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A WORD FROM MRS RAY

Dear Parents,

As we reach the end of a very strange term, it now feels an awfully long time ago since staff were in school on Monday 4th January planning the start of term. Of course, that evening the lockdown announcement changed all those plans. It has been a challenging term on many levels but as ever, the staff and I are grateful for all your support and encouragement. The highlight of the term has most definitely been having all the children back together for the past three weeks, made even better by the little bit of Spring sunshine which gives us all much hope for the future.

We have started to work with the children to see if they have any gaps on their learning following on from the period of remote learning. We have started to address these and will continue to do so after Easter. However I must say I have been incredibly impressed by how parents supported their children over that period of time to ensure that progress continued in learning. Thank you!

Next term, during the week beginning Monday 26th April, we are organising Parents Evenings so you can discuss your child's progress with their class teacher. Under the current circumstances, we plan to offer these meetings over Teams however if you prefer to arrange a socially distanced meeting with your child's class teacher, I'd be grateful if you would let them know via the class email address. In order to help with the organisation of this, we will be holding the meetings over the course of the evenings of Monday 26th, Tuesday 27th, Wednesday 28th and Thursday 29th April. We would also be grateful if you could indicate via an email to your child's class teacher which day you would prefer and whether you would like an early slot (3.30–4.45pm) or a later slot (4.45–6.00pm). In order to help us with arrangements for this, **please send your email expressing your preferred date, timeslot and whether a Teams meeting or face-to-face meeting would be better for you by the morning of Monday 12th April at the very latest.** Staff will then spend some of the training day organising meetings and will notify you of your slot over the course of the week.



As life begins to open up a little bit more, we hope to reflect this in the events and activities we can start to arrange in school next term. We cannot wait!

Have a wonderful Easter,

Mrs Ray

JOIN OUR GARDEN GANG!

Following on from the work of the School Council and Tees Valley Partnership, we are looking at developing our outdoor learning and gardening in particular. If you are a willing gardener and happy to come and lead a small group "once restrictions are lifted", we'd love to hear from you. We will explain from our plans what we'd like to do, but will happily take on all volunteers to join our Garden Gang.

SCHOOL COUNCIL UPDATE

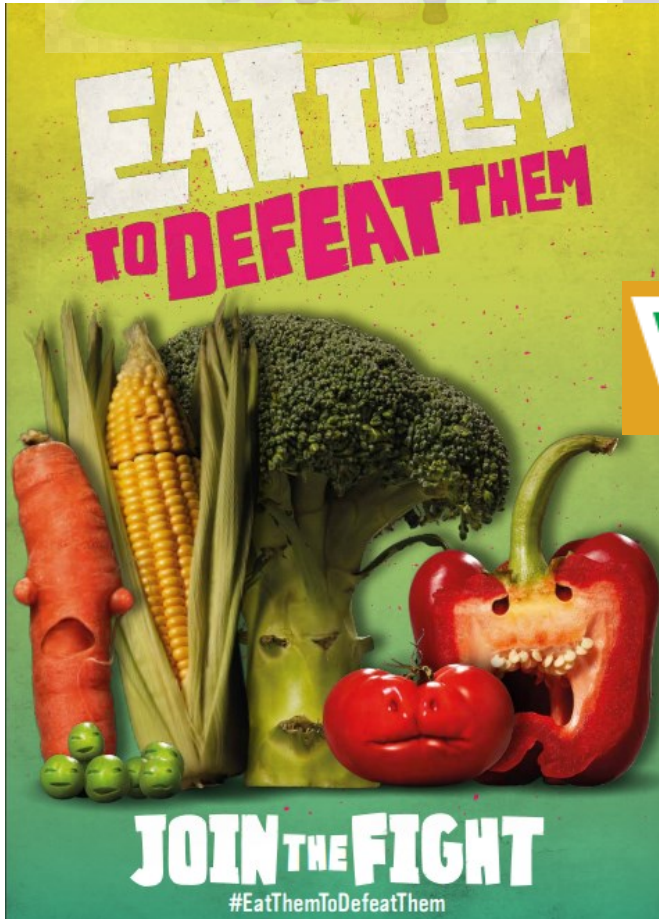
The school council have been very busy since we have been back at school. We have had lots of meetings and we went on a zoom call with Steve Ashton.

Meeting with Steve Ashton

On Monday afternoon the School Council and the teachers went on a zoom call with Steve Ashton (who is the people and wildlife manager at Tees Valley Wildlife

Trust) and we were discussing what we could plant and grow in our school planters and gardens. There were many things to talk about. Like what we could grow, what seeds we could plant, different herbs and flowers for the sensory garden. The school council chose lots of different things to plant and buy and we're all looking forward to it.

