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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been fantastic welcoming you back into school over the past few days, and it has been wonderful giving our children the chance to, once again, perform in front of an audience of family and friends. Thank you to all of you who attended our Ukulele assembly, KS1 performance of



The Inn Crowd, and KS2 Christingle Service. We have received so many overwhelmingly positive comments and have been so grateful to everyone for taking extra precautions to ensure everyone stays safe.



Today we had a fun filled Christmas Music assembly allowing children across the school to show off their dance and musical talents. Everyone enjoyed their festive Christmas lunch, and all the children looked amazing in their Christmas jumpers.

Attendance – Amazingly, despite the disruptions again this term, 20 children have achieved 100% attendance, which is very impressive. Our overall attendance for all pupils is just below 94%. This is much lower than normal but remarkably good considering the current climate. In line with the Chichester Locality Attendance policy, every child will bring home an attendance report at the end of next half term.

Staffing update

This week we bid a farewell to Mrs. Yelland and Mrs. Holden who are sadly leaving at the end of the term. We are sure that you will all join us in wishing both ladies good luck in their new adventures and thank them for all they have contributed to our school during their time with us. This is also a very fitting time to thank **our whole staff team** who have worked tirelessly again this term, providing the very best for all our children.

Thank you to The Friends, who have done such an amazing job this term and have managed to raise a whopping ± 5190.02 for the school. Please see the latest termly Friends Newsletter that came out yesterday for more details of their work this term.



Thank you also to you, our parent community, for your continued encouragement and support of all we do here at Lavant. We know that the past months have been difficult for many of you and we are so grateful for being part of such an active and supportive community.

Plea from Mrs. Totman – can you help with our school library?

If you are able to spare an hour or two a week to help Mrs. Totman run our school library, please speak to her in the new year.

Spring Term Clubs – Restrictions allowing, we are hoping to run a number of school clubs again next term and a separate letter will be sent out regarding these in the very first week of term.

Term Dates and New year

Term finishes at normal time tomorrow, 17th December, and the spring term starts for the children on Tuesday 4th January 2022.

We are fully planning to be open for business as usual in the New Year, but will obviously be keeping a close eye on the latest government guidelines. If COVID rates continue to rise over the festive period and we are required to make any last minute changes to our school provision at the start of the new term, we will endeavour to inform you as early as possible. Please be aware however, that we usually find out about key changes at the same time as the public during the Downing Street press conferences. Please also keep a close eye on our website as we will publish all key information as soon as we are able to.

Website - Please remember that copies of all letters sent home, and photos of school events can be found on our school website. <u>www.lavant.w-sussex.sch.uk</u>

We wish you all a peaceful, healthy and happy Christmas!

Adrian King



