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Dear Parents,

It does not seem possible that we are already approaching the end our first half term of the year. Life in school has certainly been different, but our children have been amazing at adapting to the changes that have taken place. Many of you will be having your parent consultation call this week; we hope you find these conversations useful and informative. I hope that we will be able to resume our usual parent consultation evenings later in the school year. Thank you for your overwhelmingly positive feedback on how, as a school, we have dealt with the current restrictions, we are just so pleased to have all the children back in school happily learning together each day. We are aware that many of you have not seen inside of the building for a long time so I have included a few pictures of our current set up.



Wrens



Robins



Woodpeckers



Pheasants



Library



Hall

Life in School

This half term, we have been enjoying whole school assemblies outside when possible and we have been delighted that, when the weather has allowed, Reverend David Jarratt has continued to be able to lead our acts of collective worship on a Thursday. We plan to continue to hold our collective worship outside whenever possible, as it is a great way for us to come together as a school community. After half term however, as the weather becomes colder, we will be holding a greater number of assemblies via zoom.

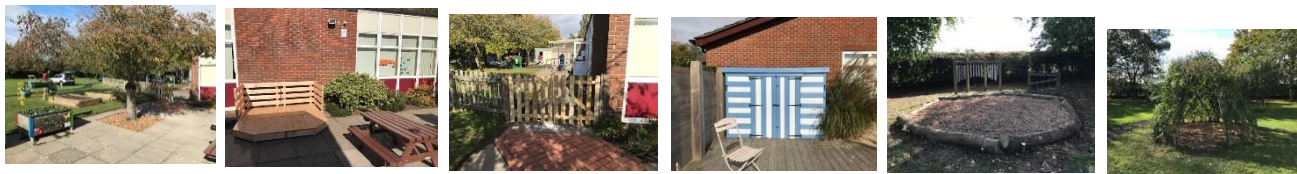


To celebrate harvest this year, as we were unable to hold our usual service together, we held an apple day in school. Our children in Pheasant class harvested a huge crop of apples from our small orchard and every child had the opportunity to sample their very own freshly pressed apple juice.



Forest Schools – This half term, children in Year 1 have enjoyed their six week Forest Schools programme at Lavant House woods. After half term, children in year two will be enjoying their Forest Schools experience.

Grounds morning - A huge **thank you** to all of you who worked so hard tidying and improving our school grounds during our DIY morning. We have such a wealth of talented parents, and we hugely appreciate your commitment and willingness to help. These mornings make such a difference in maintaining and improving our school grounds.



Staff News



Congratulations to Mr Taylor who became a very proud father for the second time last week. Milo James Taylor was born on Thursday 15th October. I am informed that Milo and his Mother are doing very well. I am sure you will join me in sending the whole family our very best wishes.

Uniform - We have a small amount of uniform still in stock at school and will now be selling the last few remaining items at a significantly reduced price. If you would like to purchase an item of uniform, please speak to the school office.

Sweatshirts size 22"	x 4
Sweatshirts size 24"	x 13
Sweatshirts size 26"	x 8
Sweatshirts size 28"	x 9
Sweatshirt Small Adult	x 1
Cardigans size 24"	x 4
Cardigans size 26"	x 4
Cardigans size 28"	x 4
Cardigans size 30"	x 1

Cardigans Small Adult	x 4
Polo Shirts size 22-24"	x 7
Polo Shirts size 26"	x 4
Polo Shirts size 28"	x 16
Polo Shirts size 30"	x 9
Polo Shirts size 32"	x 3
Polo Shirts Small Adult	x 8
PE Bags	x 11
Beanie Hats	x 44

ALL ITEMS (EXCEPT
BEANIE HATS) **£2.00**

BEANIE HATS **£1.00**

Governing Body News - Our team of governors continue to work together to help steer the school and support staff and the community. At our last meeting we were delighted to welcome Mrs. Claire Spencer on to our governing board as our Staff Governor, Mr. Chris Hawker kindly agreed to remain as Chair for this academic year and we are grateful to Miss. Caroline Rickard who will remain as our vice chair. At the start of the academic year, Mrs. Yelland and Mrs. Shapiro, who have both been active governors for a number of years, stepped down from their governing roles. We thank them for all they have contributed over the past few years.

As always, I am very grateful to all our governors who effectively offer challenge and support to our school. Their dedication to the children of Lavant and in helping our school grow from strength to strength is hugely important to our development. We currently have two vacancies; a Foundation (Church governor) and Community governor. If you know of anyone who may be interested in joining our governing body please email Mrs. Carol Skeens, Clerk to Governors - cskeens@lavant.w-sussex.sch.uk

School Clubs – Sadly, due to continued restrictions, we are still not able to offer our usual range of before and after school clubs after half term. This includes Breakfast club as children are still not permitted to mix across bubbles. We are hoping however to be able to offer one SCS lead sports club to once class on a Wednesday after school starting after the half term break. This club is initially being offered to children in Woodpecker class but will be rotated on a half-termly basis if restrictions continue into the spring term. If you have a child in Woodpecker Class, please look out for a letter that will be coming home in the next couple of days if you are interested in your child attending this club.

Safer routes to school - You will be aware of the increased congestion along West Stoke road at the start and end of the day. We are increasingly concerned for the safety of our children and families arriving and leaving school and are setting up a working party to explore ways in which we can improve the safety for all concerned. If you would like to be involved in this initiative, please let me know.

Healthy Packed Lunches - We have noticed that a number of children have begun to have an increasing number of unhealthy items in their lunch boxes. Please can all parents ensure children's lunches are healthy. Children are not permitted to bring in bars of chocolate or sweets or anything containing nuts. Morning snacks must be either a piece of fruit or vegetable.

Individual photos - The photographer will be in school on Tuesday 17th November to take individual photos of all the children. Please ensure your child is in their smartest uniform on that day. It is unlikely that we will be able to offer the chance for pre-school siblings to have their photo taken with their siblings this year, but I will let you know if this situation changes.

Christmas – Many thanks to all of you who made such generous donations toward our Christmas hampers last week. As we are sadly unable to hold our biggest fundraiser of the year, our Christmas fair, we are hoping to raise as much money as possible through an amazing Christmas raffle. A second non-uniform day for further donations will be held on Friday 20th November.

This week you will also receive two additional letters regarding **Christmas half term projects**.

The first is another Friends fundraiser to **design your own Christmas card**. This would be a lovely ½ term project and would enable you to send your very own bespoke Christmas cards to friends and family. Please bring your final designs, and orders, back to school after the half term break to ensure you do not miss the order deadline.

The second letter is an invitation to participate in the Rotary Club **Shoe Box Appeal**. If willing to take part, you are asked to fill a small box with new, or very good second-hand, items for either a boy or girl which will then be delivered to underprivileged children in Albania, Montenegro, Moldova and Romania as a Christmas presents. All filled boxes are to be brought to school on Monday 2nd November and placed on a table which will be at the front of the school.

Thank you once again for your support and understanding during these tricky times.

Best wishes,



Adrian King

