



*Loving to learn, Learning to love.
For every child a chance to shine*



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Learning:

Our learning walk this week has been centred around safeguarding and behaviours for learning. The children were all settled, focussed and enjoying the learning in class. The classrooms all look wonderful. The teaching environments are exciting and engaging and the learning walls are being used and added to by the children. Pupil voice tells us that children feel happy, safe and settled in their new classes.

Communication:

If you need to speak to your child's class teacher please send an email to admin@layston.herts.sch.uk to arrange this. Please only give emergency messages in the morning on the playground. This is so class teachers can safely see the children to their classroom. We appreciate your understanding.

Parking:

Please can we ask that our families park considerately and safely on the roads around the school at drop off and pick up times. We understand there is very little space to park and it is very busy but we would ask that you park further away and walk the last part of the journey, if you have to drive. We are mindful of road safety and how easy it is for a young child to slip their parent's hand and run into the road. We also need to maintain access for emergency vehicles. Where possible please walk to school which is in line with our healthy school ethos.

We would also remind parents to turn off the engines whilst waiting to reduce emissions and the impact on the environment.

Drop off and pick up arrangements:

Thank you for your patience during drop off and pick up. We appreciate that it has been busy. We would ask that the parents of older children stand back from the gates by preschool to allow the little ones to be collected by their teacher. Families with buggies please can you be mindful of not blocking passage to the walk way for the other children and to wait by the hedge.

- YR to be met at gate by Preschool
- Y1 outside their classroom
- Y2 by the enclosed sand play area
- Y3 by the bike shelter
- Y4 by the side of the demountable

A reminder that we are a no smoking site and this includes vaping. Also no dogs (other than service dogs) are allowed on the school playground, even little dogs carried in your arms. We know they are adorable and we love seeing them, however we have children with allergies and also some who are frightened of dogs. Thank you for your understanding and support with this matter.

Uniform:

All uniform and equipment must be named. This is absolutely essential if you want the expensive shoes and clothing to find their way back to your child. You would be surprised how many children have the same shoes or can't remember what their shoes/wellies look like.



Enrichment:

School run clubs will be resuming after half term. Information about the clubs on offer and how to book onto these will be published before half term. RTFC after school clubs and Friday's dance club are up and running this week. Please book via their websites.

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

<https://christina-marks-sopa.classforkids.io/>

School attendance

Attendance will be recorded and monitored in line with our policy and Government and Hertfordshire guidance. We appreciate your cooperation in continuing to improve attendance figures and we know you appreciate our high expectation. If your child is not going to be in school, please notify the office by 9:00am. We have also attached some NHS guidance for parents to help identify when to keep your child at home when they are ill.

Volunteers in school:

A reminder that the induction meeting for parent volunteers will take place on Thursday 3rd October at 9:00am.

Dates for diaries

A reminder of 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.

Meet the teacher	16/09/24 - Year 1 17/09/24 - Year R 18/09/24 - Year 3 19/09/24 - Year 4 20/09/24 - Year 2
Parent Volunteers Meeting	Thursday 3 rd October 9:00-9:30am
Open morning for prospective parents for Reception intake next year.	Tuesday 15 th October 9:30-10:30am
Individual children's photos	Thursday 26 th September
Reading/Phonics meeting for YR parents	Wednesday 9 th October 9:00am
Harvest Festival	Tuesday 8 th October 9:30am at St Peter's Church
Parent Consultations	Tuesday 22 nd & Wednesday 23 rd October 3:30-6:00pm
African Dance Workshop	Thursday 24 th October
Parent Chat (Behaviour, Safeguarding and Attendance)	Tuesday 19 th November 9:00am-9:30am

Teachers will be updating you on any trips and enrichment during the autumn term.

Best wishes

Adele McMurrough

Headteacher

