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Dear Parents and Carers,

I wanted to let you know how wonderful it has been to have all the children back in school this week. The children have all come into school with big smiles on their faces, excited and happy to see their friends and teachers. When visiting the classrooms the children have all settled so well back into the routines of school and have been fully engaged in their learning.

#### Science week:

This week all the children have engaged with a range of science activities for science week. Our sports partnership delivered the active science sessions on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March and the children investigated how to keep fit and healthy and explored what happens to our bodies when we exercise. They all had a lot of fun and despite the rain were very active!

#### FOLS Charity Causes:

##### Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2021 is Red Nose Day, raising money for Comic Relief.

This year the theme is Superheroes, all children are invited to DONATE TO DRESS UP! From Wonder Woman and Superman to Air-Guitar-Girl and Bakes-Brilliant-Cakes-Boy, choose or create a superhero and donate £1 to dress up for the day. We are super excited and can't wait to see Layston School full of superheros!

#### FOLS: Fundraising For Layston

As it's been such an upside down year, our fundraising for Layston School has been very minimal, FOLS are putting together some fun Easter themed activities for the children to enjoy inside and outside of school whilst raising money for Layston. Please look out for further details that will be shared soon. As always, we really appreciate all the support from Layston Families, all donations make a big difference.

#### Reminders:

Children will be bringing reading books home at the start of the week on a Monday and these will then be collected in on Friday so they can be quarantined over the weekend. Please ensure that your child has their book bag in school every day. Teachers will be setting homework and we will be doing this using the home learning folders on the website. Hard copies will be sent out if requested.

#### Covid 19:

**Remember as soon as your child or any member of your household develops symptoms, they must start self-isolating immediately and book a test. Main symptoms of coronavirus are:**

- a high temperature (37.8 deg C or more)
- a new, continuous cough - this means coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- a loss or change to sense of smell or taste - this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

If you're not sure whether symptoms suggest that they have COVID-19 or an everyday cough or cold, you can consult this online NHS symptom checker: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>





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**If your child is attending school please do not send children in to school if any of the following apply:**

- they have symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19)
- they, or any members of your household, have tested positive for COVID-19
- they haven't completed the full 10 day isolation period requested

Self-isolating is one of the most important things we can all do to help stop the spread of the virus and protect our loved ones and the vulnerable. You can read our helpful self-isolating guide

at: [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/selfisolatingguide](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/selfisolatingguide)

If you or your family are affected by COVID-19 and need support locally with things like shopping, getting medication or financial advice, visit: [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/coronavirus)

Best wishes

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