Report by Emily, Rye Class



VEGPOWER

Veg Power is on a ten-year mission to turn around vegetable consumption in the UK. The mission: to get every kid in the UK eating one more portion of veg each day.

During the Summer term, we will be getting involved with the Veg Power Schools Programme, including Eat Them to Defeat Them (which will be led by a TV campaign from ITV, Channel 4 and Sky featuring Eat Them to Defeat Them adverts), and Veg of the Week, when the children will have the chance to sample dishes using a different vegetable each week. We'll give you more detail of our plans in the next Newsletter, but if you'd like to find out more about the initiative, please visit www.vegpower.org.uk, where you'll find activities, recipes and much more.

TUCK FOR NEXT TERM

With the closure of Yorkshire Bank in Malton (our school bank), and due to current COVID restrictions, we have now made the decision to become a totally cashless school. To this end, we are making changes to how we charge for Tuck. The good news is that Tuck will be available again as from the start of the Summer Term. In order to avoid cash needing to change hands, Tuck will now be paid for via ParentPay. The only way we can make this work using ParentPay is to request that parents pay for a full half term of tuck in advance (one piece of tuck (toast only) at 20p per day for each school day), and I will then produce a register at the start of each half term for Mrs Goodwill. This will also assist Mrs Goodwill in the ordering of food.

Therefore, please ensure that if your child would like to have Tuck, that it is paid for in advance of the start of term, as it will not be given to anyone not named on the register. Payments made after this date cannot be reduced, as ParentPay does not offer this level of flexibility. **Payments for Summer half Term 1 must be made by Monday 12th April at the very latest as the register will be produced on that day.**

I have added Tuck for Summer Half Term 1 and Summer Half Term 2 to ParentPay. If you have any questions, please drop me (Sam) a line.



FRIENDS OF LANGTON (FOLS) UPDATE

Hello from FoLS - we've had word that the Easter bunny has been delivering eggs to Langton??!

Langton's Great Easter Bake Off is back!! This popular, free-to-enter competition is back after it's success last year, and this year, there is a fantastic cake prize to be won from Caitlin of 'Cait Who Bakes', so have a look at the following poster for full details on how to enter. If you

haven't already,

please 'like' our Friends of Langton School Facebook page and then you can check out all the Bake Off entries and help judge the winner!

Although we haven't been able to actually hold any events or fun games for the children recently, we have been busy thinking and planning! We are delighted to say that FoLS have replaced the old

projector and screen in the school hall with brand new equipment, which looks and sounds fantastic and we are very grateful to TVC for assisting in making this happen. We only hope it's not too long before all the children can enjoy using it, and parents too when we can join celebration assemblies again.

FoLS would also like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for donating to Langton School Fund through Amazon Smile. This has worked really well and over the last quarter, we have raised £40.95, which is fantastic so keep using it if you are able to, thank you.

All of us in FoLS hope that everyone is doing ok and looking forward to the Easter holidays.

The FoLS Team

UNIFORM SWAP SHOP

Clean uniform in good condition wanted for swap shop!

FOLS is hoping to start a swap shop for uniform, saving parents money. The idea is that by collect all uniform that is in good condition we are then able to swap it for the next size up.

As a school community it would be amazing to normalise re-using uniform.

Please bring any clean uniform into school on WEDNESDAY 21st APRIL. I am in need of bigger sizes 30/32+ but all sizes wanted.

Any questions or requests please either see me Nikki Stibbards (Ziva and Skye's mum), message me on Messenger or email FOLS at folangtonschool@outlook.com.



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Langton Primary School's
**GREAT EASTER
BAKE OFF**

THE RULES:

1. Bake and decorate an Easter-themed creation.
2. Post a picture of your creation on the pinned Easter Bake Off post on Friends of Langton School Facebook page or email it to langtonfols@gmail.com no later than midnight on Wednesday 7th April (photos sent by email will be uploaded to the Facebook page)
3. Visit the Facebook page from Wednesday 8th April and 'like' your favourite creations no later than 10am on Sunday 11th April.
4. The creation with the most 'likes' will win an amazing cake from "Cait Who Bakes" (check out some of her creations on Facebook!)
5. The winner will be announced on Facebook on Sunday 11th April

DERWENT DO EASTER!

