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C.E. Primary School

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CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER 2024



Dear Parents and Guardians,

As another busy term draws to a close, we wish you all a very **HAPPY CHRISTMAS** and a **PEACEFUL NEW YEAR**.

It was lovely to see so many of you at Wren and Robin's performance of 'Boogie Woogie Christmas' and at our KS2 Carol service at St Mary's Church. These were two wonderful events, and we were very proud of all the children. Whichever event you attended, we really hope it helped to get you in the Christmas spirit.

As we approach the end of 2024 there are, as always, many people to thank before we break up for Christmas.

The Friends – Once again we must say a huge **"THANK YOU"** to 'The Friends' who organised such a fabulous Christmas Fair at the end of November. We thank The Friends for all the events they have organised over the last twelve months. So much work is continually going on behind the scenes and really does make a difference to the children at our school. The Friends are always looking for more willing parents and family members to join their amazing team, working together to enhance the learning opportunities and experiences for our school community.

School Helpers – We are so grateful to the many adult helpers that regularly visit school to listen to children read or generally help in other ways. Your contribution makes such a difference to both pupils and staff. **THANK YOU**. We are currently looking to expand our team of volunteer readers so if you would like to become more involved in this aspect of school life, please come and have an informal, no commitment chat with me in the New Year.

Thanks also to you, our parent community, for supporting our children in so many ways at home – hearing them read, supervising homework, supporting with times tables and spellings, and so on.

Finally, a huge **thank you to our amazing staff team and governors** who work tirelessly to ensure we really are a school who always 'Aims for the best' for every one of our children.



End of term updates

Attendance – Well done to the 32 children who have avoided the cold bugs and have 100% attendance this term and thank you to all the parents who have made a concerted effort not to book holidays in term time. Over recent weeks, we have had quite a high level of illness, but our whole school attendance has remained at a healthy 96.7%.

Current attendance by class is as follows:

Wren Class	96.9%
Robin Class	96.1%
Woodpecker Class	96.8%
Pheasant Class	96.7%

As you will be aware, children's attendance in school is one of the big focusses for our current government and, in line with Bishop Luffa Learning Partnership, we are launching a new attendance policy at the beginning of the spring term. More information on this topic will follow in our January Newsletter.

Being a parent can be difficult!

Children don't come with manuals, and it is ok that sometimes on our parenting journeys we ask for a little help to know how to do the best for our children. In conjunction with The Early Help Dedicated Schools Team, we are delighted to be running a **free positive parenting course** that is open to all parents and guardians at Lavant Primary School in February. Throughout the three sessions, the team are here to listen and offer a space to reflect, providing an opportunity to think together about what is behind the behaviour that you see in your child and allow time for you to think about what might help.

The positive parenting programme consists of three sessions:

Monday 10th February 9.00am-10.30am
Session 1 - The Principles of Positive Parenting

Tuesday 11th February 9.00am-10.30am
Session 2 - Building a positive relationship

Tuesday 25th February 9.00-10.30am
Session 3 - Managing and adapting routines

The course will take place within the school; to help us organise the space needed please can you reserve your spot by emailing nellis@lavant.w-sussex.sch.uk by **Monday 27th January 2025**.

Term Dates

Term finishes at normal time on Friday 20th December, and the spring term starts for the children on Monday 6th January 2025.


Change of INSET Day

Please note that due to a key training opportunity for teachers, we are having to change the INSET day that was due to be held on Monday 24th February. This school closure day will now be held on **Thursday 30th January**. We are extremely sorry for any inconvenience that this may cause. Please note that, if you have already booked a holiday which will affect your child's attendance on Monday 24th February, the absence will be authorised by the school.

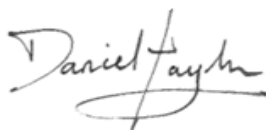
Spring Term Clubs – We will send out a letter regarding spring term clubs in the very first week of term. School led clubs will commence in the week starting 13th January.

Website / Social Media - Please remember that copies of all letters sent home, and photos of school events are on our school website: www.lavant.w-sussex.sch.uk. Regular updates on school life are also available on our school Instagram feed.

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



Adrian King



Dan Taylor

Learning Together in Faith – Always Aiming for our Best



'For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace'. Isaiah 9:6