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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have all been shocked and shaken by recent events in Israel and Gaza and by the rise in antisemitism and islamophobia in our communities in England and more closely in Hertfordshire. We are truly saddened that so many of you are being affected directly or indirectly by this.

Our school needs to be a place where children can feel safe, be heard, and feel able to discuss their feelings and concerns without fear or worry. Layston C of E School is a community of learners and families who work together to resolve issues, recognise that we all share the same hopes and fears and where we encourage each other to see the humanity of each person in our midst. Our school values of Community, Love and Compassion, enable us to live together and to learn to discuss our differences respectfully. We are confident that these values will be lived and experienced by all members of the school community.

If you or your child have any concerns or are experiencing difficulties, please feel confident to approach us. We will do all we can to help, to listen and to act as and where necessary. We might be able to refer you on to support or advice that you will find helpful.

I am very proud of our school and a large part of that is because of the children and their families. We are a close and supportive community who have the best interests of everyone at heart. Whilst we are all affected by events locally and globally, we will work together to help our children feel safe, valued and confident.

Enrichment:



We were so lucky to have a visit from Lucy Charles-Barclay who is a local professional athlete. Last month Lucy won the Ironman World Championships in Kona, Hawaii. She is no. 1 woman in the world at this sport! She came into visit the school and talk to the children about her career, show the children her medals and trophies. The children took part in a question and answer sessions with Lucy and got to have a closer look at the medal. We wish Lucy the best of

luck for her next challenge.





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Children in need:

A reminder that it is a non-uniform day tomorrow in support of Children in Need and Anti-Bullying week. We are inviting children to come in to school wearing red or yellow with a voluntary donation for the charity. We would like to stress this donation is voluntary as is dressing in non-uniform. If your child prefers to wear uniform or does not have red or yellow and wants to wear something else, this is absolutely fine as we absolutely do not want or expect parents to be buying anything for this.

Absence:

If your child is going to be absent from school please can you inform the school office before 9:00am.

Dates:

The Christmas production will be Wednesday 13th December 1:30-3:00pm, Thursday 14th December 1:30-3:00pm and Friday 15th December 5:30-7:00pm. Our Nativity will be on Tuesday 19th December at St Peter's Church at 9:30. You will receive more information about tickets for these events next week.

Best wishes

Adele McMurrough

Headteacher

