



# 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 warm weather that finally arrived at the end of July. It was lovely to welcome all children back to school this morning. 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 new families – your children had a fantastic time in Wren Class this morning 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 generic questions. A film will be put on in the hall for children to watch for the duration of the meeting. Each Welcome meeting will take place in your child's classroom and will be held straight after school.

Pheasant Class	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September
Woodpecker Class	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> September
Wren Class	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> September
Robin Class	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> 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, it is usually best to catch teachers at the end of the day 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 during the last week of this half term.**

### Swimming

The parents of children in Key Stage two are reminded that swimming lessons start on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September. Many thanks to all of you who have paid and granted permission via Arbor – we still however have many payments and permissions outstanding.

### 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)

## ANNUAL REMINDERS

### 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 I have included a 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

#### Boys

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



#### P.E. kit (boys and girls)

- Black P.E. shorts
- Burgundy P.E. T-shirt
- Plimsolls / Trainers
- Maroon P.E. Bag
- 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 an additional optional part of our school uniform.**

Please also 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.**

#### Earrings

West Sussex guidelines state that pupils should only wear studs, not hoop earrings. 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.



#### 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 Frances Talbot who will be leading our Church assemblies every Thursday Morning. Over the course of this term, we will be exploring themes including compassion, Justice and Courage. We will also be delving into a number of Old Testament stories and the events leading up to the very first Christmas.

Parents are warmly invited to join us for our **Harvest Festival on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October.** 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.

## Goodwood Revival

We are expecting it to be busy at school drop off on Friday due to the Goodwood Revival. To ease congestion at the start of the day, staff will be at the front of school to enable parents to take advantage of dropping your children off at the turning circle instead of parking on West Stoke Road. We encourage parents of our youngest children to park in St Nicholas Road, use the new pedestrian crossing on the A286 and walk through the Allotments to the school.

## Bishop Luffa Learning Partnership - support for a local school

As part of our role in the BLLP, I have been asked to provide some support for a local school in Bognor Regis. This will mean, there will be days each week when I am not in school. On such occasions, 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 next week and will be available to book on Arbor from Thursday. 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
Monday	4 - 6	Chess	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 - 4:15pm
Wednesday	2 - 6	Football South Coast Sports	3:15-4:15pm
Thursday	3 - 6	Allotment (priority given to summer term attendees) <b>1<sup>st</sup> Half term only</b>	3:15 - 4pm
Thursday	1 & 2	Construction Club	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.

## Future Dates for your Diary

8 <sup>th</sup> & 9 <sup>th</sup> October	Book Fest
15 <sup>th</sup> October	Individual photos
21 <sup>st</sup> October	INSET DAY
29 <sup>th</sup> November	Flu Vaccinations

### INSET DAYS 2024 - 25

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

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2024  
 Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2025  
 Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2025  
 Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2025

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

**Working 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:*