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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a quiet week here at school apart from Covid, and the continued demands that brings. However, as far as the children's learning goes, all has been running smoothly and the children have been working hard in their lessons. This week, the children from Year 4 have been writing very persuasive statements on the theme: 'Ban the Dark.' I have had the pleasure of hearing some of them read their work. It is very convincing indeed. They would make super speech writers. Great work Year 4!

Solar Panels are coming to Layston!

Starting next week, Layston School will be having solar panels fitted to the school's roof as part of lowering carbon emissions and improving our energy costs. There will be scaffolding erected around the building for safe working, which will be fenced off to protect the children. The work, we are told, should take no longer than a week. All we will need then, is a little sunshine ☺

Covid update:

School still remains in a Covid outbreak situation, and therefore we shall remain in our bubbles to help try and lessen the impact. Some of you may have noticed new faces in classes this week. This is because we have a number of members of staff having to isolate because of Covid. We are doing our best to try and keep consistent staff in classes, but this is not always possible. Please bear with us at this tricky time. The Leadership Team is grateful to all of our Teachers, TA's and MSA's who have stepped up to offer additional support where they can, thank you.

Changes to the self-isolation period for those who test positive for COVID-19

From Monday 17 January, people who are self-isolating with COVID-19 will have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative with a lateral flow device (LFD) test on both day 5 and day 6 and they do not have a temperature. For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to their education or childcare setting immediately on day 6.

The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day. All test results should be reported to NHS Test and Trace.

If the result of either of their tests is positive, they should continue to self-isolate until they get negative results from two LFD tests on consecutive days or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest.

Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests or anyone who continues to have a temperature will need to complete the full 10 day period of self-isolation.

If your child becomes unwell for whatever reason and is unable to attend school, please can you call the school office before 9am. Thank you.

Cold weather:

As temperatures have dropped please ensure your child has appropriate layers, a school coat, hat and gloves, all named.

Best wishes,

Barbara Young

