



Lavant

C.E. Primary School

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Dear Parents,

It was great to see so many of you at our parent consultation evenings this week; thank you for your overwhelmingly positive feedback on how useful and informative you find these meetings. It was also lovely that so many of you have been able to join us for our recent celebrations of Harvest, Book Fest and Robin Class Assembly. It is a privilege to be part of such a strong community, acknowledging God's provision for us, and celebrating the wonderful learning that takes place in our school on a daily basis. After Harvest, our children in Year 6 were fantastic ambassadors for our school when they delivered food hampers around the village. We have received a number of cards from local residents to say thank you.

Over this first half term of the year, our children have been immersed in a number of creative learning experiences. Learning across the school has been enriched by a visiting dance troupe, a visit to the Weald and Downland museum, and Butser Ancient Farm. The children have enjoyed their weekly visits to feed our school chickens at Lavant House, and Year 1 children have thoroughly enjoyed their 6 weeks Forest School sessions. We have also hosted a number of local experts, including two authors, a local historian and our local fire brigade.



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Staff News

We will sadly be saying goodbye to Mrs. Langley at half term. Mrs. Langley has worked at our school for the last seven years, and during her time with us has given so much, supporting children and their families across the school. Her dedication to children's learning and welfare has been amazing. Although it is with regret that she will no longer be working at our school, I am sure you will all join me in thanking her for all her hard work over the years and in wishing her all the best in her new and exciting adventure.

We are in the process of recruiting a new member of staff and will keep you informed once we have made an appointment.

Governors

At our last governors meeting we said goodbye to Mrs. Ann Smith and Mr. Ben Smith who have come to the end of their term of governorship. Both Ben and Ann have been very committed and active governors for many years. Most recently, Ben has chaired our 'Resources' committee and Ann serving as Chair of Governors. We thank both for all they have contributed towards the life of our school over the past years and wish them all the best.

At the meeting we were delighted to welcome Mr. Justin Handley on to our governing board as a Co-opted Governor, and to confirm that Mrs. Belderson has been re-elected for a second term to serve as a parent Governor. Mr. Chris Hawker has also kindly agreed to take back on the role of Chair for this academic year. We unusually have one parent vacancy so if this is an area in which you feel you have something to offer the school, please chat to either myself or one of our governors.

As always, I am very grateful to all our governors who effectively offer challenge and support to our school. Their dedication to the children of Lavant and in helping our school grow from strength to strength is hugely important to our development.

Grounds Day

A quick reminder that our Grounds DIY morning has been re-scheduled for this Saturday.

Hopefully the rain will stay away and we can have a productive morning keeping our grounds looking their best. These mornings really do make a huge difference, and the more help we have the more we can achieve. Hopefully, we will see you there.

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE.



Safety and parking

The number of parents trying to park in the staff car park is increasing again. Please note that at all times, due to the size of the space, the school car park is reserved for staff parking only, unless special arrangements have been agreed. It is vital that we do all we can to ensure the safety of our children at the start and end of each day.

Healthy Packed Lunches

We have noticed that a number of children have begun to have an increasing number of unhealthy items in their lunch boxes. Please can all parents ensure children's lunches are healthy. Children are not permitted to bring in bars of chocolate or sweets or anything containing nuts. Morning snacks must be either a piece of fruit or vegetable.

Individual photos

The photographers will be in school on Tuesday 12th November to take an individual photo of all the children. Please ensure your child is in their smartest uniform on that day. If you would like your pre-school child to come and have his or her photograph taken with their sibling then please wait in the hall at 9.00am.

Christmas Fair

Organisation is now well underway for our Christmas Fair which, this year, is being held on Saturday 30th November. We will be holding a second donation day on 29th November. On this day the children will be able to wear non-school uniform in return for bringing in items to the fair. Please do all make a real effort to support this excellent event which raises a huge amount of funds for our school, whilst getting everyone in the Christmas spirit.



Best wishes,

Adrian King

KEY UPCOMING EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 25th October Monday 4th November

Tuesday 5th October
Friday 8th October
Tuesday 12th November
Friday 15th November
Tuesday 19th November
Friday 29th November
Saturday 30th December
Friday 6th December
Friday 13th December
Tuesday 17th December
Thursday 19th December
Friday 20th December

INSET Day – School closed to children INSET Day – School closed to children

Demonstration Phonics lesson for parents of Wren class
Friends Cake Sale
Individual school photos during the morning
Children in Need – more information to follow shortly
Demonstration Maths lesson for parents of Wren Class
Non-School Uniform Donations for Christmas Fair
School Christmas Fair
Christmas Disco
Flu Vaccines for the whole school
Christmas Carol Service at St Mary's Church at 5:30pm
Christmas Music assembly
Last day of the Autumn term

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: