



Lavant

C.E. Primary School

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Dear Parents,



to the start of another school year. I hope you managed to enjoy the lovely weather over the summer break and that your child is now fit, full of energy and ready for another fun year of learning! A big welcome particularly to all new parents – I hope your child quickly settles in to Wren Class. Remember that if you have a query about anything just ask. If it is class related please **ask your child's teacher**, otherwise **ask at the office or speak to me**.

Welcome Meetings and 'Drop in' session

We do hope that all parents will be able to attend our welcome meetings. At the meeting the class teacher/s will be presenting their expectations for the coming year, class routines, topics and key events. There will also be opportunities for generic questions and children are welcome to stay during the meetings. Individual parent consultations will be held later in the term. Please do try to attend these meetings to ensure you are well informed about the term ahead. Each Welcome meeting will take place in your child's classroom and will be held straight after school.

Reminder of Welcome Meeting dates:

Robin Class –	Monday 12 th September
Pheasant Class –	Tuesday 13 th September
Woodpecker Class –	Wednesday 14 th September

Usual weekly 'Drop in' day will Tuesday for Wren and Woodpecker classes and Friday for Robin and Pheasant classes.

Reception parents: We will be sending you out a letter soon with invites to maths and phonics sessions where you can find out about how your child will be developing their understanding of number and the complex process of learning to read. You are also warmly invited to a 'Six Weeks In' breakfast meeting on Tuesday 11th October where you can find out how the first half term is going, gain a greater insight into life at primary school, and the support agencies available.

Assemblies

We are delighted to welcome Rev David Jarett, the new Rector of St Nicholas and St Mary's Churches, Lavant. David has kindly agreed to lead our Church Assemblies which will continue again this year every Thursday morning at 9:10am. **Please remember that all parents are invited to join us for these assemblies each week.** We will be celebrating **Harvest Festival on Thursday 29th September**. Our service will be held in school and we will be asking for donations of food produce, preferably tins / packets. Our Year 6 children will be helping to distribute some of the Harvest produce around the Village on Monday 3rd October.

Swimming

The parents of children in Key Stage two are reminded that swimming money is now due for the term - £32.00. All details regarding swimming were sent home last term but if you need another copy of this letter, please speak to Mrs. Creswick. The first swimming session is on Thursday 15th September.



Forest Schools



Following a very successful Forest Schools programme last year, we are delighted that all children in school will, once again, have the opportunity to participate this year. Every half term one year group will have 'Forest Schools' on a Thursday afternoon. This half term it is the turn for our Year 6 children who will visit Kingley Vale with Mr. Taylor, Mrs. Rachel Maynard and Mrs. Julia Shepherd from Chichester Forest schools. A separate letter with further details will follow shortly.

Yearly Reminders

Earrings

West Sussex guidelines state that pupils should only wear studs, not hoop earrings. If your child does wear earrings, please make sure they can take them out / put them in themselves for PE. If your child is unable to do this (or the earrings cannot yet come out) then please provide them with micro-pore tape to stick over the ears.



Coats

Although we are all hoping for an "Indian Summer" the weather can always be unpredictable. Please make sure your child has a coat every day even if it seems fine on the way to school. We try to get outside to play even if it isn't totally dry and so your child needs the assurance of a warm rainproof coat every day.

New water bottle

Every child in school has been given a new water bottle, kindly donated by the Friends of Lavant School. As usual, water bottles will be kept in school each week and all children will be able to fill them with fresh water as required. For hygiene reasons please ensure the bottles are taken home every Friday to be thoroughly washed before being returned to school on a Monday morning. Should you need to replace your child's bottle during the year they can be purchased from the school office for £1.00



We look forward to seeing you over the coming weeks. Please do remember that we have an open door policy, so if you do have any queries, pop in and see your child's class teacher, alternatively you can email us or phone if you cannot get into school.

Here's to an exciting term ahead!

