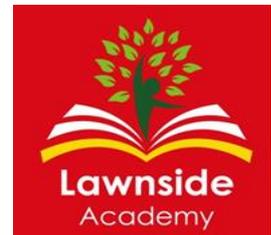


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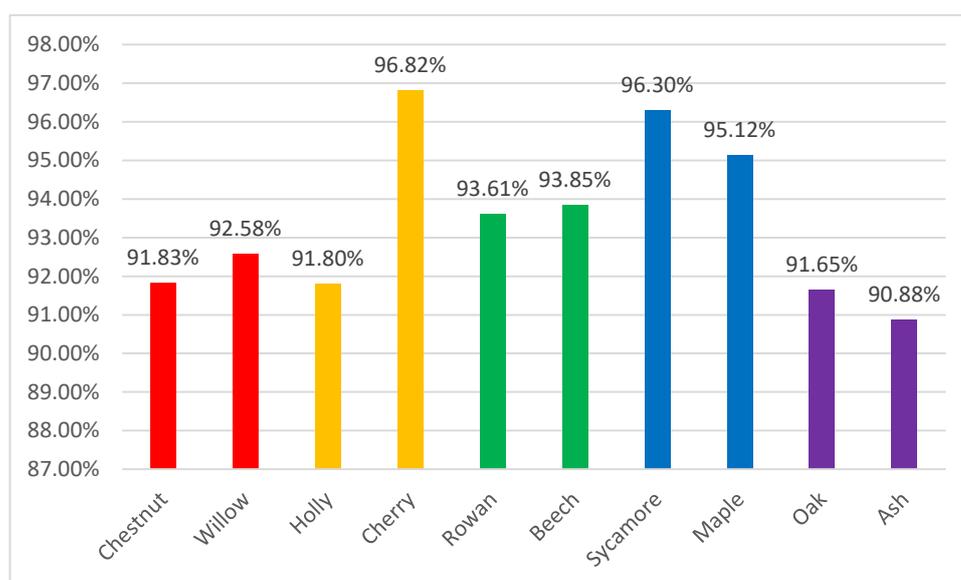
Dear Parents / Carers,

### November 2019

We started November with our very successful Grandparent Afternoons. It was lovely to see, and speak with, the children's visitors and I know that all of the children thoroughly enjoyed showing off their school and their work to them. Huge thanks to Mrs. Brookes for her endless tea and coffee making each afternoon – and her washing up!

Thank you to PALS for organising two enjoyable Film Nights this month, to School Council for organising Children in Need and to Mrs. Wood (and Mrs. Blackford) for taking eighty-plus children into Biggleswade to sing for the town Christmas light switch-on celebrations – the choir sang beautifully and represented Lawnside perfectly, well done.

The graph below shows each class' attendance for November. Our attendance target for this academic year is 96%. Our current attendance is 94%. Please can I remind you that if your child is unwell and unable to come to school that you let us know prior to their absence by telephone and you follow up their absence in writing on their return; either by letter or by email. Please can I also remind you that I am unable to authorise any absence during term time for the purpose of a family holiday.



A few messages from staff...



We would like to request **no backpacks / rucksacks** in school please. Our cloakroom areas are very cramped and children are increasingly bringing in very large bags which pose a health and safety risk to everyone.

Children only need to bring to school their:

- Coats
- Book bags
- Lunch boxes / bags
- PE bags and
- Water bottles

Thank you for your support with this.



A polite reminder please, that children need to be wearing the correct **school uniform and school shoes**.

Our policy is based on the belief that a school uniform promotes a sense of pride in the school, engenders a feeling of community and belonging, is practical and smart, is not distracting to learning and makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance, for example.

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in school. The exception to this rule is earring studs in pierced ears. We ask the children either to remove these during PE and games, or to cover them with a plaster.



We are planning a change to our **Christmas performances** this year. Each year group will still be performing something to families – and you have the dates already in your diaries – however we will be doing things a little differently (and a little more creatively). I am not going to give anything away but I will write to you afterwards to seek your views and/or thoughts.



If you are not picking your child(ren) up at the end of the school day, please can you inform school staff who is. If staff do not recognise an adult who has come to collect a child, or another parent comes forward to collect your child, staff need to be certain that this has been agreed by yourselves and they will not hand children over unless they are sure. Please either speak with your child's class teacher in the morning or telephone the school office during the day and a message will be passed on.



When the bell is rung before school, at 8:50am, please can we ask that children line up and parents / carers move back from the line. This way, teachers can see all of their class and you can confidently see your child(ren) enter the school building.

Thank you for your support with this.

Diary Dates for December	
Tuesday 3 December	Christingle Assembly (children only)
Friday 6 December 3:30pm	PALS Christmas Fair
Wednesday 11 December	School Christmas Dinner <b>PLEASE BOOK YOUR DINNER IN ADVANCE TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT</b>
Monday 16 December (2:15pm)	Early Years Christmas Performance
Tuesday 17 December (2:15pm)	Year 4 Christmas Performance
Wednesday 18 December (2:15pm)	Year 3 Christmas Performance
Thursday 19 December (2:15pm)	Year 2 Christmas Performance
Friday 20 December (2:15pm)	Year 1 Christmas Performance
Friday 20 December	End of Autumn Term

We have a new Golden Book of Good Behaviour at Lawnside and I am sure that your children have shared that if their names are in there each week, they will be invited for afternoon tea with me on a Friday afternoon. Children in the Golden Book of Good Behaviour this month are:

Chestnut - Dylan, Lola, Batuhan, Jamie, Taylor, Robin, Gracie-Mae, Amber and Skyla.  
 Willow - Isaac, Georgia, Leon, Sienna, Jodie, Alfie, Sofia, Belle, Dinar and Ethan.  
 Cherry - Isla, Adella, Ismail, Wayde, Leila, Connie, Reagan, Ruby, George, Evie and Jacob.  
 Holly - Zoey, Jocelyn, Sofia, James, Arianna, Renee, Matilda, Sarenah and Reuben.  
 Beech - Imogen, Eden, Polly, Katie, Millie, Noah, Sebastian, Aaliyah and Mason.  
 Rowan - Layton, Chloe, Xavier, Harry, Saskia, Rubie, Maisie, Evie and James.  
 Maple - Samuel, Nadia, Songo, Hollie, Toby, Summer, Alanna, Tyler and Florence.  
 Sycamore - Charlie, Chloe, Katie, Morgan, Aimie, Holly, Levi, Fraya, Amber and Isabel.  
 Ash - Tilly, Corbin, Summer, Amara, Chloe, Saskia, Amber, Anya, Rowan and Harriet.  
 Oak - Ethan, Daya, Dani, Mia, Dylan, Lola, Lacey, Daniel, Alex and Fia.

And finally, it is with sadness that I write to inform you that we are saying goodbye to both Mrs. Webb and Mr. Furlonger at the end of this term. Mrs. Webb has worked at Lawnside since 2006 and Mr. Furlonger since 2012. They will both be sorely missed at Lawnside and I know that you will all join me in thanking them for their contribution to Lawnside and wishing them every happiness and success as they move on to their new endeavours.

We do have advertisements out for both of these positions so, if you know anyone who may be suitable, please encourage them to apply.

Yours sincerely



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Head Teacher