



Lavant

C.E. Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a wonderful few days in school celebrating the festive season; the children have loved the opportunity to perform in front of family and friends. Thank you to all of you who attended Wren and Robin Classes performance of Babushka, and our KS2 Carol Service.

Christmas 2022



This week we have been treated by visits from Bishop Luffa School, Chichester Baptist Church and Christian Youth Enterprises who have all led fantastic Christmas themed assemblies. Yesterday the children looked amazing in their Christmas attire and our fun and frolics included our festive Christmas lunch, including treats from The Friends. Today we had a fun filled Christmas Music assembly allowing children across the school to show off their dance and musical talents. Please can I remind anyone who took photos of their children performing, these must be kept for personal use and not shared on any social media. Today all children received a generous gift of a book from the Friends and all say a great big **THANK YOU**.

Thank you to The Friends, who have done such an amazing job this term and have managed to raise a whopping £4167 for the school. Please see the breakdown of individual events that was sent out by email earlier this week.

Attendance – As is the case nationally, due to the number of bugs going around, our attendance has taken quite a hit recently and has dipped to 94.5%. We are all praying that everyone has a healthy Christmas break and returns to school fit and raring to go in the new year. I will be contacting families individually in the spring term if your child's attendance is a cause for concern. In line with the Chichester Locality Attendance policy, every child will bring home an attendance report at the end of next half term.

Chartwell hot dinners.

We are aware that many of you have experienced difficulties this week logging on to your new parent pay account, and we apologise for any inconvenience caused. Unfortunately, this new system has been bought in by West Sussex's catering company, and is not under our control. Please can I remind you that **every parent** does need to register with parent pay, particularly if at any time you may require your child to have a hot dinner. All hot dinners for children in key stage one and children in receipt of free school meals will be booked by the school office up until the 23rd January, but after this date, meals will only be provided for children who's parents have gone onto parent pay and booked a meal. All children in receipt of free school meals will also need an account set up and food ordered by their parents. Please note, all meals have to be booked at least 10 days in advance and must be booked by the parents. We realise that this is a very big change and may feel quite overwhelming at the moment but hope that we will all get used to this new system very quickly.

Spring Term Clubs – I will send out a letter regarding spring term clubs in the very first week of term. Clubs will commence in the week starting 9th January.

Term Dates and New year

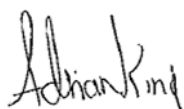
The spring term starts for the children on Wednesday 4th January 2023. Please ensure all children are in the school grounds ready to enter their classrooms at 8:45am.

Website / Social Media - Please remember that copies of all letters sent home, and photos of school events can be found on our school website. www.lavant.w-sussex.sch.uk.

Watch this space for our new school Instagram account that we are launching in the new year.

Thank you to you, our parent community, for your continued encouragement and support of all we do here at Lavant. We are so grateful for being part of such an active and supportive community.

We pray that you all have a peaceful, healthy and happy Christmas!



Adrian King

