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For every child a chance to shine*



LAYSTON C of E FIRST SCHOOL
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Dear Parents and Carers,

Learning:

Our learning walk this week has focussed on behaviours for learning. The children were all settled, focussed and enjoying the learning in class. The classrooms all look wonderful. The teaching environments are exciting and engaging and the learning walls are being used and added to by the children.

Communication:

If you need to speak to your child's class teacher please send an email to admin@layston.herts.sch.uk to arrange this. Please only give emergency messages in the morning on the playground. This is so class teachers can safely see the children to their classroom. We appreciate your understanding.

Parking:

We have noticed some dangerous parking around the school at pick up and drop off. We understand there is very little space and it is very busy but we would ask that you park further away and walk the last part of the journey if you have to drive. We are mindful of road safety and how easy it is for a young child to slip their parents hand and run into the road. We also need to maintain access for emergency vehicles. Where possible please walk in line with our healthy school ethos.

We would also remind parents to turn off the engines whilst waiting to reduce emissions and the impact on the environment.

Drop off and pick up arrangements:

Thank you for your patience during drop off and pick up. We appreciate that it has been busy. We are signposting on the playground for pick up to help organise the number of people on the playground. We would ask that the parents of older children stand back from the gates by preschool to allow the little ones to be collected by their teacher. Families with buggies please can you be mindful of not blocking passage to the walk way for the other children and to wait by the hedge (Please see sign).

YR to be met at gate by Preschool

Y1 outside their classroom

Y2 by the enclosed sand play area

Y3 by the bike shelter

Y4 by the side of the demountable

A reminder that no dogs are allowed on the school playground, even little dogs carried in your arms. We know they are adorable and we love seeing them, however we have children with allergies and also some who are frightened of dogs. Thank you for your understanding and support with this matter.

Uniform:

All uniform and equipment must be named. This is absolutely essential if you want the expensive shoes and clothing to find their way back to your child. You would be surprised how many children have the same shoes or can't remember what their shoes/wellies look like.





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Enrichment:

School run clubs will be resuming after half term. Information about the clubs on offer and how to book onto these will be published 2 weeks before half term, week beginning the 2nd October.

Curriculum:

A reminder of Forest School and PE days:

Year group	Forest School Day	PE days
Y4	Friday	Tuesday and Friday
Y3	Tuesday	Wednesday and Thursday
Y2	Thursday	Wednesday and Friday
Y1	Wednesday	Tuesday and Thursday
YR	Monday	Thursday and Friday

School attendance

Attendance will be recorded and monitored in line with our policy and Government and Hertfordshire guidance. We appreciate your cooperation in continuing to improve attendance figures and we know you appreciate our high expectation of school attendance. If your child is not going to be in school, please notify the office by 9:00am.

Volunteers in school:

A reminder that the induction meeting for parent volunteers will take place on Thursday 21st September at 9:00am.

Dates for diaries

A reminder of key dates for the first half of the autumn term. We will update you as and when additional dates are added with regard to school visits, visitors in school and FOLs fundraising events.

Meet the teacher	YR 19.9.23
Parent Volunteers Meeting	Thursday 21 st September 9:00-9:30am
Open morning for prospective parents for Reception intake next year.	Wednesday 27 th September 9:00-10:00am
Individual children's photos	Thursday 28 th September
Reading/Phonics meeting for YR parents	Wednesday 11 th October 9:00am
Harvest Festival	Tuesday 10 th October 9:30am St Peter's Church
Parent Consultations	Tuesday 17 th & Wednesday 18 th October 3:30-6:30pm
African Dance Workshop	Friday 20 th October
Parent Chat (Behaviour, Safeguarding)	Tuesday 31 st October 9-930

Teachers will be updating you on any trips and enrichment during the autumn term. RTYFC will continue to run after school clubs at Layston. Please see their website for booking details.

<https://roystontownfc.ktckts.com/brand/after-school>

Best wishes

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Headteacher

