



Lavant C.E. Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe we have already reached our first half term break of the academic year. Although the first half of the Autumn term has been slightly longer than usual, we're very proud of how our whole school community has approached the half-term, and hope that everyone has a lovely, restful half-term break. Please find below a few highlights and notices for the Autumn term.



Well done to all of our children in Year R who have thrown themselves into school life so well. They have settled quickly at the start of the term and we are so over the moon to have them join us at our school. We look forward to seeing each child in Wren Class flourish over the coming months and years.

Harvest

A big thank you to everyone who donated harvest gifts for our Harvest Festival. As usual, the service was very well attended and a wonderful celebration of God's provision for us. We have received a letter of thanks from Chichester Food Bank for the donations made.



Trip to Arundel Castle

Year 1 and 2 had a fabulous trip to Arundel Castle last week as part of their Turrets and Tiaras Learning Journey. The weather was beautiful and the learning was fabulous, really bringing to life so much of the children's hard work in class.

Parents Consultations

Thank you to all involved for another great evening of Parent's Consultations. It was great to hear such a nice range of positive feedback about your children's experiences at our school.





World Faiths Road Show

A group of children in Pheasant Class recently attended a World Faith Road Show at Bishop Luffa School. The children loved spending time learning about a wide range of different religions. A representative of the event sent a message to say "Thank you to the wonderful students who were such great ambassadors for Lavant School at the Roadshow". Very well done to all of the children who attended.

Book Fest 7th – 11th October

To celebrate Chichester Book Festival, we were thrilled to welcome the children’s authors Neal Layton and Natasha Farrant. Both of the authors were fabulous and really engaged children with their thoughts on writing and life as a writer. All of our children received signed copies of the authors’ books to read at their leisure too. Thank you to Mrs Totman for all of her hard work organising this wonderful opportunity for each of our classes.



Governing Body News

Thank you to our amazing team of Governors who are working tirelessly behind the scenes to support the smooth running and development of our school. The team has recently been joined by Mr Tom Barren, father of Oliver in Wren Class, and we’d like to take this opportunity to welcome him into the fold.

We are also very pleased to announce that this year Mrs Ann Smith will be our new Chair of Governors, supported by Miss Sally Steele in the Vice-Chair role. Thank you to you both for taking on these hugely important roles to help support our school.

Tuck Shop Postponement

For a short period of time, we will not be running our weekly tuck shop, so that we can take stock and review how it has been working. Watch this space for a new look tuck shop in the near future.

Remembrance Day: Poppy Appeal

Remembrance Day is Sunday 10th November, and as ever, we will be exploring the importance of commemorating those who have fought in wars in recent history. As such, children will have the opportunity to purchase poppies in school. This year, we will only be selling the paper style poppies, rather than the full set of resources supplied by the Royal British Legion, in order to reaffirm the importance of the date, rather than the merchandise itself.



Winter Ready



As the autumnal weather is well upon us now, please can you 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 so that everyone has some fresh air and a chance to run around. We encourage children to continue playing on the school field at lunch times but do insist that they have a change of footwear and an old pair of tracksuit bottoms to put on. Please remember that in winter all children must wear smart school shoes in school - no boots please.

A quick reminder as well that if children would like to wear a fleece in school over their school jumper or cardigan as the weather gets colder, they are welcome to do so, but that this should be as well as, not instead of, their jumper or cardigan.

Friends of Lavant School

As ever, the Friends continue to do an amazing job to support our school. This year the team will be led by Ms Siri Lundstrom and Mrs Kate Self: thank you both, and thank you to the whole of the Friends team, for giving up your time to do such a hugely important job for our school. We'd also like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Polly Peart for all of her hard work over the last 4 years and the amazing job she has done leading the team.



Grounds morning

A huge **thank you** to all of you who worked so hard tidying and improving our school grounds during our DIY morning. As well as planting, weeding, tidying up the willow dome, and much more, we also had our tables for our new outdoor seating area installed, and they are looking great. Thank you to the Friends of Lavant for purchasing the new tables: another great addition to our school paid for by some amazing fundraising.

Friends Jumble Sale

The Friends are holding their autumn term jumble sale on Saturday 9th November. If you are having a clear out over the half term break, you are welcome to bring in items for the jumble from Monday 4th November. The Friends are in need of a lot more adult volunteers for this event as it requires at least 15 helpers to enable the jumble to run smoothly. This is a significant fundraiser for our school and raises the best part of £1000 to enhance your child's learning. If you are able to offer your help at the jumble sale, or would like to get involved in the Friends of Lavant's work in any other capacity, please contact Siri or Kate via 'The Friends' Facebook page.

KEY UPCOMING EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 4 th November	2 nd half of autumn term commences
Thursday 7 th November	Year 5/6 Girls football tournament @ Chichester University
Saturday 9 th November	Friends Jumble sale
Monday 18 th November	Pheasant Class visit to Swanfield Chapel
Thursday 21 st November	Year 3/4 Boys football tournament @ Chichester University
Friday 29 th November	Flu vaccines for all pupils
Saturday 30 th November	Christmas Fair
Tuesday 3 rd December	Year 5/6 boys football tournament @ Arena Bognor Regis
Friday 6 th December	Friends Winter Disco
Mon 9 th / Tues 10 th December	Wren and Robin Class Nativity
Tuesday 17 th December	Woodpecker and Pheasant Class Carol Service
Thursday 19 th December	Chartwells Christmas lunch & Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 20 th December	Music Assembly & Last day of the autumn term

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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