



*Loving to learn, Learning to love.
For every child a chance to shine*



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Harvest:

Thank you so much for your generous food donations for the Buntingford Food Bank. We are looking forward to celebrating our Harvest Festival on Tuesday with Rev. Caroline Wilson. We will be posting videos of our class songs on the website next week.

On Friday we will be holding a non-uniform day to raise money for 'Water is Life', the Bishop's chosen Harvest Appeal, helping to provide clean water for the people of the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Please see the video on our website home page for more information. Please donate £1 if you are able.

Black History Month - homework:

As October is Black History Month, Miss Wilcox has led a Collective Worship on BHM and the PowerPoint is available on the school website under Church Foundation - Collective Worship. Please explore this with your child. There is a homework, if they are interested over the half term break, which is to explore the history and achievements of a Black man or woman either from the past or now. Please share this homework with Mrs Betley either by email: head@layston.herts.sch.uk or bring into Mrs Betley on return to school in November.

Black History Month - African Dance Workshop:

FOLS have booked an African Dance Workshop on Monday 18.10.21 to support our celebration of Black History Month. I am sure the children will enjoy this enormously and there will be some wonderful photos for you to view in our half termly newsletter.

Parents' Consultations:

As Covid rates are still high this is a gentle reminder to turn up just before your allotted time so that we avoid over-crowding the hall and dining area with too many people. There will be two tables between you and the class teacher to enhance our social distancing and we request that you wear a mask unless medically exempt. Please stay 2m apart from other people in school and leave promptly after your appointment to avoid unnecessary contact and spreading of Covid/seasonal germs. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this.

Uniform:

Please label everything!! It is so hard to reunite your child with their lost jumper/cardigan if it is not named as they all look the same.

What if my child is ill?

To help to minimise the risk of illness to all, there is a requirement that your child does not attend school and stays at home when they are unwell in any way. If anyone in the school becomes unwell with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature, or has a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia), they will be sent home and advised to take a PCR test and then follow NHS and government guidance.

I would like to express my thanks to all the staff and pupils for continuing to work so tirelessly to showcase Layston. It is a pleasure to lead them in Mrs McMurrough's absence and I look forward to continuing into next half term.

Best wishes, Susie Betley
Acting Head/Deputy

