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LAYSTON C of E FIRST SCHOOL

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Friday 25th March 2022

Dear Parents & Carers,

Parent Consultations Thank you.

Thank you for attending your child's Parent Consultation this week. It was important for Teachers to be able to share with you the progress that your child has been making since September and the next steps in their learning journey. I hope that you found it very helpful and connected with what you have been seeing in your child's development since September.

Lost Property

All lost property will be disposed of by the end of the term. Please make sure you pop in and have a rummage before then. When it's gone it's gone as they say...

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.

This week in school...

This week there has been some beautiful singing echoing from the school hall as the children have been practising their Easter celebration songs. These will be recorded and placed on the school website for you to enjoy by the end of term.

General Behaviour

Layston, prides itself of the usually excellent behaviour of its pupils, and indeed you their parents. Certainly as someone new to the school in January, I have been impressed by the warmth and kindness that I have seen inside of the classroom, on the playground and at pupil drop off and collection times. It is with some sadness then, that I have to write this message. I accept that it is aimed at a few, but I have included you all because of the potential impact that witnessing the poor behaviour of others may have had. This week I was informed that something had happened at school involving a couple of pupils while I was away on a course. A parent of one of the children involved took matters into their own hands at pick up to rebuke one of the children involved. When there is an incident at school, we will always look into it. We have a legal duty to care for and protect your children to the best of our ability when they are at school. This is a central part of our Safeguarding duty that all staff commit to.

If on the odd occasion we have not handled matters to your satisfaction, please come in to school and ask to speak to a senior leader to talk matters through. We are here to help make sure everything is as it should be. It is never acceptable for a parent who is unrelated to another child at the school, to tell that child off. I would ask that all remember this as we are trying to keep all of the children





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feeling safe and secure at school. Aggressive behaviour by adults towards either children or staff of the school is taken very seriously. It should be noted that head Teachers do have the legal powers to ban aggressive adults from the school premises if the need arises. This is not a step we would take lightly, but is it one that we are prepared to take nevertheless, if we need to in order to ensure that the school community feels and remains safe. I hope that this week was a one-off, I feel sure that it is, however I feel that it is important that I apologise to all members of the School's community that may have witnessed this unacceptable behaviour and would like to reassure you all, that we as a school have a zero tolerance for this kind of conduct.

Covid and other sickness – a reminder

We have a couple of illnesses moving through the school, which may be helpful for you to be aware of. The first is a sickness bug that causes vomiting and or diarrhoea. If this happens to your child please can make sure that they remain home for 48 hours after the last episode. The second illness appears to cause a high temperature and general 'out of sorts' feeling of being unwell. Children seem to recover from this over a period of 24 to 48 hours. We also still have some Covid cases. If your child tests positive for Covid, please can you email the school's Covid notification address Covid@layston.herts.sch.uk or alternatively admin@layston.herts.sch.uk and not the class teacher. Thank you.

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

Last rush of activities to see in the Easter holidays ☺

<h2 style="margin: 0;">Layston First School Diary Dates</h2>	
<p>March / April 2022</p>	
Monday 28 th March	History Off The Page Year 3
Tuesday 29 th March	1:15 pm Gener8te Easter Assembly
Wednesday 30 th March	Easter Celebration with Reverend Caroline 10:45 am
Thursday 31 st March	FOLS Easter Hamper raffles closes today
Friday 1 st April	Non-uniform day £1 donation please Rasin boxes fundraising - Easter Hamper by FOLS up for grabs Last Day of Term 2 pm Finish Easter Holiday starts
Tuesday 19 th April	School Opens First Day of School 8:50 am start Mrs. McMurrrough returns
Wednesday	
Thursday	
<p>April 2022</p>	
Tuesday 19 th April	





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Kindest regards,
Barbara Young



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THURSDAY 14th APRIL The Mill House, HERTFORD **SOLD OUT**

9.30am - 11.30am

£20

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