffa for children in yrs 5/6
Thursday 26 th	Forest School session for children in Year 3
Sunday 29 th	Winter Warmer in School hall – 4 – 6:30pm
Monday 30 th	Whole school Writing Day
Tuesday 31 st	Full Governing Body Meeting 5:20pm
February	
Wednesday 1 st	Named children in yrs 5/6 Athletics tournament @ Bishop Luffa School
Thursday 2 nd	Future Flyers – Sporting event for named children Forest School session for children in Year 3
Sunday 5 th	Winter Warmer in School hall – 4 – 6:30pm
Monday 6 th	Pheasant Class singing at Young Voices – Wembley Arena
Thursday 9 th	Last Forest School session for children in Year 3
13th – 17th	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Monday 20th	INSET DAY – School Closed for children
Tuesday 21 st	Bikeability starts for children in year 6
Wednesday 22 nd	Parent Consultation meetings
Thursday 23 rd	First Forest School session for children in Year 4 Parent Consultation meetings
Friday 24 th	First Golden Learning Opportunity for all children 1:30pm
March	
Wednesday 1 st	Chichester Road Races for children in years 5 & 6 at 6:30pm
Thursday 2 nd	World Book Day Forest School session for children in Year 4
Friday 3 rd	Golden Learning Opportunity for all children 1:30pm
Thursday 9 th	Forest School session for children in Year 4
Friday 10 th	Golden Learning Opportunity for all children 1:30pm
Tuesday 14 th	Girls Football Tournament for named children in yrs 3/4
Wednesday 15 th	Chichester Road Races for children in years 5 & 6 at 6:30pm
Thursday 16 th	Forest School session for children in Year 4
Friday 17 th	Friends Mothers' Day Sale Golden Learning Opportunity for all children 1:30pm
Tuesday 21 st	GAS Dance Festival for named children Full Governing Body Meeting 5:20pm
Thursday 23 rd	Forest School session for children in Year 4
Friday 24 th	Last Golden Learning Opportunity for all children 1:30pm
27 th – 31 st	Prayer week in school
Wednesday 29 th	Chichester Road Races for children in years 5 & 6 at 6:30pm
Thursday 30 th	Future Flyers – Sporting event for named children Last Forest School session for children in year 4
Friday 31 st	Easter Egg Hunt organised by the Friends Easter Service at St Nicholas Church 2.00pm – all parents welcome

Spring Term clubs 2023

This term the following school clubs will be on offer.

Please tick any club that your child would like to attend and return the form as soon as possible as there will be a limit on numbers for certain clubs. The clubs are available on a first come, first served basis.

After your child is accepted into a club, please let the office (or the teacher running the club) know if they no longer wish to attend so that their place can be offered to someone on the waiting list.

Please note that some of the clubs may change due to staff commitments – we will hope to keep you informed.

IF YOU DO NOT HEAR FROM THE SCHOOL YOUR CHILD HAS BEEN ACCEPTED TO ATTEND THE CLUBS OF THEIR CHOICE

START DATE	YEAR	CLUB	TIME	PROVIDER	COST per session	TICK
Monday 9 th	R – 4	Construction	3:15 – 4pm	Mrs Totman	No Charge	
Monday 9 th , 16 th & 23 rd January	KS2	Dance House	3:15 – 4pm	Mrs Goman	No Charge	By Invite
Monday 2 nd half term From Mon 27 th	R – 2	Multi-skills	3:15 – 4pm	Mrs Goman	No Charge	
Tuesday 10 th January	1 – 6	Fit 4 Fun	3:15-4:15pm	Sam Banting 07821 011276	Paid direct to provider	
Tuesday 10 th January	4 – 6	Chess	Lunchtime 12:30 – 1pm	Mr King / Mr Taylor	No Charge	
Wednesday 11 th January	3 – 6	Girls Football Additional trainers required	Lunchtime 12:30 – 1pm	South Coast Sports	No charge	
Wednesday 11 th January	2 – 6	Multi-sports	3:15-4:15pm	Mr. Belding South Coast Sports https://southcoastsports.org.uk/product/ks2-football-club-lavant/	Paid direct to provider	
Thursday 12 th January	4 - 6	Chess	Lunchtime 12:30 – 1pm	Mr King / Mr Taylor	No Charge	
Thursday 12 th January	3 – 6	Running	3:15 – 4pm	Mr King	No Charge	
Thursday 12 th January	5 – 6	Table Tennis Max 6	3:15 – 4pm	Mr Taylor	No Charge	
Thursday 2 nd half term From Thursday 23 rd	3 – 6	Cross Stitch	3:15 – 4pm	Mrs Upjohn	No Charge	
Friday 12 th January	1 – 3	Art	3:15 – 4pm	Mrs Spencer	No Charge	
Friday 27 th January	R – 3	Dance Fitness	3:15 – 4pm	Fit Joy natalie@fitjoy.co.uk	Paid directly to provider	

CHILD'S NAME: _____ YEAR _____

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

Name:

Comment:

