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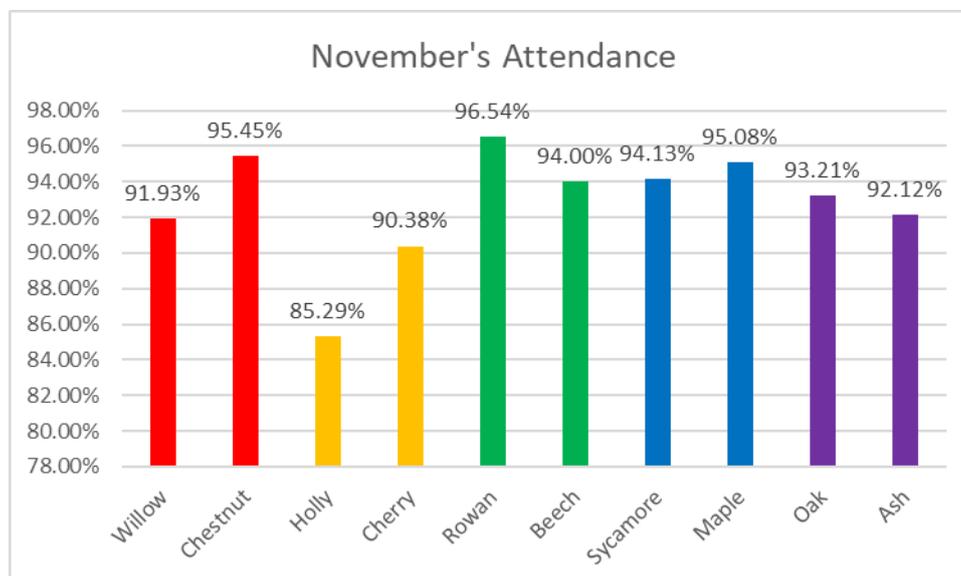
November 2018

Dear Parents / Carers,

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You will see at the top of this letter our new website address; www.lawnsideacademy.org.uk. Please have a browse of our new website; it is still very much a work in progress but if there is anything in particular that you would like included, please do not hesitate to let us know.

November was very busy at Lawnside. We started with 5 very successful grandparents' afternoons to which we have received lots of very positive feedback – this will definitely be an annual Lawnside event! The children, and staff, were entertained with a fabulous 'Cinderella' pantomime and the choir sang beautifully at the Biggleswade town centre Christmas light switch-on event – well done and thank you very much everyone, especially Mrs. Wood, for your superb performance.

Thank you to all of the children who have been trying really hard to learn their Rainbow spellings and collect their stickers – thank you likewise to everyone at home who is helping them to do this. Thank you also to the new PALS committee for picking up the reins at very short notice to organise all things Christmas for the children at Lawnside including planning next week's Christmas Fayre. If you have any free time or suggestions / offers of help, then please speak with a member of PALS as I know that any additional help will be greatly appreciated.

Our whole school attendance target is 96%. The graph below shows each class' attendance for November. Well done Rowan Class for the best attendance this month:

December dates for your diary:	
Friday 30th November	PALS Non-Uniform Day
Monday 3rd December	Year 3 Samba Performance to Parents - Sycamore 9:15 - 9:45 / Maple 10:30 - 11:00
Thursday 6th December	PALS Christmas Fayre
Tuesday 11th December (9:10am)	Year 4 Christmas Performance
Wednesday 12th December (9:10am)	Year 1 Christmas Performance
Wednesday 12th December	Christmas Dinner
Thursday 13th December (9:10am)	Year 2 Christmas Performance
Friday 14th December	****NEW** SAVE THE CHILDREN CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY**
Friday 14th December (9:10am)	Year 3 Christmas Performance
Monday 17th December (9:10am)	Early Years Christmas Performance
Tuesday 18th December (pm)	Children's Christmas Parties
Wednesday 19th December (9:10am)	Whole School Christingle Assembly (CHILDREN ONLY)
Wednesday 19th December	Last Day of Autumn Term – Christmas Holiday

On Friday 14th December, Lawnside will be supporting 'Save the Children' Christmas Jumper Day. Buy, borrow or decorate an old jumper in time for Friday 14th December and donate £1 on the day to wear it to school (with your school uniform trousers / skirt and shoes).

I have had a number of concerns raised by our local residents lately regarding the parking of parents' cars at the beginning and end of the school day. Please can I politely request that if you drive your children to and from school, that you do not block neighbours drives. Thank you.

And finally… a date for your diary in January. We will be joining the BEST Multi-Academy Trust in January and, as a welcome, we will be hosting a launch event for all Lawnside stakeholders (parents/carers and staff) to officially join BEST and for you to meet and talk with BEST representatives. The date and time for this is – Monday 7th January 2019, from 2:30pm to 3:30pm (in the school hall). I will add this to the school calendar and next month's newsletter.

Yours sincerely

Cheryl Johnson
Head Teacher