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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We have had a wonderful few events in school recently celebrating the festive season; the children loved the opportunity to perform in front of family and friends. Thank you to all of you who attended our fabulous Nativity this year, and for coming to join with us to share in our Christmas Music Assembly.



It was also lovely to see so many of you on Tuesday at St Mary's Church for our annual Carol Service. I'm sure you will agree with me that the children excelled themselves this year. We were very proud of them all.

Attendance – Well done to the 40 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 97.1%.

Current attendance by class is as follows:

Wren Class 96.4%
Robin Class 97.6%
Woodpecker Class 96.8%
Pheasant Class 97.7%

As always, as we approach the end of another calendar year, 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 at the end of November. Each of the events the Friends team organises requires a lot of work behind the scenes, which we're hugely grateful for. These efforts really do make a difference to both our school community and to each and every individual child at our school. The Friends are always 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**.



















A huge **thank you to our amazing staff and governor teams** who work tirelessly to ensure we really are a school who always 'aims for the best' for every one of our children.

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 12th January.

Spring Term Dates / INSET Days

The spring term starts for the children on Monday 5th January 2023. Please ensure all children are in the school grounds ready to enter their classrooms at 8:45am.

Friday 30th January and Monday 23rd February are INSET days and school will be closed on these dates for staff training.

Website / Social Media - Please remember that copies of all letters sent home, and photos of school events can be found on our school website, www.lavant.w-sussex.sch.uk. We also regularly post photos of class learning and events on our school Instagram account.

Finally, thank you to you, our parent community, for your continued encouragement and support of all we do here at Lavant. We are so grateful for being part of such an active and supportive community.

We pray that you all have a peaceful, healthy and happy Christmas.

Adrian King

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