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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 lighting their own fires! They have let their own campfire light shine. It has also been great to see our value of stewardship in action throughout the school. We have also considered how we can show respect to others, ourselves and God.

Teaching & Learning:

It has been great to see so much amazing writing happening around school, including children applying their read, write inc skills across the curriculum. We have also observed how focused the children have been when completing morning activities.

Staffing Update:

I wanted to let you all know that Mrs Stamp's operation was a success and she is recovering at home and we look forward to welcoming her back when she is fit and well.

Healthy Snack Reminder:



As a Healthy School, we would like to remind parents that break time snacks should be healthy. Chocolate bars, sweets and cookies are not a healthy snack choice.

Open Morning:

On Wednesday 15th October we welcomed families in for our open morning. They were particularly impressed with the Year 4 tour guides and were very positive about the learning they saw, the exemplary behaviour demonstrated and were inspired by the use of our outdoor spaces. The Year 4s were able to demonstrate our Christian values and communicate the selling points of Layston First School with excellence. We look forward to new families joining our school community next year.

Royston Town After School Clubs:

Royston Town are happy to announce the club list for next half-term is live at the link below. Please sign your children up.

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



School Disco

We look forward to welcoming children to the school disco tomorrow, Friday 17th October at 17:30. Please book your child's ticket at www.pta-event.co.uk/freindsoflaystonschool.





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Parents' Consultations:

Parent consultations are scheduled for Monday 20th and Wednesday 22nd October at 3:30pm-6:00pm. Please arrive at the school office entrance just before your allotted 10 minute timed slot so that we avoid over-crowding in the hall. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Arbor reminder:

Please use the link below to access the Parent Introduction Guide to using Arbor when accessing for the first time. In addition, if you are unsure of your login details, please click on the forgotten password section of the site, to which you will be emailed your password.

<https://support.arbor-education.com/hc/en-us/articles/212097029-A-quick-introduction-to-Arbor-for-guardians-and-parents>

School attendance:

Friday 3rd – Thursday 9th October.

YR - 97%

Y1 - 93%

Y2 - 96%

Y3 - 96%

Y4 - 99%

Well done to Year 4 for winning the attendance bus two weeks in a row.

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.

School Panto - Beauty and the Beast.	Friday 17 th October
FOLS School Disco	Friday 17 th October 5:30-7:00pm
Parent Consultations	Monday 20 th & Wednesday 22 nd October 3:30-6:00pm
Dental talk YR	Friday 24 th October

Best wishes.

Adele McMurrough
Headteacher