29th April 2022

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the Summer term. A particular welcome to the parents of our new starters who will be joining us in September 2022. We are delighted to have a full allocation and with this year again over-subscribed. I will be sending a separate letter next week to all our new families outlining transition events and visits we will be holding in June.

The Summer term is always a busy one and we have started as we mean to go on in this first week! The first day back for the children saw the leafy glade covered in dens built by the children. I know the staff and children alike had a great day. Today, Derwent Class are at Flamingo Land and Foss Class are busy putting final touches to their performance on our brilliant new stage. For parents in Foss Class, please do let us know if you have not yet asked for tickets.

Thank you to everybody for remembering the new times for our school day. It seems to be working well with more parents able to drop children quickly, leaving parking spaces for others – thank you. I have noticed that we no longer need such a large gap between the two arrival times so from next week, the Key Stage 2 whistle will be blown in the morning at 8.55am, with the register being taken at 9.00am.

I mentioned in the previous letter that holiday requests. Following on from the impact of COVID, school attendance is rightly under the spotlight. I am therefore only able to authorise holidays in really exceptional circumstances.

You may have noticed the signs in the village bringing our attention to the fact that roadworks are due on Sunday 8th and Monday 9th May. Unfortunately, we are limited in our control over this. I would therefore be grateful if you could bear this in mind when setting off for school on Monday 9th May and possibly allow slightly longer for your journey.

The Summer term is always a particularly important one for our Year 6 pupils. When SATS Week is finished, we will be throwing ourselves into our end of term production and other activities which will hopefully celebrate the time the children have been with us at Langton. We also hope that this term will be a particularly special one for Mrs Laverack as she prepares for her retirement at the end of term. We are also delighted for Miss Boyle and her fiancé Alex as they will be getting married during the May half term and she will return to school as Mrs Dale.

We have been delighted to see an increasing number of children staying for school meals. Our catering manager, Miss Sturdy is doing a fantastic job and we are getting some super feedback. If you are unsure about whether or not to try school meals for your child, I would urge you to give them a go. An added bonus of this is that the greater the uptake of school meals, the greater the chance of keeping school meal costings as low as possible.

With kind regards,

Rachel Ray

Headteacher