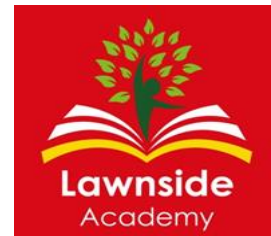


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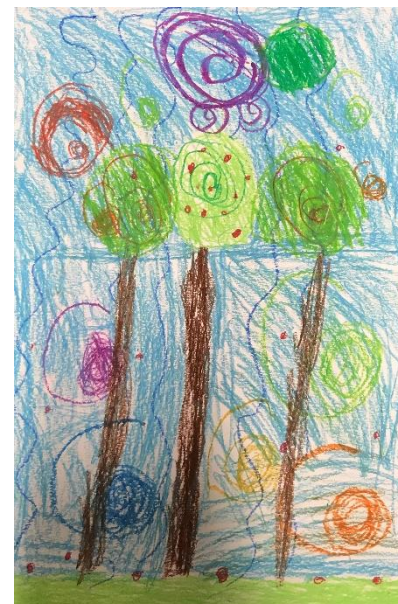
September 2019

We have started the new school year as busy as ever at Lawnside. Thank you to all of you who came to our 'Meet the Teacher' afternoons – we will Parent Mail the presentations for your information. Thank you also to all of you with children in Years 1 to 4 who were able to attend our Sports Day. We received lots of very positive feedback and the children's awards will be presented in assembly shortly. Finally, thank you for your support with our Macmillan coffee afternoon. I will let you know how much money you raised as soon as the donations have been counted.

As well as welcoming new children and families to Lawnside this month, we are also welcoming two new governors; Mrs. O'Brien joins the board as a parent governor and Mrs. Combe joins the board from BEST as our new Chair of Governors. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome them and to let you know that I will be asking them to each introduce themselves over the next few newsletters. **We are still looking to appoint another parent governor. If this is something that you may be interested in, or if you would like further information about what this role involves, please do not hesitate to speak with me.**

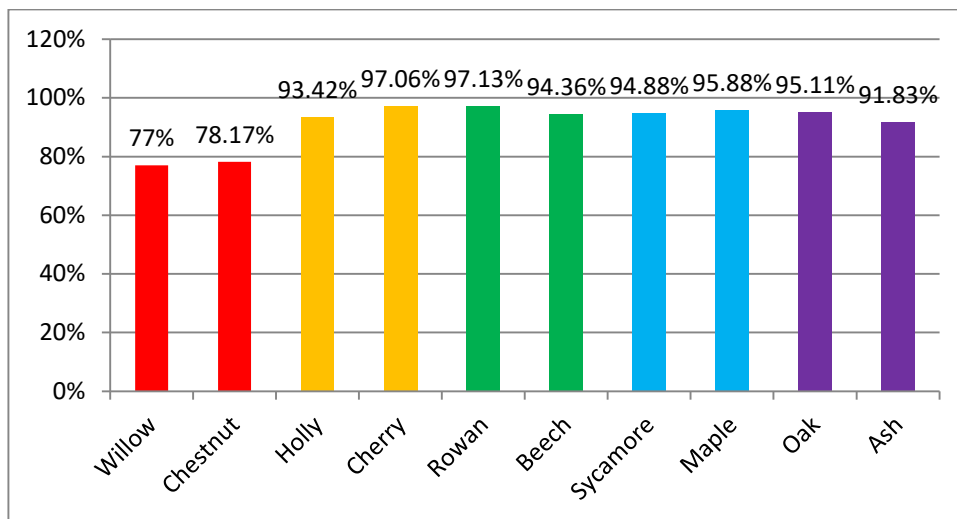


Jackson (Maple, Year 3)



Nadia (Maple, Year 3)

The graph below shows each class' attendance for September. Our attendance target for this academic year is 96%. Last year's attendance was 95%. The percentages for Willow and Chestnut classes this month are low due to their staggered start to school. The class with the best attendance each week is rewarded with playing on the pirate ship on a Friday.



A few messages / requests from class teachers, please...

1. Please can children remember to bring a coat to school as the weather is very unpredictable. This week is looking very wet on occasion.
2. If you have not already done so, please can you send your child(ren) to school with any stamped addressed envelopes for the children to be able to post their grandparents' afternoon invitations. Please can you also please write your child's name on the back of the envelope to make it easier for the teachers to match the right envelope to the right child.
3. It is our Harvest Assembly on Monday 7th October. Please can we ask for any food donations to be sent to school for this. Thank you for the donations we have already received in school.

Diary Dates for October	
Monday 7 October	Harvest Assembly (children only)
Tuesday 8 October (2:45pm)	Year 1 phonics meeting for parents (in hall)
Wednesday 9 October (6pm)	Open Evening for Reception / Early Years 2020 admissions
Thursday 10 October	Whole school flu vaccination
Thursday 10 October (9:40am)	Open Morning for Reception / Early Years 2020 admissions
Friday 11 October (9:40am)	Open Morning for Reception / Early Years 2020 admissions
Friday 11 October (2pm)	Open Afternoon for Reception / Early Years 2020 admissions
Tuesday 15 October (4pm - 7:30pm)	Parent consultation meetings
Thursday 17 October (2pm)	Open Afternoon for Reception / Early Years 2020 admissions
Thursday 17 October (4pm - 6pm)	Parent consultation meetings
Friday 18 October	Year 4 visit to Verulamium
w/c Monday 21 October	Half-term holiday, school closed
Monday 28 October	Staff training day, school closed
Tuesday 29 October	Children return to school
Wednesday 30 October (7:30pm)	PALS meeting (at school)

Yours sincerely

Cheryl Johnson
Principal

