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CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER 2019



Dear Parents/Guardians,

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 St Mary's Church for our annual Carol Service on Tuesday. I am sure you will agree with me that it was a lovely service; I was very proud of all the children.

Thank you to everyone who supports our children in so many ways at home – hearing them read, supervising homework, supporting with times tables and spellings. Thanks also to those of you who give up precious time to come into school to work with individuals and groups. I must also thank 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.

A huge "**THANK YOU**" to The Friends, and all those who have helped organise such a fabulous Christmas Fair and Disco. We also thank The Friends for all the Christmas treats that have been provided for the children this year, including the surprise treat that has been planned for tomorrow afternoon.

Choir & Recorders – **Thank you** to Mrs. Holden and Mrs. Smith for working so hard with our school choir and recorder ensemble who have performed on a number of occasions over this festive period.

Attendance – Well done to the 30 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. Due to high levels of illness, our whole school attendance has slightly dropped this term to 96%. I hope that with a good rest over Christmas, colds will be shaken off, and our attendance will be back up to its normal high standards. I am very pleased to announce that the class with the highest attendance this term has been Wren Class. **Well done to our youngest, and toughest, children.** In line with the Chichester Locality Attendance policy, every child will bring home an attendance report at the end of next half term.

Parents of Children in Pheasant class - Please note that next term Mr. Taylor's leadership day will be a Thursday. Mrs. Kern will therefore be teaching the class on this day rather than a Monday.

















Golden Learning Opportunities (*GLO*) – GLO will be running again in 2020 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.

Spring Term Clubs – Karate begins on Monday 6th January 2020 and all other Clubs will begin again from the week beginning Monday 13th January. A full list of clubs running during the spring term will come home at the very start of the year.

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

Term Dates

Term finishes at normal time on Friday 20th December, and the spring term starts for the children on Monday 6th January 2020.

On behalf of all the staff and governors, have a great Christmas!



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