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For every child a chance to shine*



LAYSTON C of E FIRST SCHOOL
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Dear Parents/Carers,

Spirituality:

This week in Forest School the children have been spotting signs of autumn. They have completed a variety of autumn crafts (leaf rubbings, conker comets, conker spiders, pine cone animals, conker mobiles). The children have had great fun noticing and relishing the beauty in the forest.

Teaching & Learning:

Our learning walk this week has been centred on behaviour. The children were all settled, focussed and enjoying the learning in class. The classrooms all look wonderful. The children are polite, kind and use their manners around school. They are a credit to you and Layston School.

Harvest Festival:

A reminder that our harvest festival is on the **7th October at 9:15am** in the school hall. Please remember that we have a **restriction on numbers within the hall** for safety reasons. One ticket per family has been allocated via email.

Donations:

We are requesting donations of non-perishable food items for Buntingford Food Support, and these will be displayed in the hall. We are accepting donations now. Please ensure items are in date.

Black History Month:

As October is Black History Month, we have booked an African Dance Workshop for the whole school to take part in on Thursday 08.10.24 to support this.

Parents' Consultations:

Parent consultations for Years R, 2, 3, and 4 are scheduled for Monday 20th and Wednesday 22nd October at 3:30pm-6:00pm.

Please make your appointment using the online booking system. Please arrive at the school office entrance just before your allotted time so that we avoid over-crowding in the hall. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this.

Parents evening online booking system will open on 7th October @ 18:00 and will close on 17th October @ 9:00. The link is <https://laystoncofefirst.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

School attendance:

Fri 19th- Thur 25th Sept

YR 96%

Y1 92%

Y2 99%

Y3 97%

Y4 98%





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At Layston, we want our children to feel safe, happy and enjoy coming to school. Our attendance target is 96% but we are always aiming for 100%.

Dates for diaries

Here are a few key dates for the first half of the autumn term. We will update you as and when additional dates are added with regard to school visits, visitors in school and FOLs fundraising events.

Harvest Festival	Tuesday 7 th October 9:15am Layston School Hall
Black History Month African Dance	Wednesday 8 th October - all day
World Mental Health Day	Friday 10 th October
Flu Immunisation	Tuesday 14 th October
Open morning for prospective parents for Reception intake next year.	Wednesday 15 th October 9:30-10:00am
Parent Consultations	Monday 20 th & Wednesday 22 nd October 3:30-6:00pm
FOLS School Disco	Friday 17 th October 5:30-7:00pm
Dental talk YR	Friday 24 th October

RTYFC will continue to run after school clubs at Layston. Please see their website for booking details.

<https://roystontownfc.ktckts.com/brand/after-school>

If you have any questions or require any support please contact your child's class teacher via the school office email address: admin@layston.herts.sch.uk address. For any SEND or mental health queries please contact Mrs Rolt DRolt@layston.herts.sch.uk

Best wishes,

Adele McMurrough
Headteacher