



Lavant

C.E. Primary School

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the start of another school year! I hope you managed to enjoy the gorgeous weather over the summer break and that your child is now fit, full of energy, and raring to make the most of every learning opportunity this year! A big welcome particularly to all new families – I hope your child quickly settles into their new class and our school. Remember, if you have a query about anything just ask. If it is class related please **ask your child's teacher**, otherwise check **at the office or come and see me**.

Staff News



Lily Taylor

Congratulations to Mr Taylor who became a very proud father over the summer break. Lily Etta Taylor was born on Sunday 19th August. Congratulations also to Mrs. Elliott who has given birth to her second baby boy. Arthur Elliott was born on 13th August. I am informed that both babies are doing very well. I am sure you will join me in sending both families our very best wishes.



Arthur Elliott

Welcome to Mrs Totman and Mrs Kern who have joined our teaching team. Mrs. Totman will be jointly teaching Robin class during Mrs. Elliott's maternity leave, and Mrs. Kern will be teaching Pheasant Class every Wednesday during Mr. Taylor's leadership and PPA time.

I am sure you noticed how fantastic our school and grounds are looking. Mrs. Russell, our caretaker, has been working hard all summer ensuring everything is ship shape for a new academic year. Mrs. Claire Griffiths has also worked tremendously hard gardening and tidying up our school grounds. **Huge thanks** to both ladies for all their hard work. It makes such a difference.

Welcome Meetings and 'Drop in' sessions

Dates for our first welcome meetings of the new academic year were sent out before the summer break. We hope that all parents will be able to attend these really valuable meetings at which class teachers will be presenting their expectations for the coming year and outlining some of the exciting learning opportunities that have been planned. Children are welcome to stay during the meetings, although a film will be put on for younger children if required. It is really important that parents attend these meetings to ensure you are well informed about the term ahead. Each welcome meeting will take place in your child's classroom and will be held straight after school.

Reminder of Welcome Meeting dates:

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| Robin Class | – Wednesday 5 th September |
| Pheasant Class | – Tuesday 11 th September |
| Woodpecker Class | – Wednesday 12 th September |

Wren Class Parents: There is no separate welcome meeting for parents of children in Early Years; instead we will shortly be sending out a letter to outline the continuation of our comprehensive induction process. This will include an invitation to a 'Six Weeks In' breakfast meeting on Wednesday 10th October where you will find out how the first half term is going, gain a greater insight into life at primary school and the support agencies available. You will also be invited to observe a maths and phonics sessions where you can find out about how your child will be developing their understanding of number and the complex process of learning to read.

We do have an open door policy at our school and parents are welcome to pop in to talk to teachers any day of the week. 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 money is now due for the term - £37.00. All details regarding swimming were sent home last term but if you need another copy of this letter, please speak to Mrs. Creswick. The first swimming session is on Thursday 13th September.

Breakfast Club

We are delighted that our school Breakfast Club is continuing to run daily between 8.00am and 8.50am. Although filling up fast, we do still have places available, so please speak to the school office to secure a place for your child. If you do use breakfast club, I politely ask you to ensure payments are made promptly. Outstanding payments will be chased up and, if payment is not received, a child's place may be withdrawn.

School uniform

It is great to see all the children in their school uniform – they really do look very smart and it helps to give us a sense of unity. It is very important that all children wear their full uniform every day. If for any reason this is not possible, please ensure your child comes to school with a written note to explain why.

To help you check that your child has the correct uniform I have included a brief reminder below.

Girls

- Grey pinafore dress/skirt
- Black trousers (not tracksuit bottoms)
- Red check dresses in summer
- White polo shirt
- Burgundy sweatshirt or cardigan (purchased from the school office)
- Grey or white socks, Grey or black tights
- Black/navy flat shoes

Boys

- Long or short grey trousers
- White polo shirt, Burgundy sweatshirt (purchased from the school office)
- Grey socks, Black shoes

P.E. kit (boys and girls)

- Burgundy P.E. shorts
- White P.E. T-shirt
- Plimsolls/Trainers
- Maroon P.E. Bag

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).

Healthy School - Keeping Fit



This year as a school, we have committed to raising the profile of living healthily. As such we will be providing daily exercise for every child. Each day, at a convenient time in the afternoon, each class will participate in 15 minutes of sustained exercise. This may be partaking in the Government daily mile programme, completing a keep fit session, or skipping etc.

We are also re-launching West Sussex County Council's 'Walk once a Week' scheme (WOW) in which the children are encouraged to walk / bike / scoot to school every Wednesday. We do hope you will support us in these initiatives and encourage your child in improving their fitness levels.

Yearly Reminders

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 are all hoping for 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.

New water bottle

Every child in school 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 taken 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 £1.50.



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.**

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Last year we started a very popular new tradition at our school, allowing children to wear non-school uniform on their birthday. If their birthday falls at the weekend, or during a holiday they can wear non-school uniform on the Friday before. **Birthdays** are very exciting occasions, especially when you are growing up, and we want all children to feel special for the whole day. We ask however that you do not send in cakes, sweets, or other treats as teachers are not able to hand them out.



Assemblies

Parents are warmly invited to join us for our weekly Church assembly, led by Rev David Jarrett. These are held every Thursday morning at 9:10am. We will be celebrating **Harvest on Thursday 4th October**. Our service will be held in school and we will be asking for donations of food produce, preferably tins / packets. Our year six children will be helping to distribute some of the Harvest produce around the Village on Monday 8th October.