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:

SOME KEY DATES FOR AUTUMN TERM 2016

September	
Friday 9 th	Sama Karate Assembly
Monday 12 th	Robin Welcome Meeting 3:15pm
Tuesday 13 th	Wren and Robin classes – WOW Dinosaur Day Pheasant Welcome Meeting 3:15pm
Wednesday 14 th	Woodpecker Welcome Meeting 3:15pm
Thursday 15 th	First Church Assembly led by Rev David Jarrett First swimming session for Woodpecker and Pheasant Forest School for Year 6 begins
Wednesday 21 st	Friends AGM 7pm
October	
Saturday 1 st	Jumble Sale@ School
Wednesday 5 th	Handwriting workshop for parents
Tuesday 11 th	'6 Weeks in' meeting for parents of reception children
Friday 14 th	WOW Science Day – Woodpecker Class
Saturday 15 th	Autumn Grounds Morning
17 th – 21 st	Personalised Learning Week
Tuesday 18 th	Parent's Evening 3:20 – 5:30pm
Wednesday 19 th	Parent's Evening 5:00 – 7:00pm
Monday 24th October – Friday 28th October Half term	
Monday 31st	INSET DAY
November	
Thursday 3 rd	Forest School for Year 5 begins
Friday 4 th	Friends Cake Sale 3:15
Wednesday 9 th	Parents of children in reception invited to observe a daily Maths session
Friday 18 th	Children in Need Day
Tuesday 22 nd	Individual school photographs Phonics workshop for all parents 2:30pm
Friday 25 th	Christmas Disco
Wednesday 25 th	Parents of children in reception invited to observe how children learn phonics in class
December	
Thursday 1 st	Parents of children in reception invited to observe a daily Phonics session
Saturday 3 rd	Christmas Fair
Tuesday 13 th	Christmas Carol Service
Thursday 15 th	Christmas Music Assembly
Friday 16 th	Last day of Autumn term Christian Youth Enterprises (CYE) Christmas Assembly

AUTUMN TERM CLUBS

This term the following school clubs will be on offer. Please tick any staff led 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. **(Please note places have already been allocated for the Gym Club, but there are still a few spaces available for Fencing, Karate and Football)**

After you 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	TICK
Monday 12 th Sept	Yrs 1-6	Karate	7:45-8:45am	Sama Karate	£4 per session	
Monday 12 th Sept	Yrs 1-3	Board Games	3:15-4.00pm (for first half term only)	Mrs Upjohn	No charge	
Monday 12 th Sept	Yrs 2-6	Choir	3:15-4.00pm	Mrs Holden	No charge	
Tuesday 13 th Sept	Yrs 2-6	Collective Worship	Lunch time	Mrs Yelland	No charge	
Tuesday 13 th Sept	Yrs 2-6	Eco School	Lunch time	Mrs Everard	No charge	
Tuesday 13 th Sept	Yrs 2-6	Football	3.15-4.15pm	South Coast Sports	£48 for term	
Wednesday 14 th Sept	Yrs 3-6	Beginners Recorder	2.45-3.15pm	Mrs Ann Smith	No charge	
Wednesday 14 th Sept	Yrs 3-6	Intermediate Recorder	3.15-3.50pm	Mrs Ann Smith	No charge	Fully booked
Wednesday 14 th Sept	Yrs 1-4	Gym	8.00-8.45am	South Coast Sports	No charge	Fully Booked
Thursday 15 th Sept	Yrs 1-4	Zumba	8.00-8.45am	Fitjoy	£48 for term	
Thursday 15 th Sept	Yrs 3-6	Chess	3.15-4.00pm	Mr Taylor	No charge	
Friday 16 th Sept	Yrs 3-6	Fencing	8:00-8:45am	South Coast Sports	No charge	
Friday 16 th Sept	Yrs 3-6	Allotment	3:15-4:00pm	Mr King Mr Slipper, Mrs Sheppard	No charge	
Friday 16 th Sept	Yrs 3-6	Scooter Club	3.15-4.15pm	The Base	£4 per session	

- * Football – South Coast Sports have already sent out details for this club. Please ask in the office for details.
- ** Karate – £4 per lesson paid directly to tutor. Please ask in the office for details.

CHILD'S NAME _____ **YEAR** _____