



Lavant

C.E. Primary School

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Although January and February are not the most exciting months of the year, that doesn't stop our school calendar being action packed as usual. As well as a busy time in school, many children have been involved in a number of enrichment activities beyond the school gates.

School Activities

United Voices at the Chichester Festival 'United Voices' Concert



Well done to all the children in Pheasant Class who sung beautifully at the 'United Voices' concert held at Chichester Festival Theatre. The children worked really hard learning songs in school as well as having rehearsals with other schools prior to the event. It was lovely that so many parents were able to join us in the theatre to enjoy the evening with the children, and to celebrate their singing, enthusiasm and enjoyment of being on stage. The quality of the singing was fantastic.

Cross Country Run

On 29th January, 15 children from year five and six competed in a very muddy Chichester Locality Cross Country Run. The annual event, held at Bishop Luffa School, was well attended with nearly 300 children from across our local primary schools running 1,500km. Our children were great ambassadors for our school and gave it their all. We were very proud of them. A particular well done must be given to Layla-Marie Walker-Bartlett and Archie Frogley who were selected to represent our area at county level and compete in the county race later this term.



Wren and Robin Class visit to Historic Portsmouth Dockyard



Wren and Robin Class went on a fantastic trip to Portsmouth Historic Dockyard. The children spent time exploring HMS Warrior and learning what life on board the ship would have been like. They used some of their knowledge about ships and saw how Warrior has both sails and engines to make it move which was quite unique.



Woodpecker Class visit to Tuppenny Barn

As part of their 'Incredible Book Eating Boy' learning journey, Woodpecker Class spent the day at Tuppenny Barn. The children all had the opportunity to tour the grounds while collecting ingredients to cook with later in the day. They planted their very own beetroot seeds and applied classroom learning to a healthy eating activity. Overall, the learning experience was thoroughly enjoyed by the children and it was a great opportunity to apply their learning in a different environment.



Pheasant Class Ted Talks

Pheasant class has had the exciting, and slightly nerve-wrecking, opportunity of preparing and then presenting a "TED Talk". These talks or persuasive speeches concerned a whole variety of different subject matters and were packed full of thought-provoking issues backed by scientific research. As this learning journey was initiated in conjunction with a few local schools, we had the chance to present our talks but also listen to other children's at a celebration event at West Dean. We were wowed by the enthusiasm, delivery and content of all the talented children.



Future events

Chichester Inter-Schools Road Races

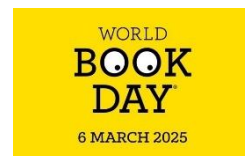
We are delighted to be entering a team of runners in the annual Road Races that take place over three evenings in February and March. This is always a fast race and we wish all our competitors the best as they prepare for and run the races.

Dance House 2025

Children in Dance House club are currently busily preparing for a Dance Show on Tuesday 25th February at The Worthing Pavilion. We wish them all the best and know they will put on an amazing performance.

World Book Day – Thursday 6th March & Autor Visit on Friday 14th March

At Lavant, we are unashamedly committed to growing passionate readers in our school. Due to popular demand, this year we are joining the nation and all dressing up for World Book Day. Please see separate letter for further information and how you can purchase your child a book written by our visiting author who is spending a day in school on Friday 14th March.



Parent consultation meetings

This year we are holding our parent consultation meetings slightly later in the term (Wednesday 26th and Thursday 27th March) but look forward to sharing your child's learning, progress and next steps with you. Please look out for an email after half term, which will explain how to sign up on Arbor. Bookings will be going live on Sunday 16th March.

Doodle Learning - Parent Meetings

Following the successful launch of the Doodle Learning platform, Mr Worne is holding two parent meetings to explain the science behind Doodle Learning and how parents can best support their child interacting with Doodle Learning at home. Both meetings will be held in Mr Worne's Classroom directly at the end of the school day. The meeting for parents of children in Wren and Robin Class



will be held on Monday 10th March and for parents of children in KS2 the meeting will be held on Thursday 13th March.

Parent volunteers

We are so grateful to our team of volunteers who come in to school to listen to children read and help children with their learning. We are holding a meeting for anyone interested in regularly volunteering in school on Monday 24th February at 4:15pm. If you have a passion to see children succeed and feel this is an aspect of school life that you could contribute towards, we would love to see you at the meeting.

Positive Parenting Course

It has been wonderful to see all the parents, carers and grandparents that have invested their time in attending the Positive Parenting course, which started this week. During the first two workshops, led by the Early Help Dedicated Schools Team, time has been given to share and reflect on different behaviours that are frequently seen in children as they grow and naturally challenge boundaries; such as tricky bedtimes to managing screen time. As well as gaining guidance on positive approaches and strategies that can be adopted.

The feedback has been very positive, with one parent commenting: "The sessions have already been so valuable in hearing and talking to other parents that are going through or have had similar challenges. Especially learning different techniques that I can now try." The final session is after half term. If you would be interested in a parenting course or would like to suggest any other workshop that you would like us to put on to support you, please let us know by email.

Easter Service

We hope you will be able to join us at our Easter service at St Nicholas Church on Friday 4th April 1.30pm. Rev Laura Darrall will kindly be leading our service and we would love to see as many parents there as possible. All parents who do 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



Adrian King

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

<p>Name:</p> <p>Comment:</p>



Key Dates for the second half of term

Meeting for new volunteers	Monday 24 th February at 4:15pm
Dance House at The Worthing Pavilion	Tuesday 25 th February
Positive Parenting Course	Tuesday 25 th February
Bronze Ambassador Training	Wednesday 26 th February
Future Flyers	Thursday 27 th February
Pheasant Class trip to the Planetarium	Monday 3 rd March
Y6 NCT Testing Week Meeting for parents	Tuesday 4 th March (8:45am)
Pheasant Class trip to watch Bishop Luffa Performance of Bugsy Malone	Tuesday 4 th March
Inter-schools Running Races	Wednesday 5 th March
World Book Day	Thursday 6 th March
Parent Art Evening with Meg and Mrs T	Thursday 6 th March
Doodle meeting for Parents of children in Wren and Robin Classes	Monday 10 th March
Scholastic Book Fair	Wednesday 12 th March
Wellness evening for Parents	Wednesday 12 th March
Doodle meeting for Parents of children in Woodpecker and Pheasant Classes	Thursday 13 th March
Author Visit to school	Friday 14 th March
Parents Evening Go-Live	Sunday 16 th March
Inter-schools Running Races	Wednesday 19 th March
Pheasant Space Museum for parents	Friday 21 st March
Parent Consultations	Wednesday 26 th march
Parent Consultations	Thursday 27 th March
Friends Mother's Day Sale	Friday 28 th March
Friends Disco	Friday 28 th March
Prayer room set up in school	Monday 31 st March – Friday 4 th April
Inter-schools Running Races	Wednesday 2 nd April
Friends Easter Egg Hunt	Friday 4 th April
Easter Service at St Nicholas Church	Friday 4 th April
Last Day of Spring Term	Friday 4 th April
First day of summer term	Tuesday 22nd April

Weekly Diary Dates

Please do remember to check weekly diary dates to keep yourselves up to date!