We look forward to seeing you over the coming weeks,

Best Wishes



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:

SOME KEY DATES FOR AUTUMN TERM 2018

September	
Wednesday 5 th	Robin Class Welcome meeting for parents
Thursday 6 th	First Church Assembly led by Rev David Jarrett – Parents welcome 9:10am
Friday 7 th	Sama Karate Assembly
Tuesday 11 th	Pheasant Welcome Meeting 3:15pm
Wednesday 12 th	Woodpecker Welcome Meeting 3:15pm
Thursday 13 th	First swimming session for Woodpecker and Pheasant Forest School for Year 6 begins
Monday 17 th	Friends AGM 7:00pm
Saturday 29 th	Jumble Sale at School
October	
Thursday 4 th	Harvest Festival in school at 9:10am
Wednesday 10 th	'6 Weeks in' meeting for parents of reception children
Saturday 13 th	Autumn Grounds Morning
Tuesday 16 th	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 17 th	Parents' Evening
Monday 22nd October – Friday 26th October Half term	
Monday 29th	INSET DAY
Wednesday 31st	Demonstration Maths lesson for parents with children in Wren class
November	
Thursday 1 st	Forest School for Year 5 begins
Thursday 8 th	Phonics workshop for parents 2:30pm
Friday 16 th	Children in Need Day
Wednesday 21 st	Parents of children in reception invited to observe how children learn phonics in class
December	
Saturday 1 st	Christmas Fair
Friday 7 th	Christmas Disco
Tuesday 11 th	Christmas Carol Service
Friday 19 th	Christmas Music Assembly (am)
Friday 19 th	Last day of Autumn term

Term Dates 2018 - 19

Autumn term 2018

Mon 3 September - Wed 19 December

Half term: Mon 22 October - Fri 26 October

Spring term 2018

Thurs 3 January – Fri 5 April

Half term: Mon 18 February - Fri 22 February

Summer term 2018

Tues 23 April - Tues 23 July

Half term: Mon 27 May - Fri 31 June

INSET DAYS 2018–19

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

Monday 29th October 2018
 Friday 15th February 2019
 Monday 22nd July 2019
 Tuesday 23rd July 2019

AUTUMN TERM CLUBS

This term the following school clubs will be on offer. Please tick the club that your child would like to attend and return the form as soon as possible as there will be a limit on numbers for certain clubs. The clubs are available on a first come, first served basis. Please note that an additional form will need to be completed for any clubs run by outside providers.

Letters were sent out before the summer break for South Coast Sports clubs. **There are places left for Football Club & Fencing Club, Gymnastics Club however only has limited places left. If your child would like to take part in the Karate Club, please just arrive at the session - £5.00 per lesson paid directly to the instructor.**

Children in KS2 who have been learning the recorder with Mrs Smith, will continue their classes on a Friday afternoon during school time.

After your child is accepted into a club, please let the office (or the teacher running the club) know if they no longer wish to attend so that their place can be offered to someone on the waiting list.

Please note that some of the clubs may change due to staff commitments – we will hope to keep you informed.

IF YOU DO NOT HEAR FROM THE SCHOOL, YOUR CHILD HAS BEEN ACCEPTED TO ATTEND THE CLUBS OF THEIR CHOICE

START DATE	YEAR	CLUB	TIME	PROVIDER	COST	TICK
Monday 10 th Sept	Yrs 1-6	Karate	7:45-8:45am	Sama Karate	£5 per session	
Monday 10 th Sept	Yrs 2-6	Collective Worship	Lunch time	Mrs Yelland	No charge	
Monday 10 th Sept	Yrs 3-6	Running	3.15-4.00pm	Mr King / Mrs Fenmor Collins	No charge	
Monday 10 th Sept	Yrs 2-6	Eco School	3.15-4.00pm	Mrs Everard/ Mrs Quest	No charge	
Monday 10 th Sept	Yrs 1-2	Out & About Club	3.15-4.00pm	Mrs Jenkinson	No charge	
Tuesday 11 th Sept	Yrs 1-6	Zumba	8.00-8.45am	Fitjoy	£52 for term	
Tuesday 11 th Sept	Yrs 2-6	Football	3.15-4.15pm	South Coast Sports	£65 for term	
Tuesday 30 th Oct	Yrs 2-6	Choir from 2 nd half term	3:15-4.00pm	Mrs Holden	No charge	
Wednesday 12 th Sept	Yrs 1-4	Gymnastics	8.00-8.45am	South Coast Sports	No charge	
Wednesday 12 th Sept	Yrs 3-6	Homework	Lunch time	Miss Hogarth	No charge	
Thursday 13 th Sept	Yrs 3-6	Badminton	8:00-8:45am	South Coast Sports	£54 for term	
Thursday 13 th Sept	Yrs 3-6	Chess	3:15-4.00pm	Mr. Taylor	No charge	
Friday 14 th Sept	Yrs 3-6	Fencing	8:00-8:45am	South Coast Sports	No charge	
Friday 14 th Sept	Yrs 3-6	Allotment	3:15-4:00pm (for first half term only)	Mrs Upjohn Mr Slipper, Mrs Sheppard	No charge	

CHILD'S NAME _____ YEAR _____