

LAYSTON C of E FIRST SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I have really enjoyed visiting classes this week and talking with the children about their learning. All of the children were able to tell me something about King Charles' coronation. YR and Y1 have been busy decorating crowns and all the children were extremely excited to bake coronation cookies.



We hope you enjoyed volunteering in Forest School this week, thank you for all the positive feedback we are very proud of our unique Forest School experience.

King Charles is quoted as once saying, "The greatest challenge we face is to reform our relationship with nature..." Layston pupils and their parents have used opportunities this week to enjoy nature: playing games, being creative, role-playing being a king or queen, building den palaces and having great fun. It is hoped the seed bombs that were made and sent home will help spread wildflowers and increase biodiversity in our part of the country, something the new King advocates.



The children enjoyed their teddy bear's coronation picnic in the dining room, the special

cakes and cookies went down a treat - thank you Mrs Game and Mrs Fone.



Enrichment:

Next week we have arranged an exciting opportunity for all of our children to experience. The Planetarium is visiting Layston on Friday 12th May. The children will be able to go into the dome and take part in an interactive session that teaches them all about space!

Staffing:

We are pleased to inform you that we have appointed a new teacher, Ms Gemma Croucher, for Y3 to start in September. After half term, she will be visiting to support transition and get to know the children.

School uniform:

We have a large number of un-named uniform items in school, some very new. Please name everything and ask at the office if you can check the lost property box in the hall. A reminder that large hair accessories, jewellery and nail varnish are not part of our uniform policy.



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



Parking:

A gentle reminder to our parents please do not park in front of the school car park gates. We would encourage you where possible to walk to school.

Bikes/scooters:

It is wonderful to see so many of our children riding to school on their bike or scooter. Remember to dismount before you go into the playground and walk your scooter or bike to the shelter ready for you to collect at the end of the day.

Free child entertainment:

Sally Squiggles will be providing free kids activities at the Fox and Duck on Saturday between 2-4pm.

Illness:

We have had a few cases of sickness and diarrhoea in school. A reminder that children must remain at home for 48hrs following any bout of diarrhoea and or sickness. Please remember to report your child's absence to the school office by 8:50am.

Enjoy the long weekend,
Best wishes,
Adele McMurrough
Head teacher

