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Dear Parent / Carer,

World Book Day

We have had a great start to the half term celebrating our love of reading by asking family members to come into school to share a book with the children. It was fantastic to be able to invite you into school and the children loved listening to all the wonderful stories. Thank you to everyone able to attend.

Langley's Book Swap Shed

Our 'Langley Book Swap Shed' will open later this week. It is an opportunity for grown ups and children to swap books and enjoy different stories. Thank you again to the Friends of Langley for supplying the shed to increase our children's opportunities to develop a pleasure for reading.

Parent and teacher meetings

Parent and teacher meetings are planned for the week beginning 28th March. We will send out dates and invites shortly.

Friends of Langley

Friends of Langley have organised year group discos. Please see dates below:

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
Thursday 7 th April	Thursday 7 th April 2.00 - 3.00 pm	Thursday 7 th April 3.30pm to 4.45 pm	Tuesday 5 th April 3.30pm to 4.45 pm	Thursday 7 th April 4.45 pm to 6.00 pm	Tuesday 5 th April 4.45 pm to 6.00 pm

The children can wear whatever they choose for the disco. We ask that they bring their clothes in a bag to get changed. If you child's disco starts at the later time, they do not need to bring clothes unless they are at our wraparound provision or after school club.

On **Friday 8th April**, Friends of Langley have kindly planned an Easter Egg hunt for all the children. It will be a lovely end to our Spring term.

Term dates

The end of the term is Friday 8th April, and we will reopen on Tuesday 26th April. Monday 25th April is a teacher training day.

Ukraine Appeal

We will be collecting donations in our school this week and then transport them to the relevant locations in our area. Donations include toiletries, toys, blankets, first aid equipment and pillows. We will have boxes at the gates at drop off and collection times until Friday 11th March.

Please see the useful sites below which have been created to help support parents and carers to talk about the conflict with children:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround#more-stories-2>

<https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/changing-lives/useful-resources-for-talking-about-ukraine-and-russia/>

<https://www.familyeducation.com/life/wars/talking-children-about-war-violence-world>

Please contact school if you need any support.

Symptomatic children

While the legal requirement to self-isolate has been removed if your child has any of the main COVID symptoms or a positive test result they **should not** attend school. The public health advice remains unchanged which is to stay at home and avoid contact with other people.

Anyone with any of the main COVID-19 symptoms should order a PCR test and is advised to stay at home while waiting for the result. Children who test positive will continue to be advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for **at least 5 full days** and then continue to follow the guidance until they have received 2 negative test results on consecutive days.

Close contacts

Contacts of positive COVID-19 cases are no longer required to self-isolate or advised to take daily tests and contact tracing has ended. If your child is a close contact of a confirmed COVID case, they should attend school as usual. Many thanks for your continued support and adherence to the public health advice which helps to reduce the disruption to all our children and young people's education.

Stage / Costumes

We have just renovated the stage area in the playground. The children are thinking of ideas to decorate it. We are looking for donations of any preloved fancy dress costumes to enrich their experiences.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Carrie Marron

Headteacher