Easter has well and truly been the theme of the week in Derwent Class. The children have been learning the true story of Easter, with a bit of re-enactment thrown in! The school was filled with the gorgeous aroma of freshly baked hot cross buns, the Easter Tree was decorated and made to look beautiful and some cracking (!) Easter cards will be making their way home too. Happy Easter from everyone in Derwent Class!



RYE CLASS RESIDENTIAL!

As we announced last term, we have provisionally booked a 2 night / 3 day residential trip to Peat Rigg for years 5 and 6 for Monday 24th to Wednesday 26th May 2021! Peat Rigg is an outdoor training centre in Cropton, near Pickering, that we have taken children too in the past and it is a firm favourite, with small en-suite dorms and excellent food! We are very much hoping that the trip will still be going ahead, but we have yet to receive updated guidance from the DfE regarding residential trips. We will update all Rye Class parents as soon as we know more (keep everything crossed!)



AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

CRAFTY AFTER SCHOOL CLUB!

After School Club have been back to doing what they do best – getting everyone involved with some fantastic craft activities! Willow weaving galore has resulted in some beautiful Spring and Easter creations! A very big thank you to Angela Cole of Yorkshire Willow Baskets (and former Langton parent) for providing us with lots and lots of willow!



MONSTERS IN OUSE CLASS!

This half term, Ouse Class have been reading lots of myths and legends as part of our topic “Gods and Mortals”. We explored the story of Theseus and the Minotaur and then made a 3D minotaur head! We constructed the head in pairs using inflated balloons and toilet roll holders. We then papier mâchéd them before painting them to look like the terrifying Minotaur from the story.

Miss Boyle



*** IMPORTANT PARENTPAY UPDATE ***



ParentPay
COUNT ON US

Thank you also to parents who are continuing to use the new online booking facility for Breakfast and After

School Clubs. Wraparound care has of course been complicated by the fact that we must now have separate bubbles (and therefore separate clubs), and with numbers limited, it's imperative that you check with me before booking to confirm availability. This does make the system less efficient than it should be but there's no way around that under current circumstances. **We do ask that parents try book a week in advance, as registers for the following week are prepared on a Friday to allow the Club team to prepare and plan, and leaving bookings until too late may mean that there are not actually places available. Your help with this is much appreciated.**

There are still a number of outstanding payments on ParentPay for school dinner, Breakfast Club, After School care and after school clubs. Summer clubs have been allocated to your account so please look out for these. **Could all parents please check their accounts and ensure that all accounts in debit are paid off as soon as possible. Dinners should be paid for in advance and can be paid weekly, monthly or half-termly.** Many thanks for your help with this. If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to drop me an email.

Year 6 Parents—our Year 6 pupils will soon be moving on to secondary school (only 1 term left!), so could all Year 6 parents please ensure that any outstanding balances are cleared from their ParentPay accounts as soon as possible. Many thanks.

Take care,
Sam

CHANGE OF DETAILS

If you (or any of your other listed contacts) have a change of email, phone number, mobile number, or home address, could you please email Sam as soon as possible so we can ensure that emergency contact details and children's records are kept completely up to date. Thank you for your help with this.



AFTER SCHOOL CLUB FINISHING TIMES

A reminder to all parents using our After School Club—the end of the first session for the **Key Stage 1 club is 4.30pm**, and for the **Key Stage 2 club is 4.15pm**. If children are collected after the start of the second session, then parents will be charged for that session. Thank you.

PLEASE DON'T FORGET....

Whilst we are not able to use the school water fountain, it is more important than ever that all children have a **named water bottle** with them in school at all times.

Also, we will be doing PE sessions outdoors as much as possible so **please ensure that your child has suitable PE kit in school**. We recommend sending in PE kit on a Monday and keeping it in school until Friday.

SUMMER TERM CLUBS

We have moved all Spring Club places that were booked and confirmed forward to the Summer term, so a very big thank you to all parents who have reconfirmed their child's club places for the Summer term.

A small number of places are still available in;

KS1 Multisports (Mon) – starting Monday 19th April to Monday 12th July 2021

KS1 Story & Colouring Club (Tues) – starting Tuesday 20th April to Tuesday 13th July 2021

