



*Loving to learn, Learning to love,
For every child a chance to shine
"...let your light shine before others, that they may see your
good deeds and glorify your father in heaven." Matthew 5:16*



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Spiritual Development:

In RE the children have been reflecting on the Christian story of Easter and how it symbolises rebirth and renewal. We each get to start each day anew and spring is the perfect time of year for fresh starts and new growth.

Teaching and learning:

In Forest School this week the children have been playing a new warm up game "catchy catchy drop drop"! The children have been celebrating British Science Week by learning about the adaptations of squirrels, taking part in experiments, smell tests and playing hunt the acorn!



Easter Service 1st April:

Reverend Kirsty has advised us that the seating capacity for adults who wish to watch our Easter service at St Peter's Church is only 57. Therefore, we politely request that only one adult from each family attend to enable as many families as possible to come to the service. If you have a pushchair with you, this will need to be left outside of the church. We thank you for your support with this.

If you would like a ticket please email the school office admin@layston.herts.sch.uk from 9:30am on Wednesday 19th March (emails received before this time will not be valid) and we will add your name to the list. Tickets will be allocated on a first come first serve basis and will need to be collected from the office.

Arbor

We are delighted to let you know that we are now fully live with Arbor. Parents and carers will now be able to top up and view their child's meal balance, pay for trips and view attendance data on the parent Arbor app. Invites to sign up to and instructions on how to download the parent app were sent out via email yesterday. If you have not already done so, please follow the instructions in this welcome email on how to create an account and download the app. If you have not received an invite, please ensure you check your junk and spam folders before contacting the school office.

Please note **we are no longer accepting payments for dinner money and trips via School Gateway** so please ensure you sign up to/create an account with Arbor as soon as possible. A full guide on how to use the parent Arbor App is available on our website under useful information or by clicking the following link <https://www.layston.herts.sch.uk/useful-information/parents-guide-to-arbor/> We strongly recommend that you read this document to familiarise yourself with how to navigate the app and what features are available.

Best wishes,
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