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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the Summer Term. I trust you all had a good holiday with your friends and family. The children this morning are certainly looking smart, many with new shoes and smart haircuts, and obviously ready for the term ahead! The staff were back in school yesterday for our training day and here at Langton, we had a full hall with 31 colleagues joining us from surrounding schools to work on the national agenda for the development and design of school curricula. It was fantastic to have the opportunity to focus on what we want our children to learn and during this term, the staff and I will be busy developing this further. We are starting as we mean to go on, so this term we are introducing some new curriculum topics. A pirate ship even landed in one of our classrooms over the holidays! Further details will be sent out from your child's class teacher this Thursday in the Class Curriculum Newsletter.

Our Summer Terms are usually full to the brim with many different activities and this term is proving to be no exception. Please look out for the comprehensive Diary Dates list in our fortnightly Newsletter. This is a short but important half term. Our Year 6 children will be making us all proud during SATS Week in the week commencing 13th May. Year 2 children will also be completing their SATS within class time and the Year 1 Phonics screen happens in June. For those of you with children in Year 6, Mr Walker and I are holding a Parent's SATS Information Session at 3.15pm tomorrow. Please do come along to this if you would like to know further information or have any questions about the week. Of course, SATS week for our Year 6 children culminates in a Tea Party for all of Rye Class and the big reveal of the end of year production. We are looking forward to performing our production on the Norton College stage again and will have quite a few activities this term linked to the production itself. More details to follow! We hope to get the whole school involved in some of the activities and one of these will be creating a backdrop for the play. To help us with this, if any of you have any old white, cream or light pastel pillowcases that you no longer use, we would be grateful if you would send them into school as these will help us with our artwork.

All children this term will have the opportunity to go on at least one trip. Next Tuesday (the first day back after Bank Holiday Monday), Ouse Class will be heading to the Coal Mining Museum. For children in Ouse, please note that the bus on this day will be leaving at 8.15am prompt. Our week's residential trip to Bewerley Park for Rye Class will be happening in July. Again, Mr Walker and I will be hosting a Bewerley Park Information Session for parents next week on Thursday 9th May at 3.15pm.

FoLS have their first meeting of the Summer Term today at 3.15pm. We would warmly welcome as many of you as possible to come and join us. Our main agenda item tonight will be planning for the Summer Fair. We would be grateful for any ideas you may have about this. FoLS and I would also be grateful if you would share the information about our Community Talk on 14th May with anyone who might like to attend this.

As the sun begins to shine, our attention turns to booking our Summer holiday. Please can I remind everyone that unless I am provided with evidence of extenuating circumstances which make a term time holiday the only option, I am obliged to unauthorise it. I always consider letters and evidence given to me in a fair way however I am bound

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Creates opportunity



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by legislation which restricts holidays during term time. I also whole-heartedly agree that with evidence that suggests that high levels of school attendance result in higher outcomes for pupils.

It was great that so many parents attended our Parents Evening sessions before the holidays. Towards the end of this term, you will of course be receiving your child's formal end of year report. As always, in the meantime, please feel free to pop in and see your child's class teacher or myself if you have any questions or queries. I am holding another Parent Forum at 2.30pm on Wednesday 15th May. Please do come and join us for that if you can and let me know if you would like anything adding to the agenda. Finally, my thanks to all of you who have completed the OFSTED Parent View survey (this can be accessed via the School website <https://www.langton.n-yorks.sch.uk/parents/parent-view>). The responses have been very pleasing but we would welcome more of you to complete this very quick questionnaire to give us a fully informed view of your thoughts which our Governors along with myself, can use to inform our school planning going forward.

Looking forward to a happy and successful term ahead. Very best wishes,

Rachel Ray
Headteacher