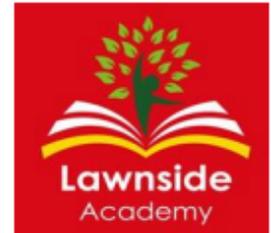


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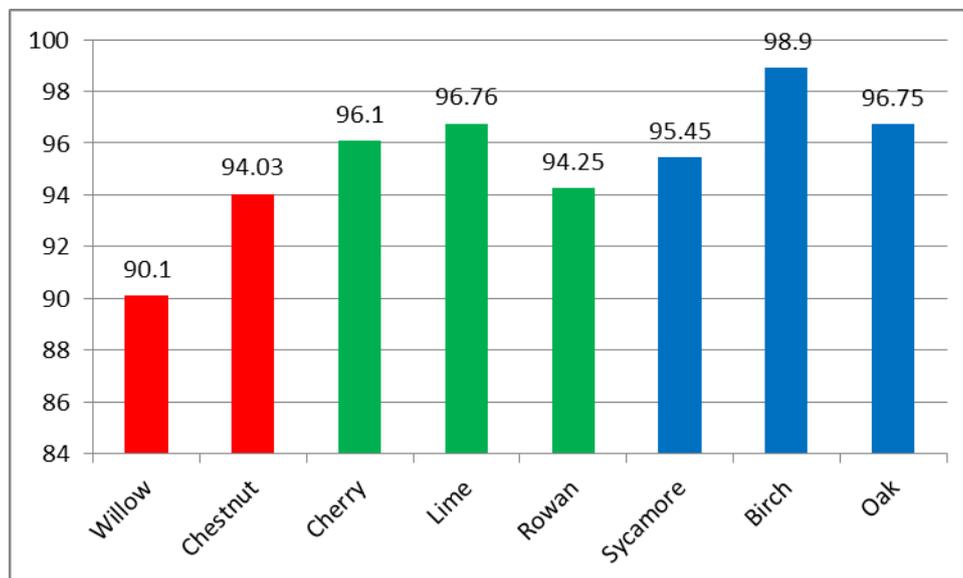
Monday 30th November 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly, I would like to welcome Mr. Usher to Lawnside as a new midday supervisor, and to say 'well done' and 'thank you' for your Harvest donations; which went to Biggleswade Baptist Church, and Children in Need donations – you raised £151.84 for Children in Need.

Just one moan... please can we politely ask that children's bikes and scooters are not ridden on the school grounds. Both the playground and car park are very busy at the beginning and end of the school day and we do not want any accidents occurring. Thank you.

The graph below shows each class' attendance for November. Our whole school attendance target is 96% so a huge 'well done' to Cherry, Lime, Birch and Oak classes whose attendance met and/or exceeded this; particularly in a time of COVID symptoms, tests and self-isolation.



We are tightening up on our attendance procedures this year and we please ask the following:

1. If your child is unwell and unable to attend school, please telephone or e-mail the school office on the first morning of absence with the reason for your child's absence.
2. If you do not telephone/e-mail school and we are unable to contact you by telephone, we will do a home visit to check, for safeguarding reasons, that you and your child are safe.
3. If your child has a medical appointment during school hours, please can we request medical evidence for this, i.e. an appointment card or medical appointment letter.

Hopefully you will have managed to set up your parent/teacher conversation on 'School Cloud' for this week. Teachers value these opportunities to speak with you; to celebrate success, review learning targets and listen to parental views. If you are encountering difficulties booking an appointment, please telephone the school office and someone will be able to assist you.

Christmas will soon be upon us and I wanted to share some of this year's arrangements:

- **Christmas Dinner** day is Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December. Hopefully you have booked your child's Christmas dinner and yes, they will still be having Christmas crackers ☺
- After Christmas dinner, classes will have a Christmas themed afternoon/festivities with their teachers. This may include a Christmas film and/or some Christmas crafts and games etc.
- 'Save the Children' **Christmas Jumper Day** is Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December. Children may come to school dressed in their Christmas jumpers (school uniform trousers, skirts and shoes) with a £1 donation for 'Save the Children'.
- Rev. Dalwyn from the Methodist Church has very kindly created a video of a **Christingle** service especially for us at Lawnside. We will be sharing this video on the school website for parents to access as well if you choose to and children will be having their own class virtual Christingle service.
- Mrs. Whorrod is organising a whole school virtual **Nativity**. I am not going to give anything away but, once completed, I will let you know where on the website it is for you to watch it.

Finally, are you having a pre-Christmas clear out? Do you have any children's toys (in complete, good condition) that you would be prepared to donate to the school? If you do, we would be more than happy to take these off your hands for the children to play with in school. Please bring any donations to the school office and we will be sure to put them to good use.

Yours sincerely and a genuine 'thank you' from staff for wearing your masks at drop-off and collection times and for leaving swiftly at the end of each day.



Cheryl Johnson  
Head Teacher

