



# Lavant

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Dear Parents,

As we approach the end of the school year there are a number of important updates for you.

### Covid-19 restrictions



You will be aware that the government has announced that all restrictions will be lifted on 19<sup>th</sup> July. Although we welcome this news, and the opportunity to return to our usual routines, we are also very aware of the increasing infection rate and disruption caused by the requirement to self-isolate. With many families planning to take a well-

earned break away at the start of the summer holidays, we do not want to increase any risks that may jeopardise plans. Therefore, all existing precautions and routines, including the wearing of facemasks, will remain in place until the end of the term.

### Staff news

At the end of term, we sadly say goodbye to Miss Bridgen, who has been teaching Pheasant Class for one day a week for the past couple of years. Miss Bridgen will be welcoming her third child in October and when she returns to work after her maternity leave will be embarking on a new career path as a play therapist. We thank Miss Bridgen for all she has contributed to our school over the past few years and wish her and her family all the best for the future.

I am delighted to announce that Mr Luke Rogers, will be joining our Pheasant Class team in September, teaching years 5 & 6 on a Friday when Mr Taylor is released to undertake his Deputy Head duties. I am also very pleased to inform you that Mrs. Kim Servant has agreed to extend her time with us and will be supporting teaching and learning in Woodpecker Class every morning next year. In September, we also welcome Mrs. Nikki Donaldson to our team of Teaching Assistants who will be supporting learning in KS1 at the end of each week.

### Rev David Jarrett

Many of you may already know that our Rector, Rev David Jarrett is also sadly leaving Lavant at the end of July to take up a new post in West Bromwich. David has been a great support for our school during his incumbency at Lavant. He has played an active role as a school governor and has provided friendship and guidance for the staff, pupils and their wider families. He is well-loved by the whole school community and we will greatly miss his weekly services on a Thursday morning. We wish him all the best as he follows God's calling to a new church.

## Class Presentations

Many thanks to all of you who have returned your slips to let us know you will be attending your child's class presentation. We have had a couple of requests for pre-school children to attend with parents. If your pre-school child is taking one of your two places that is absolutely fine. If however, you need to bring a preschool child in addition to your two allocated seats, please can you discuss this with the school office before the day, to ensure we have a clear indication of numbers expected. Many thanks for your support in helping us ensure risks are kept to a minimum.

## Road safety

For many years now we have been concerned about road safety, including parking and access to school, at the start and end of the school day. We are in continued discussions with West Sussex County Council about making desperately needed improvements and need your help to support our cause. Next week a travel survey will be coming home and it is really important that we have up to date data to report to West Sussex, and know your concerns and suggestions for improvements. Please can every family make a special effort to return the surveys before the end of term. If you witness a traffic incident / near miss outside school, please can you ensure you report it to West Sussex via their 'Operation Crackdown' link [www.operationcrackdown.org](http://www.operationcrackdown.org). Reports can include speeding, dangerous or anti-social driving behaviours. Any parking concerns should be reported to Chichester District Council. We have been informed that all Operation Crackdown reports generate a reference number. If you make a report and receive a reference number, please can you forward it to the school as we can use it as evidence towards the road improvement scheme request.



## South Coast Sports Summer Activity Camp

We are delighted that our Sports Coach, Mr James Belding is running a summer camp at our school from 16<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> August. We know places are filling up fast, so if this is something that would interest you, or friends, please book your place soon to avoid missing out.

## Breakfast Club

Many of you have made good use of our Breakfast Club in the past and we are delighted to be able to resume this provision next year. Please ensure you book for your child as soon as possible as places tend to fill up fast.



## Sports Day

The weather forecast is currently suggesting that there will be a high chance of rain on Tuesday. If this is the case, we will postpone it to a dry day later in the week or the final week of term. We will monitor the forecast closely and make a final decision on Monday

## New School Year

In September, the children return to school on **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September** to start their next school year. Please note that Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September is a staff training day.

## Reminder of Term Dates 2021 - 22

Please make a note of the term dates for the next academic year.

AUTUMN TERM	
<b>Inset Day</b>	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September
<b>Starts</b>	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September
<b>Half Term</b>	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> October – Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> October
<b>Inset Day</b>	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> November
<b>Ends</b>	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December
SPRING TERM	
<b>Starts</b>	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January
<b>Inset Day</b>	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> January
<b>Half Term</b>	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> February – Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> February
<b>Inset Day</b>	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> February
<b>Ends</b>	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> April
SUMMER TERM	
<b>Starts</b>	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> April
<b>Bank Holiday</b>	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May
<b>Inset Day</b>	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May
<b>Half Term</b>	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June
<b>Ends</b>	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July

## Last Day of term – earlier finish

Please note, on the last day of term school will finish at **2pm** for the children to enable staff to clear furniture ready for workers arriving on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July to decorate classrooms and make alterations to the KS1 shared area

## Finally

Thank you, once again for all your support and understanding during such a long period of restrictions and unsettling change. We are all really looking forward to resuming normal life at our school in September. In the meantime, we are looking forward to a fantastic final couple of weeks in school

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

Best Wishes

