

Langton Primary School Langton Malton North Yorkshire YO17 9QP

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Dear Parents,

As we come to the end of the first week of the academic year, the day is marked by a real sadness and poignancy as the nation mourns the loss of Queen Elizabeth II. I spoke to the children about this in assembly this morning and I know class teachers have been answering questions and having discussions within their classes. As more details emerge as to plans for the national period of mourning, I will of course keep you updated if there are any implications for us as a school.

The news has also been full of changes at Government level but without a doubt, our most important news has been welcoming our new Reception children into the Langton family. Miss Oscroft and the Derwent Class team have been really pleased with how everyone has settled and as usual, our Year 6 buddies have risen to the challenge and we are already seeing some lovely bonds forming. Of course, we have also welcomed new families to school so I would like to take this opportunity to invite all parents but especially our new parents to our **Welcome Tea and Coffee Afternoon on Friday 23rd September.** This will be mainly arranged by our PTA (Friends of Langton – FoLS) but we are also going to be selling cakes in aid of Macmillan during the afternoon. Mrs Cogger and the After School Club team will be leading this but we would be very grateful for any donations of cakes and buns that we can sell to raise money for this important cause. The **Tea and Coffee Afternoon will be held at 2.30pm in the school hall. This will be followed by the first PTA meeting of the year at 3.30pm.** FoLS welcome all parents to attend, even if you feel that you would not regularly commit to PTA meetings but please do feel free to come along and learn how FoLS support Langton School throughout the year.

The children have been settling back into school routines. Our After School Clubs will begin next week and we have been delighted by the number of children who have been having hot school meals this week. I would like to remind everybody that we are a **Nut Free School**. This does include products containing nuts within packed lunches such as peanut butter and Nutella. We do have some members of our school community now who have nut allergies so it is particularly important that this is remembered. Many thanks for your support.

We will be starting our Friday Celebration Assemblies from next week. On **Friday 16th September at 2.50pm, will be the Key Stage 1 assembly**. If your child is chosen for this, parents will receive an invitation on the Wednesday before. **The following Friday 23rd will be the Key Stage 2 assembly at 9.05am**. The children have jumped straight into their learning during this first week and we have been focussing on the theme of British Values, Equality and Diversity. It has been wonderful to see and hear the interesting discussions the children have had in class and the important learning that has been taking place. On

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Monday, you will be receiving Curriculum Newsletters from your child's class teacher. These will outline the areas of the curriculum and topic areas to be covered during the Autumn Term. This term is always a busy one and I thought it would be useful to share some key dates at this stage so you can add them to your diary.

- Our Harvest Festival will be held at St Andrew's Church, Langton on Monday 17th October at 9.15am
- Parents Evenings Monday 10th and Tuesday 11th October
- Derwent Class Nativity Play Wednesday 7th December at 2.00pm and 6.00pm

On Monday 19th September, the whole school will be heading to Norton Library. We will be transporting each class in turn by coach. Each class will spend an hour there and will be able to choose a book using their library card. Thank you to everyone who has returned their library slips. If you have indicated that your child has their own library card already, they will need to bring them with them on that day.

As ever, please do feel free to contact your child's class teacher either at the end of the school day or via the class email address. My door is always open too if you need to discuss anything with me. As I am now back at Langton full time, I will be much easier to get hold of! Finally, the best way to find out what is going on at school is our monthly Newsletter which will tell you what is going to happen and what already has. Our first Newsletter will be coming out on Friday 30th September.

Very best wishes,

Rachel Ray Headteacher