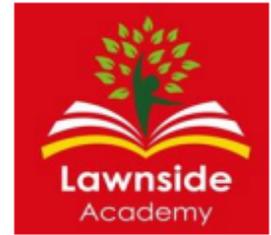


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Monday 14th December 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

I wanted to use this, my last newsletter of the term, to say a huge “thank you” and “well done” to everyone for this term; children, families, staff and governors and to wish you all a very happy and safe Christmas holiday.

You may have seen in the media last week that the government has now accepted that schools that were due to break-up on Friday 18th December can now use an inset day in order to finish on Thursday 17th December, if they want to. I would like to reassure you that **we are not changing our last day of term plans** as we recognise the significant impact this will have on families. **Our last day of term remains this Friday; 18th December.**

For 6 days from Friday 18th December (up to Christmas Eve), school staff will be involved in supporting track and trace and checking for notifications from families and staff, and we ask therefore that you **only need to contact the school if pupils/staff have received a positive test result and symptoms emerged within 48 hours of pupils/staff being in school.** If this is the case, then please e-mail LSA-office@bestacademies.org.uk. Please also be advised that this e-mail account will only be checked once a day and that the school answerphone will be switched off.

We have set up a “Christmas 2020” page on our school website - <https://www.lawnsideacademy.org.uk/page/?title=Christmas+2020&pid=71>. On this page, you will be able to watch our Christingle Assembly and our ‘virtual’ Nativity. Please have a look with your children.

We have a large (donated) real Christmas tree in school and hopefully you will have seen Mrs. Brookes’ Parent Mail asking if anyone would like to take this home this week. If you would like to be in with a chance of winning this; please e-mail me (cjohnson@bestacademies.org.uk) and I will choose a name at random on Wednesday or Thursday. Please be advised however, that the tree will need to be collected by the lucky recipient at the end of the day on Thursday 17th December.

Yours sincerely and we look forward to seeing you all back on Tuesday 5th January 2021.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Cheryl Johnson".

Cheryl Johnson
Head Teacher