



*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:

We have had some wonderful feedback from the teaching and learning conferences that happened this week. The children were very confident sharing their learning with you. It is clear they are flourishing and growing in independence.

#### Forest School:



It has been another busy week in Forest School. The children have been recognising the Spring Equinox and the official start of spring and celebrating the change of season by planting seedlings and seeds. They have been digging in the allotment and identifying, counting and measuring earthworms.

#### Odd Socks Day:

A huge thank you to all our children for wearing odd socks to support 'World Down Syndrome Day' on Tuesday 21st March. We managed to raise £78 as a result. Thank you!

#### Reminders:

##### Reception height and weight check:

The school nursing team will be visiting school on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March to complete the height and weight checks in school for our reception children.

##### Easter Service 28<sup>th</sup> March:

Another reminder that Reverend Kirsty has advised school that the seating capacity for adults who wish to watch our Easter service at St Peter's Church is only 57. Therefore, we politely request that only one adult from each family attend to enable as many families as possible to come to the service. If you have a pushchair with you, this will need to be left outside of the church. We thank you for your support with this.

##### Y1 farm visit:

Y1 will be visiting Church Farm in Ardeley next Wednesday. Please remember:

- All children will need to wear their school uniform. Children will change into their wellies at school depending on weather.
- All children will need to bring a named packed lunch unless they are eligible to free school meals.
- All children will also need to bring a named bottle of water.
- Water bottles and packed lunches go into a bag that can be carried on their back in a rucksack.

##### End of term:

A reminder that on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> school will finish at **1:30pm** for the Easter break.

Have a lovely weekend!

Best wishes,

Adele McMurrough

Head teacher