KS2 Coding (Tues) – starting Tuesday 20th April to Tuesday 13th July 2021

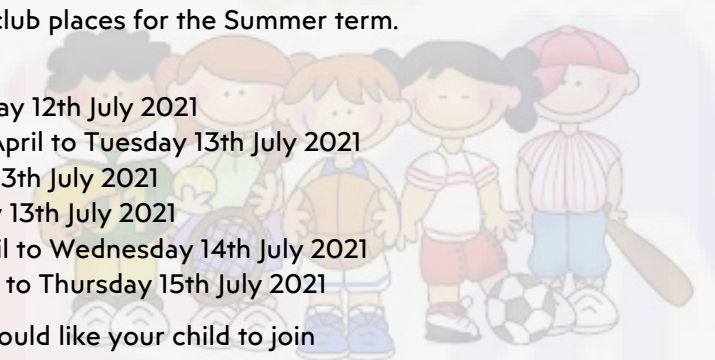
KS2 Football (Tues) – starting Tuesday 20th April to Tuesday 13th July 2021

KS2 Multisports Club (Weds) – starting Wednesday 21st April to Wednesday 14th July 2021

KS2 Multisports Club (Thurs) – starting Thursday 22nd April to Thursday 15th July 2021

...,so please drop Sam a line before the start of term if you would like your child to join

For those who already have regular Breakfast and After School Club bookings—you can go ahead and book the same sessions in for next term. Should you need different sessions, please do check before you book them. **Registers for the following week for Breakfast and After School Club are generated on Fridays and we have had a number of occasions where pupils have not been booked in but have still arrived expecting to join the club. This of course, makes managing our numbers very difficult, so please ensure that bookings are made for the following week by Friday morning at the very latest. Thank you.**



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

End of Spring Term 2021
 Staff Training Day
 Start of Summer Term 2021
 Used uniform into school for FoLS
 Parents Evenings
 May Day Holiday
 Class and Year 6 Leavers Photographs
 Rye Class Peat Rigg Residential
 End of Summer Half Term 1
 Staff Training Day
 Start of Summer Half Term 2
 Year 6 Bikeability
 Sports Day
 Year 5 Experience Day @ Malton School
 End of 2020-21 School Year

Friday 26th March
 Monday 12th April
 Tuesday 13th April
 Wednesday 21st April
 W/c Monday 26th April
 Monday 3rd May
 Friday 7th May
 Monday 24th—Wednesday 26th May
 Friday 28th May
 Monday 7th June
 Tuesday 8th June
 Tuesday 8th / Wednesday 9th June
 Thursday 24th June
 Thursday 1st July
 Friday 23rd July

CHANGES TO ROUTINE

If your child's routine changes for any reason (e.g. they are being collected instead of going home on the bus), could you please ensure that you call or email the school office to confirm this. Thanks for your help with this.



LOST PROPERTY!

We do endeavour to reunite children and clothing but if clothing isn't named, it isn't always possible. **If you could name all of your children's clothing (using a Sharpie on the size labels works a treat), it would be very helpful.** It is also worth regularly checking children's bags and PE bags to make sure that other pupil's uniform hasn't made it's way in there, as a lot of the uniform that does get lost

has often gone home with the wrong person!



Staff Training Days:

Monday 6th September 2021
 Tuesday 5th January 2022
 Monday 6th June 2022
 Monday 25th July 2022
 Tuesday 26th July 2022

HOLIDAY DATES 2021-2022		
HOLIDAY	Last Day At School	First Day Back
Summer 2021	Friday 23 rd July 2021	Tuesday 7 th September 2021
Autumn half-term	Friday 22 nd October 2021	Monday 1 st November 2021
Christmas 2021	Friday 17 th December 2021	Wednesday 5 th January 2022
Spring half-term	Friday 18 th February 2022	Monday 28 th February 2022
Easter 2022	Friday 8 th April 2022	Monday 25 th April 2022
May Day	Friday 29 th April 2022	Tuesday 3 rd May 2022
Summer half-term	Friday 27 th May 2022	Tuesday 7 th June 2022
Summer 2022	Friday 22 nd July 2022	



EASTER BUNNY TRAIL

Can you find our missing bunnies hiding in the Walled Garden + Parkland...

SATURDAY 27TH MARCH - SUNDAY 11TH APRIL, WED-SUN (10AM-5PM)



Taster Sessions

Did you know that you can come and trial us for a two week taster session? This gives you the opportunity to see if Frances Lyn Theatre School is the place for your child without having to commit to a full term. Book for the first two weeks of term and it will only cost you £20 (regular price £40).

Covid-19 Measures

The school will be following all current government guidelines with regards to Covid-19, with safety measures in place until necessary. With this in mind, our classes will be kept small meaning that spaces will be limited.



Parent Testimonials

'The school is friendly and inclusive and has helped my daughter's confidence enormously' Kirsty

'It's the highlight of my son's week!' Vicky

'My son's confidence has improved so much and I know it's down to his Saturdays with you guys' Josie



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