



Lavant

C.E. Primary School

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CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER 2016

Dear Parents,

A few updates before we break up for the festive session.

Carol Service

Well done again to all the children who sung, read and performed so very well at our annual Carol Service at St Mary's Church. It was lovely to see so many of you there, and thank you to all of you who have made such positive comments about our yearly service.



Japanese twinning

This week Pheasant class met with our twin school in Japan to share some songs and learn about each other a little more. The Japanese children sang the PPAP song for us and did a famous Japanese dance, while we sang two songs including Rudolph the Red-nosed reindeer for them. It was great Skype session and we look forward to sharing more of our learning with Hirabari-Minami School again in the spring term.

Thank you

Choir - Thank you to Mrs. Holden for working so hard with our school choir. I am sure you will agree they sang beautifully at our Carol Service as they did at the Lavant Lunch Club.

Recorders – A huge thank you to Mrs. Smith who volunteers each week to teach our recorder group. We are very proud of our recorder ensemble and are keen to encourage more children to take up this instrument. If this is something that might interest your children, please encourage them to join our new beginners group starting in January.

The Friends – Once again we must say a huge “**THANK YOU**” to ‘The Friends’ who organised a wonderful Christmas Fair and Disco. We also thank them 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. We are desperately looking for new people to take a leading role in our ‘Friends’ group. Please do consider whether this may be an area in which you could support our school. More information about this will be coming home in the New Year.

Attendance – Congratulations to the **27 children** who have had **100% attendance** this term and thank you to all the parents who have made a concerted effort not to book holidays in term time. This term, despite recent illness, our overall attendance has been 97% which is a percentage to be proud of.

Spring Term Clubs – Clubs will begin again from Monday 9th January. I know many children are signed up for morning and afterschool clubs run by outside providers. A full clubs list will come home at the very start of the spring term.

Golden Learning Opportunities (GLO) – GLO will be running again in 2017 during the second half of the spring term. Many thanks to those of you who have already expressed an interest in running or supporting a Golden Learning Opportunity, however, we will be looking for many more helpers to make this another successful year of learning opportunities. Please look out for further information about GLO early in the New Year.

Dates - Term finishes at normal time tomorrow, Friday 16th December, and the spring term starts for the staff and children on Tuesday 3th January 2017.

Website: Please remember that news of all school events can be found on our school website, as can copies of all letters sent home. www.lavant.w-sussex.sch.uk

Finally, as another busy term draws to a close I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your continued support of all we do at Lavant. Thank you to those of you who continually help and encourage your child in so many ways at home – hearing them read, supervising homework, testing tables and spellings. Thanks also to those of you who give up precious time to come into school to work with individuals and groups, or work behind the scenes to enrich the learning opportunities and lives of all the children in our school.

***On behalf of all the staff and governors, have a great Christmas!
and a PEACEFUL NEW YEAR***



Adrian King

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