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For every child a chance to shine*



**LAYSTON C of E FIRST SCHOOL**

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Dear Parents and Carers,

**Spiritual development:**

In Collective Worship, Mrs Betley has been talking to the children about being reflective, not just in their learning but also in their behaviour and relationships. It would be great if you could talk to your children about times when we might need to reflect and think about how we can support others as well as ourselves.

**Recruitment:**

We are delighted to inform you that we have appointed a SENCO for September. As soon as the appropriate safeguarding checks have taken place we will inform you of who they are and the transition arrangements. We feel the appointee will bring enthusiasm and nurture as well as leadership skills and is a great fit for the school.

**Teaching and Learning:**

We are very excited to have had the English Hub visit us on Monday to audit reading and phonics. They have helped us to develop an action plan to streamline our teaching of phonics from next year. This comes with additional funding which will allow us to access Read Write Inc videos and resources which will support parents as well as teachers. As soon as we have access to this we will share with you.

**Extra-Curricular:**

A reminder that next week FOLS have kindly arranged a school disco for the children on the last day of term, Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May at 5pm-7pm. The children are already super excited about this upcoming event. Thank you FOLS!

**Reminders:**

22.7.25: 9:00am Y4 Leavers service for Y4 parents and carers. This will be held at Layston School instead of St Peter's church, due to the ongoing renovation work.

22.7.25: 3:30-17:00 Y4 Leaver's BBQ.

Best wishes,

Adele McMurrough

Head teacher