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For every child a chance to shine



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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had another wonderful week of learning and the children have been busy practising their songs and poems ready to record for the Easter service which will be available on the website from next Tuesday 23rd March. We will send out a reminder of how to access this nearer the time.

Competition winner:

Many pupils in reception and years 1-4 used their last week of home learning earlier this month to put pen to paper and write their own original stories. Their stories were entered for a competition organised by McCarthy Stone. These were shared with the homeowners at *The Apartments at Royal Gardens* in Buntingford to read and enjoy, as well as select a winner.

Year four pupil, Darcy, was chosen as the winner thanks to a fantastic story entitled 'A True Dream'. Darcy was awarded a book token to help her to continue to enjoy her love of reading, whilst the school also received a donation towards books for the library.

Julie Ward, National Sales Director for McCarthy Stone, said: "Our homeowners have had a fantastic time reading all of the children's stories, the pupils' enthusiasm and confidence really shone through. We all thoroughly enjoyed reading them and there are certainly some very talented young writers in here in Buntingford. It was hard to pick a winner, but Darcy's work really stood out. Well done Darcy!"

We are really proud of all our budding authors but send a particular well done to Darcy.

FOLS: Fundraising For Layston

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.

It's wonderful to see all our little Layston superheroes today and we particularly love the homemade outfits. The children really have been superheroes during lockdown.

Reminders:

Next Friday is the end of the spring term and school will finish earlier than usual. The staggered finish times are as follows:

YR and Y1: 1:45pm

Y2: 1:50pm

Y3: 1:55pm

Y4: 2:00pm





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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/>

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

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

Best wishes

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