



Lavant

C.E. Primary School

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Dear Parents & Guardians,

Welcome back.

A very warm welcome to the start of another school year, and we especially welcome all our new children and families who have joined our school community. We hope everyone had a great summer and is feeling ready for the start of this new school year. The teachers have, as always, been working really hard to make sure that the children have many exciting and memorable learning experiences over the weeks and months ahead.

Summer work

As always, there has been lots going on at school over the summer break. Mr Tom Harris (BLLP builder) has created a fabulous new space that will soon be fitted out as our sensory room. We are also delighted to inform you that we have had new electric mechanisms fitted to our automatic front doors. These can now be opened by pressing the door release button situated outside and in our front vestibule. Please be patient as there is a slight delay between pushing the button and the doors opening. We must also say a huge thank you to Mr Spencer Batty, our premises officer, who has been very busy during the holidays and has, amongst many other jobs, fully redecorated Pheasant classroom and fitted vinyl flooring to our lovely new Hobbit house. The school is looking very smart.



Welcome Meetings and 'Drop in's

We hope that you will be able to attend your child's class welcome meeting, at which teachers will be explaining their expectations for the coming year and the learning that is planned for this term. There will also be opportunities for general questions. Each Welcome meeting will be held straight after school and will take place in your child's classroom. A film will be put on for children to watch for the duration of the meeting. It is really important that parents attend these meetings to ensure you are well informed about the term ahead.

Pheasant Class	Monday 7 th September
Robin Class	Tuesday 8 th September
Woodpecker Class	Thursday 10 th September
Wren Class	Thursday 17 th September

We have an open-door policy at our school and parents are welcome to pop in to talk to teachers any day of the week. Unless it is really important, please catch teachers at the end of the day rather than the morning as they need to be in class when the children arrive. Please note however, we hold a weekly teachers' staff meeting every Wednesday after school so, if at all possible, please do not catch teachers on these days.

Individual parent consultations will be held for all children towards the end of this half term.



Swimming

The parents of children in Key Stage two are reminded that swimming lessons start on Thursday 17th September. Many thanks to all of you who have paid and granted permission via Arbor – we still however have a number of payments and permissions outstanding.

ANNUAL REMINDERS

New water bottle



Every child who has needed a replacement, has been given a new water bottle, kindly donated by the Friends of Lavant School. Every pupil is offered a new water bottle each year so, if your child does not require one now, they are welcome to receive one as the need arises. **School water bottles must be in school every day and can be refilled as required.** As outlined in my letter at the end of the summer term, the official school water bottle is the only bottle children are allowed in class and must be filled with water, not squash. For hygiene reasons please ensure the bottles are taken home at least every Friday to be thoroughly washed before being returned to school on a Monday morning. Should you need additional bottles or lids during the year they can be purchased from the Shop on Arbor for £2 (lid only 50p)

School Uniform

It is fantastic to see all the children looking smart in their school uniform at the start of a new school year. A full list of our uniform can be found on our school website under Our School / School Uniform.



Earrings and Hair



Pupils are permitted to wear stud earrings in school (not hoops). 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. Please ensure that your child's hair cut / colour of hair is suitable for school. **Long hair must be tied back at all times.**

Allergy information

We have a number of children and adults in the school who have severe nut allergies. Please therefore ensure that no nuts or food items containing nuts are brought into school. **This includes peanut butter, Nutella chocolate spread and certain cereal bars.** We appreciate your support in being extra careful when packing your child's lunchbox.



Healthy Snacks / Choking

Children in Key Stage two are welcome to bring in a healthy snack for playtime but please can you remind your children that they must sit down whilst eating. Please can all parents also ensure that grapes, baby tomatoes etc. are all cut in half if being put in packed lunches of younger children



Healthy School – Keeping Fit



We are committed to encourage all our pupils to live healthy lifestyles and as such, each class participates in 15 minutes of sustained exercise at a convenient time in the afternoon. This may be partaking in the Government daily mile programme, completing a keep fit session, or skipping etc. Please ensure children in KS2 have a pair of trainers in school each day.

Birthdays

We recognise that birthday celebrations are very exciting occasions, especially when you are growing up and we want all children to feel special for the whole day. Therefore, at our school, it is a tradition that children are invited to wear their home clothes on their birthday. If their birthday falls at the weekend, or during a holiday, they can wear non-school uniform on the Friday before.



Worship



We are delighted to welcome back students from Bishop Luffa School and our friends from 'Open the Book' who help each week to lead us in collective worship. We are also very grateful to Reverend Laura Darrall and Frances Talbot who will be leading our Church assemblies every Thursday Morning. Over the course of this term, we will be exploring our school values and additional themes including compassion and a range of stories from the New and Old Testament. Toward the end of term we will also be learning about Advent and the Christmas story.

Parents are warmly invited to join us for our **Harvest Festival on Thursday 1st October**. Our service will be held in school and we will be asking for donations of food produce, preferably tins / packets. Produce donated will be added to Lavant Churches collection and donated to Chichester Foodbank.

Bishop Luffa Learning Partnership

As part of our role in the BLLP, I will be continuing to devote some time each week to partnership work. The majority of this work will take place at the end of the week and during this time, Mr Taylor will be acting Head Teacher and available to assist should the need arise. Mr Taylor will be out of class every Thursday and Friday and we will be in close communication at all times to ensure the continued smooth daily running of the school.

Clubs

School led clubs will commence the week beginning **14th September** and will be available to book on Arbor from Wednesday 9th September. Externally provided clubs start next week and are booked directly with the provider.

This term the following clubs will be available after school.

Day	Years	Club	TIME
Monday	R - 3	Allotment (priority given to summer term attendees) 1st Half term only	3:15 – 4pm
Monday	R - 3	Art Club	3:15 – 4pm
Tuesday	R - 3	Fit Joy Dance Club	3:15 – 4pm
Tuesday	2 – 6	Trading card club	3:15 – 4pm
Tuesday	3 - 6	Chess Club	3:15 – 4pm
Wednesday	3 - 6	SCS football Club	3:15 – 4:15pm
Thursday	3 - 6	Doodle Club	3:15 – 4pm

As always, there will also be a range of lunchtime clubs on offer for the children but there is no need to book for these clubs.



Activ8 for Kids will be providing after school care provision from 3:15pm – 6pm with options of a later start time, if children are attending school clubs, and an earlier pick up time if required. For more information please see our school website: Our School – After School Care Provision.

Future Dates for your Diary

6 th October	Individual photos
1 st October	Harvest Festival
16 th October	Flu Vaccinations

INSET DAYS 2026 - 27

Please note the school will be closed to children on the following dates:

Monday 2nd November 2026
Monday 4th January 2027
Friday 5th February 2027
Wednesday 21st July 2027

If you have a query about any aspect of school life please just ask. If it is class-related please **ask your child's teacher**, otherwise check **at the office or come and see me or Mr Taylor**.

Here's to an exciting year ahead!

Best Wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Adrian King'.

Adrian King

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Daniel Taylor'.

Daniel Taylor

Learning together in faith – always aiming for our best

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: