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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:**

The children have been learning some signs to help us remember what spirituality means.

Spirituality is about our **relationship** with **ourselves**, **others**, the **world** and **God/The Universe**.



### **Teaching and learning:**

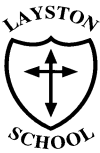
The children have thoroughly enjoyed sharing their learning with parents at this week's Learning Conferences. It is so important that children are able to articulate what they are proud of, what their next steps are and what they have been learning, which is why we encourage them to be involved in this way. Becoming self-aware and able to discuss their learning journey is an important life skill. If you did not manage to make an appointment please do speak to your child's class teacher to arrange a convenient time to catch up.

### **Sports**



Last Sunday Miss Croucher played at the Lamex Stadium.

Stevenage Women won 2-0 and Miss Croucher scored the second goal. It was lovely to see lots of Layston children, staff and families there to support her.



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## **Easter Service**

**1<sup>st</sup> April:**

Ticket confirmation emails have been sent out to the first 57 parents/carers who emailed in. We are looking forward to seeing you on Tuesday at St. Peter's. Tickets will need to be collected from the office prior to the service on Tuesday.

## **Reminders:**

### **Arbor**

If you have not already done so, please sign up to the Arbor Parent Portal and App. As we are no longer using Parent Pay/School Gateway, if you do not create an Arbor account you will not be able to pay for trips, top up and view your child's meal balance or view attendance data. You may also miss out on essential communications. Invites to sign up to and instructions on how to download the parent app were sent out last week. If you have not received an invite, please ensure you check your junk and spam folders before contacting the school office.

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.

### **Snacks**

As we are a healthy school please can I remind parents if sending in a snack for your child that this is healthy, for example, a piece of fruit or vegetables such as carrot or cucumber sticks, or cheese and crackers. Crisps, chocolate bars or biscuits are not acceptable. Please also consider that we are nut free school so please do not send in snacks containing any type of nuts.

Best wishes,

Adele McMurrough  
Head teacher