



# Lavant

## C.E. Primary School

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Dear Parents,

A very warm welcome to the start of another school year, and we especially welcome all our new children and families across the school. We hope everyone had a great summer and is feeling ready for the start of this new school year. The teachers have, as always, been working really hard to make sure that the children have many exciting and memorable learning experiences over the weeks and months ahead.

### Summer work

As always, there has been a lot of work going on at school over the summer break. With the last of the old hedging removed, the school entrance is looking much neater and it is now much safer for cars entering the turning circle. Woodpecker and Pheasant classrooms have been fully decorated and the school boiler has been replaced. We are very grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Griffiths, and Mr. Osborne, who have all given up their time over the summer to help improve our school learning environment. We must also say a huge thank you to Mrs. Russell, our caretaker, who has been very busy during the holidays liaising with a number of contractors and giving the school a thorough clean. The school looks very smart.

### Welcome Meetings and 'Drop in' sessions

We hope that all parents will be able to attend our welcome meetings. At the meeting the class teacher/s will be presenting their expectations for the coming year and there will be opportunities for generic questions. Children are welcome to stay during the meetings. Individual parent consultations will be held later in the term.

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:

- Pheasant Class – Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September
- Woodpecker Class – Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September
- Robin Class – Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September

Usual weekly 'Drop in' day will be Tuesday for all classes.

**Reception Parents:** We will be sending you out a letter soon with invites to 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. You are also warmly invited to a 'Six Weeks In' breakfast meeting on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Swimming

The parents of children in Key Stage two are reminded that swimming money is now due for the term - £35.00. 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 14<sup>th</sup> September.

## Breakfast Club

We are delighted that our school Breakfast Club is now up and running daily between 8.00am and 8.50am. We still do have places available each day. Please speak to the school office or visit the school website for further information - [www.lavant.w-sussex.sch.uk](http://www.lavant.w-sussex.sch.uk)

## School uniform

It is pleasing 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.

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).**

As and when you need to update uniform during the year, please speak to Mrs. Creswick in the school office. For further guidance on school uniform please refer to our school website.

## 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.

## New for 2017 / 18 BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS


We are starting a new tradition at Lavant C.E. Primary School and are inviting the 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 28<sup>th</sup> September**. 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 2<sup>nd</sup> October.

We look forward to seeing you over the coming weeks. Please do remember that we have an open door policy. 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**.

Best Wishes



Adrian King

**Working together in faith - always 'Aiming for the best'**

## SOME KEY DATES FOR AUTUMN TERM 2017

<b>September</b>	
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	First Church Assembly led by Rev David Jarrett – Parents welcome 9:10am
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Sama Karate Assembly
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Pheasant Welcome Meeting 3:15pm
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Woodpecker Welcome Meeting 3:15pm
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Robin Welcome Meeting 3:15pm
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	First swimming session for Woodpecker and Pheasant Forest School for Year 6 begins
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Friends AGM 7:00pm
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Harvest Festival in school at 9:10am
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Jumble Sale at School
<b>October</b>	
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	'6 Weeks in' meeting for parents of reception children
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Autumn Grounds Morning
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Parents' Evening
<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October Half term</b>	
<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>INSET DAY</b>
<b>November</b>	
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Forest School for Year 5 begins
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Friends Cake Sale 3:15pm
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Parents of children in Reception invited to observe a daily Mathematics session
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Children in Need Day
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Phonics workshop for all parents 2:30pm
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Disco
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Parents of children in reception invited to observe how children learn phonics in class
<b>December</b>	
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Christmas Fair
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Carol Service
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Music Assembly (am)
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of Autumn term

### **Key dates for this academic year.**

#### **Autumn term 2017**

Monday 4 September - Wednesday 20 December  
Half term: Monday 23 October - Friday 27 October

#### **Spring term 2018**

Thursday 4 January - Thursday 29 March  
Half term: Monday 12 February - Friday 16 February

#### **Summer term 2018**

Monday 16 April - Tuesday 24 July  
Half term: Monday 28 May - Friday 1 June

#### **INSET DAYS 2017-18**

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

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2017  
Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2018  
Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2018  
Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2018

*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:

## **Autumn Term Clubs**

**Please see information below**

## 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.

All children in Years 4 and 5 who have been learning the recorder with Mrs Smith, will continue their classes on a Wednesday 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 11 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Yrs 1-6	Karate	7:45-8:45am	Sama Karate	£5 per session	
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Yrs 2-6	Collective Worship	Lunch time	Mrs Yelland	No charge	
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Yrs 3 - 6	Chess	3:15-4.00pm	Mr. Taylor	No charge	
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Yrs 2-6	Choir	3:15-4.00pm	Mrs Holden	No charge	
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Yrs 2-6	Eco School	Lunch time	Mrs Everard	No charge	
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Yrs 1-3	Construction	3:15-4.00pm	Mrs Jenkinson	No charge	
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Yrs 2-6	Football	3.15-4.15pm	South Coast Sports	£60 for term	
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Yrs 1-4	Gym	8.00-8.45am	South Coast Sports	No charge	
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Yrs 3-6	Homework	Lunch time	Miss Restall	No charge	
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Yrs 1-4	Zumba	8.00-8.45am	Fitjoy	£48 for term	
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Yrs 3-6	Running	3.15-4.00pm	Mr King / Mrs Fenmor Collins	No charge	
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Yrs 3-6	Fencing	8:00-8:45am	South Coast Sports	No charge	
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Yrs 3-6	Allotment	3:15-4:00pm (for first half term only)	Mrs Elliott Mr Slipper, Mrs Sheppard	No charge	

\* Football – South Coast Sports have already sent out details for this club. Please ask in the office for details.

\*\* Karate – £5 per lesson paid directly to tutor. Please ask in the office for details.

**CHILD'S NAME** \_\_\_\_\_ **YEAR** \_\_\_\_\_