



Lavant

C.E. Primary School

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Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe we are already half way through November and Christmas is fast approaching. It was great to see so many of you at parent consultations before half term and thank you for your overwhelmingly positive feedback as to how useful and informative you find these meetings.

The children have been immersed in a number of different learning experiences over the past few weeks and have particularly enjoyed a number of exciting first hand science activities.

Science Wow Day



Woodpecker class enjoyed a WOW science day on Friday 14th October in school. As the school currently has use of some innovative 3-D equipment, the children had a one-off look at digestion in the human body. They participated in some quite messy but fun hands-on activities including using different equipment to replicate the jobs done by different internal organs, such as the mouth, stomach and large intestine. They then used the 3-D equipment which enabled them to have a very close up look at the small intestine, including the millions of tiny little "villi". The children had great fun and reveled (or were revolted by!) the messy tasks. It was wonderful to have a whole day for the children to fully

immerse themselves in the subject matter and even better to have such stimulating resources.

ZooLab Visit

Zoolab, an animal handling company, visited Woodpecker class on Thursday 10th November. Heather from Zoolab brought with her a small variety of exotic animal from rainforest habitats around the world. We got to meet a Chilean Rose tarantula, an African Giant



Snail, a giant millipede, a giant stick insect and a corn snake (because actual rainforest snakes aren't as friendly!) to name a few.

We could hold and touch most animals, although some we could only observe closely. Heather told us a great deal about the habitat of each, what they eat and what eats them, how large they can grow and their lifespan. All this information will be very useful for

study of rainforest animals and their food chains. It was a fantastic start to our new science topic.



Pheasant trip to Science Museum



Pheasant Class were over the moon with their incredible trip to the Science Museum last Friday. After two hours of anticipation on the coach to London, the children visited all of the different areas of the space exhibit, learning about everything from engine sizes on different rockets, to the failed Beagle 2 mission to Mars. All of the children had a fabulous time, and particularly enjoyed their 3D film viewing of "Hidden Universe" at the IMAX cinema. Well done to the whole class for representing our school so well on their big day out.

Gasses in the Air Demonstration

Children in Years two – six were wowed on Tuesday morning when we were visited by two award winning scientists, Alison Rivett and Tim Harrison.



During the demonstration the children were introduced to the different gases in the air around us and some of their properties. The children witnessed exciting demonstrations involving liquid nitrogen, oxygen foam, dry ice and even a few minor explosions. The children learnt about the processes of combustion and photosynthesis and they were also introduced to many concepts linked to school topics on 'Solids, Liquids and Gases' and what is and is not a chemical change. The



children loved this rich learning experience and we were complemented on their behaviour by our visitors.

Sport - Goodwood Area Football Tournament

Well done to our Football players who were great ambassadors for our school last week when they played very well in a Goodwood Area Schools 6 a-side tournament run by Chelsea Football Club. Although not the winning team, our children showed great teamwork and sportsmanship.



Squash

Children in Pheasant Class are currently receiving Squash coaching on a Wednesday afternoon. Mr. Mike Phillips from Chichester Racquet Club is visiting school every week to introduce the children to the game of squash and to teach them a range of techniques and skills. In a couple of weeks a group of children from the class will be chosen to represent our school in a squash tournament against our locality schools. Good luck children!

Maths Enrichment

On Wednesday 9th November, eight children from Woodpecker and Pheasant classes visited The March School for a Goodwood Area Schools Maths day. During the day the children learnt all about number patterns and, in particular, the Fibonacci sequence. We received excellent feedback on our children's conduct, participation and mathematical thinking. Well done children.

Staff News

Congratulations to Mrs. Elliott who has given birth to a gorgeous baby boy. Harrington Elliott was born on Tuesday 8th November. I am informed that both mother and baby are doing well. I am sure you will join me in sending Mrs. Elliott and Harrington our very best wishes.



Winter Clothing

As the autumnal weather is now upon us, please ensure that all children bring a warm waterproof coat to school every day. We aim to get all the children outside at playtimes even when it is cold and damp. Children who would like to continue playing on the school field at lunch times need, either a pair of wellingtons, or if they intend to play football, a pair of trainers and full sports kit. (Not their PE Kit).

Thank you

We have received letters of thanks from Chichester Foodbank and the organisers of the collection for the refugees in Calais. Please see the School Notice board for the full letters.

Parent Governors

We are delighted to welcome a new members to our governing body. Mr. Ben Smith has been re-elected as parent governors and Mrs. Belderson has been elected as a new parent Governor. We are very grateful to all our governors who effectively offer support and challenge to our school. We thank them all for their dedication to the children of Lavant and in helping our school growth from strength to strength.

Children in Need – Friday 18th November

As you will be aware by a letter sent home last week, we will be raising money for this worthy cause again this year. The theme this year for schools is "Spotacular" and we are inviting all children to dress up for a small donation. This may be wearing something spotty or children may like to **Pudsey-fy themselves** by wearing his ears, wristbands, bandanas and badges with pride! You can get all these items online or make your own. The children will also take part in a 'Pudsey Drive' in their house teams in the afternoon.

Individual photos

The photographers will be in school on Wednesday 22nd November to take an individual photo of all the children. Please ensure you 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 your school child 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 3rd December. Thank you all for the donations that were brought into school on Wednesday. The next donation day is being held on 2nd December. 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.



KEY UPCOMING EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 21 st November	Years 1, 2 & 3 Flu immunisation
Tuesday 22 nd November	Individual school photos during the morning Phonics Workshop for all KS1 parents 2:30pm
Friday 25 th November	Christmas Disco
Thursday 1 st December	Demonstration phonics lesson for all parents of Reception children 9.00am
Friday 2 nd December	Non School Uniform in exchange for a donation for the Christmas Fair
Saturday 3 rd December	School Christmas Fair
Tuesday 13 th December	Christmas Carol Service at St Mary's Church at 5:30pm
Wednesday 14 th December	School festive lunch – Please remember to book a hot meal from Chartwells for children in Woodpeckers and Pheasants if required.
Thursday 15 th December	Music assembly
Friday 16 th December	Last day of the Autumn term

Here's to a really fun and productive rest of the term!

Adrian King

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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

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