

**LAYSTON C of E FIRST SCHOOL**

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Dear Parents and Carers,

**Teaching and Learning Enrichment:**



The Reception children enjoyed a visit from Garg's Animal Encounters. Garg brought in a variety of animals for the Reception children to interact with. They were particularly interested in the chinchilla, the giant cockroach. The children were very gentle with the animals and listened really carefully to Garth. They were very excited to get a chance to hold the tarantula and get so close to the owl!

**Sports day:**

Sports day will now take place on the morning of **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July**. We will start at **9:30am** and look forward to welcoming as many parents as possible to the school field so that you can support and cheer your child/ren on. Access to the top field will be through the car park gates which will be open from **9:15am** and we will aim to finish at **12:00pm** lunchtime. The children will then go back into school for lunch and an afternoon of learning.

**Reports:**

Teachers have been working hard writing your child/ren's reports. These will be issued on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July. Please remember to complete the slip to confirm that you have received it and to let us know if you would like a follow up meeting with the class teacher.

**Reminders:**

**Transition:**

Transition support continues for our new cohort. Y4 have been preparing for the next step of their journey to Edwinstree Middle School. Thursday **July 13<sup>th</sup>** is transition day. In school, children will visit their new class for part of the morning and our Y4 children will be spending the day at Edwinstree middle School.

**Parent Chat:**

We are looking forward to meeting parents at our next parent chat on **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July at 2:45pm**. We are currently reviewing the school's Behaviour Policy with staff and will be able to share this with you then. We will also be holding an open afternoon on **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July at 2:00pm-3:00pm** where parents will be invited into to share their children's writing projects.



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



#### **Y4 Leaver's Events:**

**Tues 18<sup>th</sup> July:** Y4 Leaver's service at St Peter's church 9:30 - Y4 parents only

**Wed 19<sup>th</sup> July:** Y4 Leaver's BBQ -3:15-5:00pm (Mr Strahan will be sending out further information the week before.)

#### **End of term:**

A reminder that school finishes on **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July at 1:30pm**

#### **A message from the Home Start Team:**

We are super excited to be announcing a new partnership over the next year between Home-Start Royston, Buntingford & South Cambridgeshire (HSRBSC) and The Fox and Duck pub in Buntingford.

For several years Liza and her team at the Fox and Duck have raised thousands of pounds for various charities that have touched their lives in some way. This year HSRBSC are the lucky charity that they have chosen to support!

**On Saturday, the 1st of July, the Fox and Duck will be having a Summer Fun Day - and we encourage you to go along.**

This whole-day event will be held at the pub in their beautiful courtyard garden and will include:

- Children's entertainment from Zoe Zookeeper between 2 and 4pm
- Performances in The Groove Garden from Jo Finn at 4.30pm and Smoking Goats at 8.30pm
- Chicken Strip UK will be serving food from 2pm into the evening.

This family event is set to be fantastic, and all money raised will be to support HSRBSC. There will also be an opportunity for one lucky family to win 4 tickets (2 adults and 2 teenage) for Standon Calling. **So, why not pop along and enjoy the fun?!**

Liza and her incredible team at The Fox and Duck are also looking for a local school or dance club interested in performing on the 1st of July, so if that could be you, then please get in touch directly with the Fox and Duck on 01763 271308.

A big thanks to Liza and her team for this opportunity to work together, raise money, profile and improve our chances of making new meaningful connections through this new network we will be working alongside.

The Home-Start Team

Have a lovely weekend,  
**Best wishes,**  
**Adele McMurrrough**  
**Head teacher**

