



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



LAYSTON C of E FIRST SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Teaching and learning: The children have had another fabulous week of learning. This week in Forest School, the children have a chance to:

- learn about local fauna (grey squirrels) through games
- Keep warm, by dressing in layers and keeping active
- What we learn by going to Forest School

Science week 10th - 17th March: Next week all the children will be engaging with a range of science activities as part of Science week. The class teachers have planned this carefully using guidance from STEM. Also as part of Science week, the children will have the opportunity to take part in the Dinky or Junior Medic training! They will be learning that basic lifesaving skills can make a huge difference in those first few minutes of an emergency. These sessions will happen in school on Monday 13th and Tuesday 14th March. Also as part of Science week, RTYFC will be delivering an active science workshop for all children on Wednesday 15th March. They will need to come to school in PE or Forest School kit on this day.

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Comic Relief: On Friday 17th March, we are inviting the children to come to school wearing their own clothes and a red nose (if they wish) in aid of Comic Relief. We had originally planned Mad March Hair Day on this day, but due to the date clash, we are rescheduling this for May Mad Hair Day.

Odd Socks Day: To celebrate 'World Down Syndrome Day' on Tuesday 21st March we are inviting all the pupils to come to school in 'odd socks' with a voluntary contribution of £1 per pupil. All proceeds will be donated to the Down Syndrome Association charity.

Dogs on school grounds: We understand that you might want to walk your dog on the school run but we request that you do not bring your dog onto the playground (including being carried) or leave them tied up unsupervised on the path outside the school gates. Thank you for your support with this.

Mobile phone use: We understand the need for parents to use mobile phones for urgent calls. However, we request that unless it is urgent you are not on your phone when collecting your child so that you are present and ready to engage with them after the school day. Please keep mobile phones in pockets when not in use when on the school grounds.

Strike action: We plan to be open on both Wednesday and Thursday next week during the planned national strike action.

Best wishes,
Adele McMurrough
Head teacher

