

**LAYSTON C of E FIRST SCHOOL**

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Dear Parents and Carers,  
**Teaching and learning:**



The children have had a wonderful week of learning. This week, as we enter the start of Lent, in Forest School, the children have celebrated Pancake Day by cooking pancakes in the forest.

**Tai-Chi workshop:**



The children had a wonderful day taking part in the Tai-Chi workshop. They enjoyed learning different yoga and mindfulness exercises.



**Non-uniform day:**

The children came to school in non-uniform to raise funds for the school. We raised a huge £108 so thank you to everyone who supported this event.

**Spring term learning:**

Please remember to check the school website for information about spring term curriculum learning in your child's class.



Loving to learn, Learning to love.  
For every child a chance to shine



**Spring term events:**

Please check the calendar on the school website for all school events. I have highlighted the key dates below.

**Key dates:**

Date	Event
2 <sup>nd</sup> March	World Book Day drama workshop - dress up as favourite character or come in PJ's. Bring £1
3 <sup>rd</sup> March	9:00am Y1 parent phonic meeting in the hall
7 <sup>th</sup> March	3:15pm Eco Fair Trade cake bake sale
14 <sup>th</sup> March	Y3 cake bake
17 <sup>th</sup> March	Mad March hair day
20 <sup>th</sup> March	Y3 Learning conference
21 <sup>st</sup> March	Y4 Learning conference
22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Y2 Learning conference
23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Y1 Learning conference
24 <sup>th</sup> March	YR Learning conference
27 <sup>th</sup> March	Petting zoo
28 <sup>th</sup> March	9:30am Easter Service St Peter's
29 <sup>th</sup> March	Y3 History Off The Page
30 <sup>th</sup> March	Y1 farm trip
31 <sup>st</sup> March	School breaks up for Easter 1:30pm

**Strike action:**

Following recent ballots by teacher unions, the National Education Union (NEU) intend to carry out industrial action over the national pay offer and their members plan to strike over a number of days in the March.

The national dates are:

- \*Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March - school open
- \*Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March - TBC
- \*Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March - TBC

At the moment, school will be open as normal on the 1<sup>st</sup> March. I am anticipating that school will remain open for the remaining dates. I will keep you informed as the situation develops.

**Parking:**

A gentle reminder that parents should not park in the staff car park when collecting children from clubs. Thank you for your support with this.

**Dogs:**

A reminder to keep your dogs on the lead and under control when bringing them up to school. Please do not allow them to jump up at other people with dirty paws. Thank you for your cooperation.

Best wishes,  
Adele McMurrrough  
Head teacher

