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C.E. Primary School

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CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER 2023



Dear Parents and Carers,

As another busy term draws to a close, I wish you all a very **HAPPY CHRISTMAS** and a **PEACEFUL NEW YEAR**.

It was lovely to see so many of you at Wren and Robin's performance of 'Hooray in a Manger' and at our KS2 Christingle service at St Mary's Church. These were two wonderful events, and we were very proud of all the children. Whichever event you attended, we really hope it helped to get you in the Christmas spirit.

As we approach the end of 2023 there are many people to thank before we break up for Christmas.

The Friends – Once again we must say a huge **"THANK YOU"** to 'The Friends' who organised such a fabulous Christmas Fair last Saturday. We also thank The Friends for all the events they have organised over the last twelve months. So much work is continually going on behind the scenes and really does make a difference to the children at our school. The Friends are currently looking for more willing parents and family members to join their amazing team, working together to enhance the learning opportunities and experiences for our school community.

School Helpers – We are so grateful to the many adult helpers that regularly visit school to listen to children read or generally help in other ways. Your contribution makes such a difference to both pupils and staff. **THANK YOU**. If you would like to become more involved in any aspect of school life, please come and have an informal, no commitment chat with me in the New Year.

Thanks also to you, our parent community for supporting our children in so many ways at home – hearing them read, supervising homework, supporting with times tables and spellings, and so on.

Finally, a huge **thank you to our amazing staff team** who work tirelessly to ensure we really are a school who always 'Aims for the best' for every one of our children.

End of term updates

Attendance – Well done to the 27 children who have avoided the cold bugs and have 100% attendance this term and thank you to all the parents who have made a concerted effort not to book holidays in term time. Over recent weeks, we have had quite a high level of illness, but our whole school attendance has remained at a healthy 96.5%.

Current attendance by class is as follows:

Wren Class	94%
Robin Class	99%
Woodpecker Class	96%
Pheasant Class	97%

Well done to all our children in Robin class who have amazing attendance.

In line with the Chichester Locality Attendance policy, every child will bring home an attendance report at the end of next half term.

Term Dates

Term finishes at normal time on Friday 15th December, and the spring term starts for the children on Wednesday 3rd January 2024. As usual, children will be in their PE kits.

Spring Term Clubs – I will send out a letter regarding spring term clubs in the very first week of term. Clubs will commence in the week starting 8th January.



Parent/Carer Wellbeing 26th January

The wellbeing of our whole school community is of the greatest importance to us. Therefore, we have teamed up with Chichester Wellbeing to offer access to private and confidential, one to one advice and support on Friday 26th January 2024.

The 30-minute appointments give you the opportunity to discuss any aspect of your lifestyle, including emotional well-being, stress management, weight management; healthy eating; exercise; smoking cessation; alcohol awareness; and pre-diabetes. In addition, you can choose to use their body composition scales which not only give weight but BMI, hydration levels, fat percentage etc.

If you want to take advantage of this free confidential service to improve your health and wellbeing in 2024, a booking sheet is available to complete in the school entrance. Here you will also find flyers providing more information about the service.

Website / Social Media - Please remember that copies of all letters sent home, and photos of school events are on our school website. www.lavant.w-sussex.sch.uk. Regular updates on school life are also available on our school Instagram feed.

I pray that you all have a peaceful, healthy and happy Christmas!

Adrian King

Learning Together in Faith – Always Aiming for our Best

