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**LAYSTON C of E FIRST SCHOOL**

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy new year to you all and welcome back to the spring term 2023. It has been a lovely week at school, a real pleasure dropping into classes and seeing the children all settled into their learning. They are a real credit to you!

**New School Website Launch:**

Our new school website will launch this weekend. We have worked hard to incorporate your feedback focussing on mobile friendliness, ease of use and up-to-date information especially regarding times, dates, and events.

Key features of the new website include:

- School calendar which you can link to directly on your phone so you receive all the latest calendar dates and events
- Standardised class pages where you will find spellings, maths, home learning for each year group
- The 'useful information' area, which has links to the lunch menu, school payments system and parents evening system, and much more.

You can also add the website as an app to the home screen of your phone for quick access.

Thank you again for your support, and we look forward to being able to share the new site with you over the weekend.

**After school clubs:**

A reminder that after school clubs have started for the spring term. School run clubs will finish on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March.

**Cold weather:**

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

**Illness:**

As pupils return to school following the Christmas break, Public Health England is reminding people that winter illnesses continue to circulate at high levels. Following simple steps can help protect children, minimise the spread of illness in education and childcare settings and protect wider communities. Please refer to the Winter Health update information leaflet Jan 2023 sent out earlier this week.

**Allergies:**

Another reminder as we start the spring term that we are a nut free school please make sure you are not sending your child in with any nuts or bars that contain nuts (please check the ingredients). We also have children with severe allergies and intolerances to certain foods and so in order to keep them safe we may offer your child an alternative snack if we feel it is necessary.





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**Parent/teacher consultations:**

These will take place during the day the week commencing 20<sup>th</sup> March. Please look out for further information next week.

**Communication:**

Please can we remind you that if you need to have a lengthy conversation with your child's class teacher that this is scheduled for after school. Only brief and essential information is to be exchanged in the morning to enable the class teacher to be in the classroom to settle the children.

Best wishes,  
Adele McMurrough  
Head teacher

