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Long Lawford News...

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Yesterday I stood and proudly watched our key stage 2 children (Years 3 to 6) perform their Christmas show. I really enjoyed the show and was reminded once again of how talented the children are at Long Lawford Primary School. I am very grateful for the many lovely comments I received from parents, carers and grandparents about the show. I am also grateful to the many parents and carers who took the opportunity of 'open classrooms' to share and celebrate their child's learning this term.

Attendance - Unfortunately our rates of absence from school and lateness are still too high when compared to schools both locally and nationally. The following figures for the previous academic year, 2015 -16, illustrate this:

School attendance	95.9%
National attendance	96.1%
Local attendance	96%

I would urge all parents and carers to make it their priority for the new year that their child is in school, on time, every day. To encourage this we will again be looking to reward children and classes for good attendance each week. Thank you

School choir - A BIG well done to our school choir who, last Sunday, performed at the Salvation Army in Rugby. I received a lovely email saying: '*The choir sang fantastically and we really enjoyed their songs. They obviously enjoy being in the choir. They also behaved perfectly and were great representatives of the school.*' My thanks to Miss McNaughton and Mrs Bach for all their hard work preparing the choir.

INSET day - A reminder that school will be closed on **Tuesday, 3rd January 2017** for teacher training. School will reopen for children at the usual time on **Wednesday, 4th January 2017**.

London trip - ALL payments for the Year 6 overnight trip to London in May 2017 (May 17th and 18th) need to be received by Easter. Thank you

Year 4 / 5 residential - In May we are proposing to offer the opportunity of a residential trip for children in Years 4 and 5. The venue for the trip will be Condover Hall in Shropshire and will be for 2 nights (May 8th and 9th), 3 days. Mr Watts and I visited Condover Hall recently and it really is a lovely activity centre. A letter will be sent home early next term with more details. I would encourage parents and carers to return the reply slip promptly with a deposit as places will be limited.

Parking in school - I would remind parents and carers once again that parking (dropping off/picking up) is **not permitted** in the school car park. Thank you.

Pantomime trip - Today the children had a fantastic time at the Beauty and the Beast pantomime in Leamington. It proved an eventful one for me! A BIG thank you to the FOLLs for making this trip so reasonable by meeting the cost of the theatre ticket for each child.



Wishing all our families a

Merry Christmas

and a

Happy New Year

