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Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back. We hope that you all had a fun relaxing holiday and managed to get out and about.

### **Covid, disappeared but not gone.**

We seem to have returned after the break Covid free, I am glad to report. This has meant that we shall now continue to operate school as normal, with no bubbles and the usual social mixing of the children. We are maintaining watchfulness and still keeping up our enhanced hygiene procedures to try to keep everyone safe and well. That said, **don't forget...**if your child should test positive for Covid, please can you email the school's Covid notification address [Covid@layston.herts.sch.uk](mailto:Covid@layston.herts.sch.uk) or alternatively [admin@layston.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@layston.herts.sch.uk) and not the class teacher. Thank you.

### **World Book Day has come around again!**

A letter was emailed out yesterday from Mrs. Kelly with details about how we are celebrating it this year. In case you missed it, I have copied it below.

Dear Parents and Carers,

#### When are we celebrating World Book Day?

Due to another event happening in school on the official World Book Day, Layston will be celebrating World Book Day next week on **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March.**

#### Dressing up

On the day, children are welcome to dress up, either as a character from a book, or in pyjamas as though they were going to enjoy a bed time story! If your child does not enjoy dressing up, they are very welcome to come to school in their normal school uniform. Please be aware that if your child has P.E. that day, they will need to be able to move around in their costume. The day will be focused on enjoying books and reading for pleasure.

#### Photo time!

We invite children to submit a photo of themselves reading in an unusual place! Upside down on a climbing frame? On a horse? Under the bed? With a torch under the duvet? Up a tree? Wherever you can think of, get caught reading! Photos will be used to make a display in the library. Submit them on tapestry or by email - we look forward to seeing your creativity.

Mrs. Kelly



**Volunteer Readers:** If before Covid, you were a volunteer reader, please can you get in touch with the class that you supported and arrange a convenient time for you to return. We could really do with your help listening to the children read. If you haven't done this before and you would like to consider helping us in this way, please speak to your child's teacher or the School Office for more information. Thank you.

### **School Gates**

Due to staffing and changes within the usual routines of school staff, as well as with changes for the before and after school clubs, we are aware that the gates have not been opened on time every day in the way that you are used to. We are we are trying to co-ordinate the opening and closing of the gates better to prevent any bottlenecks. Please accept our apologies for any inconvenience that has been caused. We shall all try to do better.



Spring is in the air...

Our wonderful Site Manager Derek last term spent many hours planting a new hedgerow at the front of the school. The daffodil bulbs planted underneath them have started to peep through. It promises to look stunning over the coming months.

### **School Values Booklet**

The values theme for this term is Hope. What better way to greet the coming of Easter. I have attached this Term's Values Booklet for you to enjoy and share with your family.







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### Parent Consultations (otherwise known as Parents Evenings)

You should have already have received information about this and an invitation to attend. If you have not received information from the Office, please you let us know. The consultations will be on a face to face basis in school, unless you request otherwise. We look forward to seeing you then.

**Diary Dates.** To help you plan and know what is happening in school, I shall be including a Diary Dates entry that will be updated weekly. I hope you find this useful.

 <h2 style="color: green;">Layston First School Diary Dates</h2> 	
February 2022	
Monday 28th	
March 2022	
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	8 Year 4's out Stansted Abbots Dragon's Den
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Anglo Saxon Day (Y4) in Hall all day
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup>	WORLD BOOK DAY : PJ's or Character Dress
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup>	
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	
Thursday 10	
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup>	
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup>	
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup>	
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Olympic Athlete Visit Montel Douglas
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Reception Parent Consultations All Day Year 1 Parent Consultations from 3:30 - 6:30 pm
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Year 3 Parent Consultations All Day
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 Parent Consultations All Day Year 4 Parent Consultations 3:30 - 6:30 pm
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 Parent Consultations 8:30 - 4 pm
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 History Off the Page All Day
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup>	
Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup>	
April 2022	
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Last Day of Term 2 pm Finish Easter Holiday starts
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	School Opens First Day of School 8:50 am start Mrs. McMurrough returns

Best wishes,  
Barbara Young

