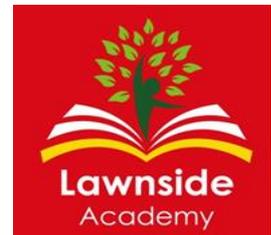


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Dear Parents / Carers,

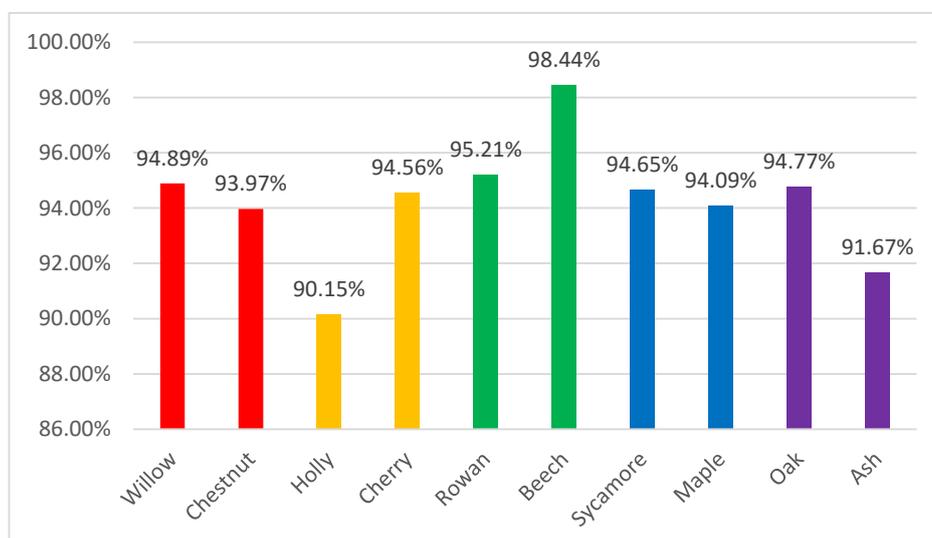
January 2019

I would like to start by wishing everyone a very happy, belated, New Year and say a huge 'thank you' to all of you who attended our BEST school / community launch event at the beginning of the month. Staff have also asked me to pass on their thanks for all of your very generous Christmas gifts at the end of last term.

I wrote to you earlier this month regarding vacancies we have at Lawnside for parent governors. Unfortunately, we received no nominations and I would therefore like to re-advertise and extend this advert to grandparents as well as parents / carers. The governing body has a crucial role to play in the life of our school. Many statutory responsibilities in relation to the school lie with the governing body, and the effectiveness of governors in carrying out their responsibilities is a central part of the overall effectiveness of the leadership and management of the school. Governors' key roles are to oversee the strategic development of the school, through the school improvement plan. This involves monitoring and evaluating the school's effectiveness, and offering support and challenge to the school. If you are interested in being a parent governor - or you think your child's grandparent might be - then please do not hesitate to make an appointment to speak with me.

The weather forecast for tonight / tomorrow is showing snow. All being well there will be no disruption to school however if the school needs to close; for the safety of everyone at Lawnside, then we will keep you updated via the school website and ParentMail.

The table below shows each class' attendance for January. Well done Beech class for the best attendance this month:



Class teachers have asked me to remind you, and your children, to remember to bring PE kits to school please, especially a change of shoes to be able to do PE indoors, in the hall. Also, a reminder please for children to bring wellington boots to school so that they can go on the field and undertake any Forest School activities without getting their school shoes muddy – thank you.

Year 1 teachers have politely asked that when your children have come into school in the mornings that you then leave the playground and do not congregate outside of the classroom windows as some of the children are finding it difficult to settle into the morning routine. Please can we respectfully ask you to say your goodbyes when the bells go and then leave the playground when the children enter school – thank you.

We are also encountering many parents in the school building at the beginning and end of the school day; in the corridors, classroom and toilet areas. Please can we again politely request that if you need to come into the school building that you do so with a member of staff. We are not being awkward; to safeguard the children at school we need to know who is in the building.

Diary Dates for February	
Safer Internet Day	Tuesday 5 February
Parent Consultation Meetings	Tuesday 5 February (4pm – 7:30pm)
Parent Consultation Meetings	Thursday 7 February (4pm – 6pm)
Half-Term Holiday	Monday 11 February – Friday 15 February
Children Return to School	Monday 18 February

And finally, we are saying goodbye at February half-term to Mrs. Ely (Cherry class teacher) who is going on adoption leave for 6 months, and we should have been saying goodbye to Mrs. Russell (Rowan class teacher) at this time too. For those of you who are unaware, Mrs. Russell actually left us this week and I am delighted to inform you that Mrs. Russell has had a baby boy, Freddie. I am sure you will all join me in wishing Mrs. Ely and Mrs. Russell, and their families, well at this exciting time for them and to say that we will miss them at Lawnside. I am writing to the parents / carers of children in Cherry and Rowan classes separately regarding who will be teaching these classes for the rest of this academic year.

Yours sincerely and have an enjoyable half-term holiday when it comes.



Cheryl Johnson
Principal

“The more you **read**
the more **things** you know.
The more that you **learn**
the more **places** you’ll go.”
-Dr. Seuss