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Dear Parents,

What a beautiful week we have had to welcome the children back to the Summer term. This is a particularly special term for our Year 6 pupils as they prepare to move on to secondary school. We are planning end of term events which might have to look slightly different this year but will hopefully be a fitting send off for our Year 6 children. At the opposite end of the school, we have been notified today about the pupils that will be starting with us in September. We have been over-subscribed for places this year but we will be looking forward to welcoming the fifteen new starters and organising some transition activities for them after 21st June. As the country starts to return a little bit more to "normal", we have been notified that our residential for our oldest children can still go ahead, and I know that other trips are being planned for other classes for after the half term holiday. Likewise, swimming is going ahead for pupils in Ouse Class and After School Clubs are resuming next week.

It goes without saying that the past few months have provided me not only with some challenges, but also some time to reflect on what we do well at Langton and what we can continue to develop. Our Governing Board work with me to ensure we are working on continuous strategies to help us to continue to be the best school we can be. As part of this, as a Governing Board we review our School Vision and Values on an annual basis. I attach these at the end of this letter to remind you of them. I hope you agree with me that these are still relevant and fitting for our school. If you have any comments, or would like to see any additions or adaptations, please do let me know. Under normal circumstances I have held termly Parent Forums to invite parents to discuss with me their thoughts and feelings on how we are doing at Langton. I am hoping to start this up again later on this term but might have to do this over Teams. As part of this term's Forum, I would like to discuss the new relationships education which becomes statutory for all school in September 2021. If you would be interested in attending this Forum, I would be grateful if you would let Sam know via email by Friday 23rd April. I will then be in contact with you to arrange a mutually convenient time. Mrs Bowman will be part of this meeting as she is taking a lead in school on our journey towards achieving the Heathy Schools Award, a major part of which is our PSHE (Personal Social Health Education) curriculum.

Parents who have requested a slot for Parents Evening with your child's class teacher should have confirmation by the end of today as to your appointment time. If you have not yet made an appointment and would like one, please contact your child's class teacher via the class email address. Please look out for Curriculum Letters which will come out to you next week, informing you of what the children will be learning during the Summer term.

I have had many positive comments about the new planters that are springing up in the playground. What a huge improvement they are making to our outside space already! I would like to express my sincere thanks Henry Johnson and Wayne Hazell who are working on these for us free of charge and have also managed to source the materials for us too. This is another demonstration of how lucky we are to have such a supportive school community

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and I am truly grateful for this. I would also to thank Nikki Stibbards for doing a sterling job collecting in second hand uniform and distributing it to new homes. I know this has been appreciated by many parents already.

Whilst I continue to remain for part of the week working at Weaverthorpe School, I am also working very hard here at Langton as we plan the organisation for the next academic year. There will be some changes which I will share with you in due course but as ever, we are very excited about the future of our school as we move forward with the underpinning of our Vision and Values, which I hold central to my work here at Langton.

With best wishes,

Rachel Ray Headteacher

Aims and Values of our school

Our Vision

Our vision is for Langton to be an excellent school, where outstanding practice and a nurturing ethos enable every child to thrive.

Our Mission

To achieve our vision, pupils, parents, staff and governors work in partnership to provide a safe and sustainable learning environment, delivering excellence and equality for all. Children develop their independence and resilience and are prepared well for the future through the provision of a creative curriculum and a wide variety of extracurricular opportunities.

Our Values

The Values which underpin our mission are:

Excellence

At Langton Primary School, excellence is being the best we can be in everything we do.

Respect

At Langton Primary School, respect is listening to others and appreciating diversity, caring for all people and our environment.

Nurture

At Langton Primary School, we care for, support, and encourage everyone to bring out the best in us all.

Creativity

At Langton Primary School, creativity means that we show imagination, thoughts and skills in our work and play.

Collaboration

At Langton Primary School, we work together in order to achieve more.

Resilience

At Langton Primary School, we are proud and we do our best at all times and overcome tough times together.