



Lavant

C.E. Primary School

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Dear Parents & Guardians,

Welcome back.

I hope you had a lovely summer and managed to enjoy the fabulous warm weather we have enjoyed for most of the summer break. It was lovely to welcome all children back to school yesterday. We realise it is difficult for some children to adjust to a new school year but all your children were amazing from the moment they stepped back into school. A big welcome particularly to all our new families – your children had a fantastic first couple of mornings in Wren Class and we are delighted to have them as part of our school family.

Welcome Meetings and 'Drop in's

We hope that you will be able to attend your child's class welcome meeting. At the meeting the class teacher will be presenting their expectations for the coming year and there will 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.

Pheasant Class	Monday 8 th September
Robin Class	Tuesday 9 th September
Woodpecker Class	Thursday 11 th September
Wren Class	Monday 15 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 18th 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. Please note, 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. To help you check that your child has the correct uniform, please see the reminder below.

Girls

- Grey pinafore dress/skirt/trousers
- White polo shirt
- Burgundy sweatshirt or cardigan (purchased from Game Set and Match)
- Red check dress / short /culottes in summer
- Grey or white socks, Grey or black tights (not patterned)
- Black flat shoes (Not trainers or boots)

Boys

- Long or short charcoal grey trousers
- White polo shirt
- Burgundy sweatshirt (purchased from Game Set and Match)
- Grey socks (not patterned)
- Black shoes (Not trainers or boots)



P.E. kit (boys and girls)

- Black P.E. shorts
- Burgundy P.E. T-shirt (purchased from Game Set and Match)
- Plimsolls / Trainers
- Black / burgundy tracksuit bottoms and school sweatshirt/fleece. (In colder weather)

Swimming (KS2 only)

- One-piece swimming costume / swimming trunks
- Towel

A **School fleece** is available from Game Set and Match, which may be worn as an outer layer in colder weather or as part of our PE kit on a Wednesday. **Please note a fleece is not an alternative to a school jumper but can be worn as well as a jumper or cardigan if required.**

Earrings and Hair

Pupils are permitted to wear stud earrings (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 and that **all long hair is tied back at all times.**

For further guidance on school uniform please refer to our school website.



Coats

Although we hope the warmer weather is here for a while, as we move into autumn, 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.



Allergy information

Can I remind you that nuts or food items containing nuts are **NOT** allowed in 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 because **we have a number of children and adults in the school who have severe nut allergies.**

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



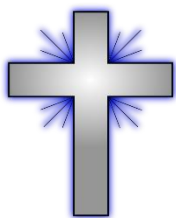
We are committed to encourage all our pupils to live healthy lifestyles and as such, each class participates in 15 minutes of sustained exercise at a convenient time in the afternoon. This may be partaking in the Government daily mile programme, completing a keep fit session, or skipping etc. Please 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 forgiveness, trust and friendship. We will also be learning about Moses and how he received the 10 commandments.

Parents are warmly invited to join us for our **Harvest Festival on Tuesday 30th September**. 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 15th September and will be available to book on Arbor from Monday. Externally provided clubs are booked directly with the provider. This term the following clubs will be available after school.

Day	Years	Club	TIME
Monday	R - 3	Art	3:15 – 4pm
Thursday	3 - 6	Allotment (priority given to summer term attendees) 1st Half term only	3:15 – 4pm
Monday	5 & 6	Dance House By Audition	3:15 – 4pm
Tuesday	2 – 6	Pokémon	3:15 – 4pm
Tuesday	R - 2	Boogie Broadway Fitjoy	3:15 – 4pm
Wednesday	3 - 6	Football South Coast Sports	3:15-4:15pm
Thursday	1 - 3	Construction Club	3:15 – 4pm
Thursday	4 – 6	Chess	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

29 th September	Individual photos
30 th September	Harvest Festival
1 st – 3 rd October	Pheasant Class residential
8 th & 9 th October	Book Fest
3 rd November	INSET DAY
21 st November	Flu Vaccinations

INSET DAYS 2025 - 26

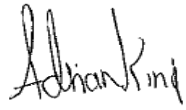
Please note the school will be closed to children on the following dates:

Monday 3rd November 2025
 Friday 30th January 2025
 Monday 23rd February 2026
 Monday 15th June 2026

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



Adrian King

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: