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### LAYSTON C of E FIRST SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been lovely to drop into classes and chat with the children about their learning. This week Y4 children have had great experience learning all about ancient Egypt and mummification. They were very excited to tell me all about this in great detail!

In Forest School the children have celebrated Earth Day. This year's theme is plastic vs planet and so the children have picked up plastic from the field, and talked about why plastic is harmful to animals and to us. The children have also discussed how we at Layston can play our part in reducing plastic that ends up in landfill sites.

#### Congratulations:



Last Sunday Miss Croucher took part in the London Marathon running 26.2 miles through London! She completed the marathon in just under 5 hours. Miss Croucher brought her medal in on Monday morning to show the children.

#### Attendance and lateness:

The school day begins at 8:45am and finishes at 3:15pm. Registers are open until 9:00am. If your child arrives after this time please can they go to the school office reception where they will be marked as late. Please can you make every effort to get your children to school on time as lateness disrupts the other children in the class, as well as your child's learning. Please be aware that children arriving after 9:10am will be marked as an unauthorised absence in line with guidance from the county Attendance Officer. If your child has a medical appointment and is a school dinner, please email in their food choice to the office before 9:30. Please remember to report your child's absence by 8:45am to the office on 01763271235 or via email at [admin@layston.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@layston.herts.sch.uk). Thank you for your continued support.

#### Parking:

A gentle reminder to our parents to park considerately on the roads around the school site and not to park across the school 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.

#### Diary dates reminder:

Please remember to check the school calendar on the website.

**Open afternoon** - 10<sup>th</sup> May at 2pm in classrooms to share your child's progress in writing.

**Parent Chat** - 21<sup>st</sup> May at 2:30pm

**Sports day** - 20<sup>th</sup> June 9:30-11:30 (Reserve 27<sup>th</sup> June)

**School run clubs** - Girls Football for Y2, 3 & 4, every Monday at 3:15-4:00pm

**Hudnall Park Y4 Residential Visit** - 5-7<sup>th</sup> June

School trips for other year groups will be updated when confirmed.

A reminder that **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> of May** is a bank holiday and **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May** is an **INSET** day school will be closed.

Best wishes,  
Adele McMurrough  
Head teacher



