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For every child a chance to shine*



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the summer term. We hope you have had an enjoyable Easter break and managed to catch up with friends and family outdoors in the spring sunshine.

This half term's value is Love and the children will be exploring this over the course of the half term. Love is a very important value to us as a school because God's love underpins everything that we do. It is very much 'the why' of who we are. Love is evident in our relationships with each other and in our actions to support our community and our world. We see it in our interactions, feel it when we are together, and experience it through how others act towards us.

FOLS Fundraising:

We have been humbled by the amazing support from our families with the fundraising over the Easter holidays! A huge thank you to everyone for your fantastic efforts. The Bunny Portrait Competition raised £87.00, the Easter Egg Raffle raised £657 and the Sponsored Bunny Hop raised £641.45! A big shout out to Amelia (Y1), Louie (Y2), Ethan (YR) and Sophie (Y3) who all raised over £100 each for their brilliant hop, skips and jumps!

This totals an amazing £1385.45. FOLS and Layston School are so grateful for the support from all of our families. We will let you know what projects and/or activities the money has gone towards in the next newsletter.

If you want to join FOLS to help with fundraising, events and activities any amount of time you can spare - no matter how much or little - is greatly appreciated! If you are interested in joining the team or have any suggestions/ideas please contact Kerri on 07815014031.

A reminder to parents:

Please email class teachers to request conversations rather than approaching them at drop off or pick up when the class teachers priority is a swift and safe entry/exit for all pupils in their class to enable a free flow of parents through the playground.

As of Monday 12th April we are now able to meet up in groups of 6 outside. We would still request that you observe social distancing measures at school drop off and pick up and that you continue to wear a mask for the time being.





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Enhanced track and trace being piloted locally:

An enhanced track and trace service led by HCC, will be updating workplaces, education settings and close contacts of individuals directly if someone tests positive for Covid-19 following a PCR test.

Parents and carers should still report positive cases to the school as normal, however this pilot scheme aims to provide an additional safety net to ensure that all cases are reported as early as possible, to reduce or prevent risk of transmission.

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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