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**LAYSTON C of E FIRST SCHOOL**

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Dear Parents and Carers,

**Teaching and Learning:**

In Forest School this week the children have been identifying some of the birds flying over the field or sitting in the trees. They have also made bird feeders. The birds have enjoyed feeding from these especially as there is very little food around for them at the moment.

**Book Fair:**

The book fair is coming to Layston! It will be held afterschool on 29<sup>th</sup> January - 31<sup>st</sup> January in the school hall.

What is a book fair?

**A Book Fair is a pop-up book shop that brings the very best in children's books to your school!**

It lasts about a week and is a great opportunity to create a school-wide reading focus and build a buzz about books for the children - as well as to earn free books and resources for your school. Every book fair is packed with hundreds of the best children's books for all ages - from award-winners and the newest titles to pocket-money pick-ups and treasured classics. The range includes picture books, early readers, chapter books, books for reluctant readers, older fiction, non-fiction, home learning and lots more.



**Cashless Payment Option:** You can now pay for books while you are at the fair using the QR code. You will be able to scan the code on your phone to easily access the parent pay website.

There is something for every pocket on the book fair to assist with the rise in the cost of living. **Approximately 30% of titles are under £5.**

Click the link to see the poster

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We can't wait to see you there!

**FOLS:**

Please could parents save and collect empty jars for a fundraising event coming in February. FOLS will be sending out further information about upcoming fundraising events for school. Please check the calendar on the website for these dates.

**Diary dates:**

Remember to link the school calendar directly on your phone so you can receive all the latest calendar dates and enrichment events for the coming term.

<https://www.layston.herts.sch.uk/useful-information/school-calendar/>

**Cold weather:**

As temperatures have dropped please ensure your child has appropriate layers and footwear, a school coat, hat and gloves, all named.

Best wishes,  
Adele McMurrough  
Head teacher

