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### LAYSTON C of E FIRST SCHOOL

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Interim Head Teacher Mrs B Young

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2022

Dear Parents & Carers,

It has been a super week here at school, with lots of learning taking place. It has been good to pop into classes and see the children fully engaged in their lessons. Behind the scenes, there have also been Pupil Progress Meetings with Class Teachers to discuss how your children are coming along in their learning and if there is anything else that can be done to help support them. Layston has some great teaching staff that are very committed to giving your children the very best educational experience possible. It was delightful to listen to them talk about each child and the progress they are making, and the ambitions teachers have for them to achieve by the end of the year. It was all very uplifting. I hope that you will feel the same way too after you have had your parent consultations in a couple of weeks' time. If you have not booked your slot, please do so as soon as possible.

#### Reception

Here are some photos of our reception class using our newly refurbished kitchen area.



#### Anglo Saxon Day Year 4

What an exciting day for the children – such a memorable experience packed with fun, laughter, tales of the ‘ye olde’ days all with plenty of physical activity from sword fighting, shield wall building to archery.





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### World Book Day has come around again!

My goodness what a dazzling sight it was, to see the children's arrival this morning dressed either as their favourite book character or in their cosy pyjamas. Well done to everyone for making such a fabulous effort.



### Lost Property

We have piles and piles and piles of it! We shall be leaving it all on the school playground every day at the end of the school day. Please have a rummage and see if your child's coat, cardigan, trouser, shoe (strangely, usually 1 foot) or sock is there waiting to be reclaimed. By the end of the week, we shall bag it all up and dispose of it so that we can make some space for the next lot that will undoubtedly appear again rather like empty coat hangers in the wardrobe...

*P.S so that we can stand a better chance of getting your child's clothing back to you in a timely manner, please can you ensure that all uniform is named. Many thanks.*

**Volunteer Readers:** A warm welcome back to our volunteer readers. We have missed you! Thank you for coming in to help listen to the children read. It really does help to improve the children's confidence and skills in this area. If you would like to help and but haven't done so before, why not pop into your child's teacher or the School Office and ask how you can become involved. It doesn't have to be a big time commitment – just as much or as little as you can offer is absolutely fine by us. Thank you.



### School Values Booklet

The values theme for this term is Hope. We have put this term's Values Booklet on our school website for you to enjoy and share with your family.

### Covid, disappeared but not gone.

We are still Covid free but 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.

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

A reminder that Parents Consultations will be on a face to face basis in school, unless you request otherwise. If you haven't booked already, please sign up now. We look forward to seeing you then.





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**Diary Dates:** To help you plan we are including diary dates within this letter for your information.

*It looks as if it is going to be a quiet week next week.*

 <b>Layston First School Diary Dates</b> 	
<b>March 2022</b>	
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Forest School for Reception
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Forest School Y3 Matt Campany RTFC working with Y2
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Forest School for Y1 Year 1 Buntingford Field Trip Morning only
Thursday 10	Forest School for Y2 Matt C RTFC working with Y1 and Y4
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Forest School Y4 Matt Campany RTFC working with Reception and Y3
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Forest School Reception
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Forest School for Y3 Matt Campany RTFC working with Y2
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Forest School for Y1 FOLS Y3 Cake Bake After School
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Forest School for Y2 Matt C RTFC working with Y1 and Y4
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Olympic Athlete Visit Montel Douglas Forest School for Y4 Matt Campany RTFC working with Reception and Y3
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>	Year 1 Parent Consultation 8:30 - 3:30 pm
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>	
<b>April 2022</b>	
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. McMurrrough returns





## Ukraine:

The following advice has been provided by Hertfordshire County Council for parents and students who may wish to support those fleeing war torn Ukraine.

Financial donations to organisations that have a presence on the borders is the most effective means of providing support to families in need. Community collections tend to be resource intensive and can involve costly logistics whilst transporting goods through many countries can be frustratingly slow. Therefore, we are not supporting local collection points at this time.

A financial donation to one of the organisations below will have an immediate impact and help fund what is most needed on the ground:

- [The British Red Cross](#) has launched an appeal to help the Ukrainian Red Cross to provide food, medicine, clothing and shelter, as well as first aid training in bomb shelters.
- [The UNHCR](#) refugee agency is funding emergency shelters, repairs for homes damaged by shelling, emergency cash assistance, psychological support and warm clothing.
- [UNICEF](#) is helping to ensure families have clean water and food and that child health and protection services continue.
- [The Association of Ukrainians in Great Britain](#) is fundraising for medicine, food and other essentials.
- [Save the Children](#) is providing cash assistance, food and other support to refugees crossing into Romanian and Lithuania, as well as in Ukraine itself.

For those who still wish to make a physical donation we understand that Goods for Good are running a Ukraine Appeal and are seeking donations:

### [Goods for Good Ukraine Appeal](#)

kindest regards,  
**Barbara Young**

