



Lavant

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back

...and a very warm welcome to all of our new children and families across the school. We hope everyone had a great summer and is feeling ready for what will be an exciting, fun-filled (and hopefully more normal) school year. The teachers have, as always, been working really hard to make sure that the children have memorable learning experiences over the year.

Reminder of autumn term welcome meeting dates:

We hope that you will be able to attend your child's class welcome meeting to ensure you are well informed about the term ahead. This is a great opportunity for you to meet your child's teacher and learn about their expectations for the coming year, the class routines, key learning journeys and special events that have been planned. There will also be opportunities for generic questions. Children are either welcome to stay during the meeting, or come to the school hall where they can watch a film. Please do not allow your children to run around the grounds unsupervised during these meetings. Weather permitting, all welcome meetings will take place outside to minimise risk of gathering in an enclosed space.

Pheasant Class	Tuesday 7 th September
Robin Class (Yr 2)	Wednesday 8 th September
Woodpecker Class	Monday 13 th September
Wren Class (YrR)	Tuesday 14 th September
Goldfinch Class (Yr 1)	Tuesday 14 th September

Individual parent consultations will be held for all children during the last week of this half term.

Covid Measures

We are now operating more relaxed COVID restrictions, but as cases locally remain high, we are monitoring the situation very carefully.

Currently:

- Masks are not required to be worn at drop off or pick up times, but may be requested to be worn in school, if a number of people are meeting together.
- Our one-way system remains in place at morning drop off.
- Both gates will be open at the end of the school day to reduce over crowding as everyone leaves the school grounds.
- Ventilation rules are continuing (the door and at least one window will be open in every classroom)
- Children are to continue to wear their PE kits to school on a Wednesday.

If we have a significant Covid outbreak, we will bring back the following measures:

- Masks will be worn at drop off and collection times and in all communal areas in school.
- Children will be kept in class bubbles and have staggered break and lunch times.
- As a last resort we will return to a staggered start and end of the school day.

Self-Isolation

Although there have been changes to the rules around self-isolation, the principles are the same: if you have any symptoms of Covid, you must isolate and take a PCR test. The symptoms and procedures are listed here:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/when-to-self-isolate-and-what-to-do/>.

It is no longer compulsory for anyone under the age of 18 to isolate because someone they live with has Covid: however, we would prefer children to take a PCR test and await the result before they come back to school.

As always, we will continue to update you with the latest guidance as soon as we receive it and will ensure your children's health and mental wellbeing are at the forefront of any decisions we make.

Swimming



We are delighted that we are now able to resume swimming lessons for children in KS2. Thank you to all parents who have paid their contribution, but for any that haven't, this is a reminder that swimming money is now due for the term - £40.00. All details regarding swimming were sent home last term but if you need another copy of this letter, please speak to Miss Stenning. The first swimming session is on Thursday 16th September.

Forest Schools

We will be running our forest school sessions again this term. This half term, children in year 1 will visit Lavant House Copse on a Thursday afternoon. A separate letter for parents/guardians of children in year one will follow shortly with further information regarding forest school sessions.



Breakfast Club

We are so pleased that our school Breakfast Club is now back up and running from 8am daily. Thank you to those of you who have already booked places for your children; slots are filling up quickly so please book early to ensure you do not miss out.

School Clubs

Over the coming weeks, we will be gradually relaunching our range of before and after school clubs. Please watch out for a letter that will be coming out shortly with further information.

Road Safety

We are continuing to work with West Sussex highways to improve parking facilities / crossing points outside the school entrance and really value your cooperation in doing all you can to ensure the safety of children and families at the start and end of the school day.



Ways in which you can help.

- Please walk or cycle to school if you live close enough to do so.
- If coming by car, please consider parking in St Nicholas Road and walking through the allotments to West Stoke Road.
- If you have children in KS2 only, you may now use our drop off service from 8:45am when the turning circle will be open and a member of staff will be on duty to welcome your child.
- If needing to park on west Stoke road, please be mindful not to block the pedestrian crossing point or neighbouring driveways.
- Please note, due to lack of space, parents are sadly not permitted to use the staff carpark.

Yearly 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 brief reminder below.

Girls

- Grey pinafore dress/skirt/trousers
- White polo shirt
- Burgundy sweatshirt or cardigan (purchased from Game Set and Match)
- Red check dress / two piece 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, Black shoes (not patterned)



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

Please note that footwear for boys and girls must be flat shoes (not boots and not trainers). Please ensure that all school uniform and PE kit is clearly named

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 currently enjoying an "Indian Summer" the weather can always be unpredictable. 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 we please remind you that nuts or food items containing nuts are **NOT** allowed in school. This includes peanut butter, chocolate spread and certain cereal bars. We appreciate your support in being extra careful when packing your child's lunchbox because we have children in the school who have a severe nut allergy.

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. As usual, water bottles will be kept in school each week and all children will be able to fill them with fresh water as required. For hygiene reasons please ensure the bottles are brought home every Friday to be thoroughly washed before being returned to school on a Monday morning. Should you need to replace your child's bottle during the year they can be purchased from the school office for £2.00. (lid only 50p)

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

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.

We look forward to seeing you over the coming weeks. If you have a query about anything just ask. If it is class related please ask your child's teacher, otherwise ask at the office or speak to me.

Here's to an exciting year ahead!

Best Wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Adrian King".

Adrian King

Working together in faith - always 'Aiming for the 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: