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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you had a lovely half term break with your children.

Thank you to all of you who attended parents' evening before half term. It is always very encouraging to have such a high turnout, and great to receive such overwhelmingly positive feedback. Please see a summary of the evaluations below.

	Strongly	Agree	Do not	Strongly	Not
	Agree		Agree	Disagree	sure
I feel well informed about the progress my child is making	98%	2%			
My child's next steps were shared with me and these were clear	98%	2%			
I received information about how I can support my child's learning at home	94%	6%			
I was given the opportunity to ask questions	98%	2%			

## Important changes to our bumped head procedures.



Following a review of our school procedures, we are introducing bumped head wristbands. If your child bumps their head, a member of staff will phone the emergency contact for your child so that you are aware of the injury. Your child will also be issued with a bumped head wristband. This will ensure all staff members in school are aware of the bump and will be extra vigilant throughout the

day. Your child will then bring home an NHS advice letter with guidance in case of delayed concussion (A copy of this advice sheet can be found under 'key information' on our school website). We ask that you remove the wristband once your child has returned home.



#### **Cross Country Run**



On 24<sup>th</sup> January, 19 children from our school running club competed in the annual Chichester Locality Cross Country Run. The event, held at Bishop Luffa School, was attended by nearly 300 children from across our local primary schools running 2,100m. Our children were great ambassadors for our school and gave it their all. We were very proud of them. A particular well done to Amber Fenmor Collins and Alexia Saplacan who were selected to represent Chichester at county level.





















## **Curling competition**

On Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February the children enjoyed our first every inter-house indoor curling competition. All the children participated in the event and we discovered that we had a number of talented curlers. Very well done to Rashford House who were the overall winners of the day.

#### Chichester inter-schools Road Races.

We are delighted to be entering a team of 15 runners in the annual Road Races that take place over three evenings in February and March. This is always a fast race and we wish all our competitors the best as they prepare for, and run the races.

## **Dance House 2024**

Children in Dance House club are currently busy preparing for a Dance Show on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February at The Worthing Pavilion. We wish them all the best and know they well put on an amazing performance.

## In other news...

## **Pheasant class visit to Chichester Harbour Conservancy**



This morning, Pheasant class enjoyed a visit to the Chichester Harbour Conservancy where they got into role (as conservationists, ramblers and even government officials) and went on a fabulous geographical learning walk in the local area. The children then wrote their own proposal about the topical issue of Britain's "Coastal Pathway," using all of their learning from their most recent Learning Journey on debating. A trip to County Hall followed this afternoon, where the class excelled at showing off their

debating skills, impressing everyone with their maturity and thoughtful points of view.

## World Book Day Thursday 7th March

At Lavant, we are unashamedly committed to growing passionate readers in our school. Reading enjoyment has been reported as one of the most important aspects for children's personal growth and cognitive development. Studies have shown that reading regularly can improve memory, concentration and critical thinking skills. This year on World Book Day we are focussing on the enjoyment and importance of reading non-fiction books and will be inviting all children to



bring in their favourite non-fiction book to share with their class. Look out for more details on this special day that will be coming home soon.

# GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY

#### **GOLDEN LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES (G.L.O)**

We are hoping to be running a range of 'Golden Learning Opportunities' again on Friday afternoons in the first half of the summer term. GLO sessions are incredibly popular with our children but we do need many helpers to run / support small group activities so please look out for further information as to how you can be involved in the next couple of weeks.

#### **Easter Service**

We hope you will be able to join us at our Easter service at St Nicholas Church on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 1.30pm. Mrs. Frances Talbot will kindly be leading our service and we would love to see as many parents there as possible. All parents who attend will be welcome to take their children home directly after the service, once they have returned to school to collect their belongings.

As the days are finally getting longer again and spring will soon be here, we can all look forward to a really creative, fun and learning packed rest of the spring term.

Kind regards



















## **Key Upcoming Dates**

Bronze Ambassador Training
Woodpecker Class visit to Bishop Luffa's
Performance of Alice in Wonderland
Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February
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Corporate Challenge Running Races Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February Dance House at The Worthing Pavilion Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February

Wren Class Sponsored Walk Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March Pheasant Class visit to the Festival Theatre Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March

World Book day Thursday 7th March

Pheasant Class Wellbeing Day
Reception Children NCMP Screening
The Friends Mothers Day Sale
Woodpecker story telling session with Parents
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March
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Dance House GAS Dance Festival Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March Friends Meeting Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March

Corporate Challenge Running Races Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March

Wren Class Dance performance to parents Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March

Full Governing Body meeting Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March

Future Flyers Thursday 21st March

Corporate Challenge Running Races Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March

Friends Easter Egg Hunt

Easter Service

Last Day of Spring Term

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March
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First day of Summer term Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> April

### **Weekly Diary Dates**

Please do remember to check weekly Diary Dates to keep yourself up to date!

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

Name: Comment:

















