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For every child a chance to shine*



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Teaching and Learning:

It has been another busy week of learning at Layston. We had a visit from Nicky Murphy, the HFL teaching and learning advisor for English. She did some monitoring of reading at Layston across all year groups. She was very impressed with the children's enjoyment of reading and how well they were using the reading areas within the classrooms. It was also lovely to have a visit from Miss Helen Wilcox and Mrs Helen Kelly who came in to see the Y2 children. We look forward to welcoming them back in the New Year.

Amazon Wish List:

Staff, parents and governors have come up with a plan to enable parents, carers and grandparents to buy items that the school really needs. Miss Morten is spear heading this and has created an Amazon Wish List for the school. If you are in a position to support the school in this way, please have a look through, and if you see something you would like to buy, just follow the same process as you would if you were ordering something for yourself. Items will be delivered directly to the school. Thank you for your support; it is much appreciated!

Please see attached link: <https://amzn.eu/dEpfvPn>

Christmas Fair:

A massive thanks to FOLS and all the volunteers who are supporting with the Christmas Fair. Thank you also to everyone who donated tombola items for the stalls. We would also like to say a huge thank you to local businesses in our wider community of Buntingford for donating prizes for our raffle. Nationwide Builders Merchant have also made a special donation to help Santa and his Elves in their workshop this year to help them get ready for their visit to Layston Santa's Grotto. A special mention to Days of Ashwell bakery in Buntingford for their generous donation of mince pies and sausage rolls for our refreshment stall. We look forward to seeing everyone on Thursday after school.

After School Club:

RTYFC after school clubs will finish this week. Information about clubs on offer next term from RTYFC will be available on their website as normal. A reminder that girls football after school club will finish on Monday 9th Dec.

Christmas post box:

The Christmas post box is now out in the hall. Children will be able to post Christmas cards to their friends across the school. Please remember to write the full name of the child on the envelope and the class so that the Y4 children can deliver these to the correct children!

Christmas Jumper/ Dinner day:

On Wednesday 18th December, children are welcome to come to school wearing their Christmas jumpers or outfits, however this is optional. On this day we will be having our Christmas Lunch please remember there will be no cold option.





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Christmas Tree Festival

Escape from the hustle and bustle of the festive period and join us with family and friends at St Mary's Church Aspenden, for our First Christmas Tree Festival on Saturday 14th December 10am - 4pm and Sunday 15th December 11am - 4pm.

Many businesses, clubs, charities, schools, churches and individuals are taking part and have been challenged to decorate their trees with a theme of their choice. You will also get the chance to vote for your 3 favourite trees, in our people choice competition.

Refreshments and cake are available and we look forward to seeing you over the Christmas Tree Festival Weekend.

On behalf of St Mary's Church Aspenden.

Best wishes

Adele McMurrough
Headteacher

