

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to a new school year and, if you are new to the school, welcome to Langtons Infant School & Nursery and our first newsletter of the school year.

Our newsletter is sent by email every Friday. We also send all other information by email. It is therefore very important that you inform us if you do not receive correspondence at least once a week from us as you could be missing out on important news.

If you would like to change the email address we send our correspondence to, please email the office on [office@langtons-inf.havering.sch.uk](mailto:office@langtons-inf.havering.sch.uk).

### Our Queen

How very, very sad that Queen Elizabeth II died yesterday after reigning for 70 years. In the book that was given to all of the children to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee last school year I found a quote from Her Majesty:

***"Family does not necessarily mean blood relatives but is often a description of a community, organisation, or nation."***

We spoke in assembly today about the wonderful way in which the Queen has touched the hearts of many and of how she served our country and the Commonwealth. The staff and children agreed that although we are sad about the Queen's passing, we would like to celebrate her life. We have a Book of Condolence for parents and children to write in. This will be in the playground each day next week - please do leave a message. The children have been writing condolence cards today to send to the Royal Family and we have planned some activities that the children can take part in next week. I am sure the whole school community will join us in saying, Rest In Peace Queen Elizabeth and thank you for all you have done for us.

**PE Days:** The PE Days are Year 1 – Thursdays, Year 2 - Wednesdays. On PE Days please bring your child dressed in their PE kit. The PE kit consists of black shorts, white poloshirt and either black plimsolls or black trainers. During colder months, children can wear either black or navy jogging bottoms or leggings and black or navy jumpers. Please ensure that **earrings & jewellery** are **removed before school on PE days**.

Reception will be starting PE after Christmas. We will send you an email nearer the time.

**Reading Folder:** From next week, children in Reception, Year 1 & 2 will be given a reading folder to take home and complete. The day it needs to be returned will be written on the folder. Please ensure you bring your child's reading folder on their allocated day so their books can be changed.

The reading folder should be brought in a book bag as specified in our welcome pack. Please do not send your child in with any other bags as we do not have space to accommodate backpacks, etc. The only other items brought to school should be a water bottle with your child's name and class on it and, if your child is having packed lunch, a lunch box with their name and class on it.

**Pick Up and Drop Off Times:** Due to Covid, we staggered our drop off and pick up times. We are now going back to all children coming in and leaving at the same time. As parents can have children in both the Infants and Juniors, we are bringing our times in line with the revised Junior times, so after half term the times will be as follows:

Reception, Years 1 & 2	8.35am – 3.05pm
Nursery	8.30am – 11.30pm (morning session)
Nursery	12.15pm – 3.15pm (afternoon session)
Nursery	8.30am – 3.15pm (full day)

This will give parents time to drop off their Junior child first and then drop off their Infant child. At pick up time parents will pick up their child from the Infants first and then the Juniors.

Please ensure you arrive at school on time. Until half term drop off will remain between 8:45-8:55am. From 31<sup>st</sup> October our gates will close at 8.45am promptly. If you arrive late, you may have to wait at the gate as our staff will be busy supporting children. Teaching starts as soon as the children enter school and registers have been taken. If your child arrives late, they may miss out on vital information and may feel uncomfortable as all their classmates are already settled in.

**Dates for your Diary:** I would like to draw your attention to a section further on in the newsletter called "Dates for your Diary". This is where we communicate upcoming events to you. Please check these every week as changes may occur. At this time we would like to draw your attention to the Year 1 & 2 Parent Workshop on 21.09.2022 at 2.15pm to discuss expectations with a focus on Reading & Phonics – If you cannot attend, a PowerPoint presentation will be put on our website [www.langtonsinfant.com](http://www.langtonsinfant.com) afterwards.

We have introduced a weekly Star of the Week Award across the whole school for children who demonstrate that they are using our school values. Please see below for this week's Stars of the Week.

We look forward to working with you and your child this year. If you have any questions at any stage, please contact us on [office@langtons-inf.havering.sch.uk](mailto:office@langtons-inf.havering.sch.uk).

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,  
Miss Page

<b>Star Writers of the Week</b>	
<b>Cedar</b>	<b>Mehmet</b>
<b>Elm</b>	<b>Aliza</b>
<b>Maple</b>	<b>Rosie</b>
<b>Willow</b>	<b>Chester</b>



<b>Maths Champions of the Week</b>	
<b>Cedar</b>	<b>Bobby</b>
<b>Elm</b>	<b>Ayden</b>
<b>Maple</b>	<b>Henry</b>
<b>Willow</b>	<b>Ryan</b>

### **Nursery Star of the Week**

**Dolcie**

For being super helpful and kind to our new friends.

### **Year 1 Star of the Week**

**Cedar Class**

**Connie**

For showing kindness to her friends in outdoor learning.

**Elm Class**

**Grace**

For settling in well and following the class rules.

## Year 2 Star of the Week

### Maple Class

**Grayson**

For great focus and hard work during lessons.

### Willow Class

**Summer**

For always following the class rules and working really hard.

## ATTENDANCE

Please remember, you **must** inform the school by telephone or email on the first day of your child's absence. For safeguarding we require, in addition to your own contact details, at least two additional emergency contacts.



Our attendance target is 96%. The attendance for this year so far is: 95.57%.

<b>Yr R Ash</b>	<b>94.59%</b>	<b>Yr 1 Cedar</b>	<b>96.67%</b>	<b>Yr 2 Maple</b>	<b>96.12%</b>
<b>Yr R Oak</b>	<b>97.78%</b>	<b>Yr 1 Elm</b>	<b>96.55%</b>	<b>Yr 2 Willow</b>	<b>92.5%</b>

## **ABACUS**

Abacus Breakfast Club runs from 7.45am Monday to Friday, during term time. There is no need to book, just turn up after your initial registration. The children have a healthy breakfast such as toast, cereal, crumpets or bagels. There is also a special of the day which could be yoghurt, fruit and honey. Abacus provide a selection of table top games, such as air hockey or pool. Alongside this are board games and craft activities. Children can attend for one or five mornings a week, or just when required. The cost is £6.50 from 7.45am and £6.00 from 8.00am. The children are taken into school for the start of the school day. For more information please call Kayley on 07903 708 764 or go to their website

[www.abacusafterschoolclubs.com](http://www.abacusafterschoolclubs.com) where you can also download their registration forms.

## Key Messages

**Free School Meals/Pupil Premium** – Although all children in Reception through to Year 2 do not have to pay for school dinners, if you are in receipt of benefits, you may be entitled to free school meals once your child goes into Year 3. By registering your entitlement now, you ensure that your child will receive free meals later on, even if your circumstances have changed by then. It also means that this school will receive extra funding called Pupil Premium which we can then use to support your child. So the sooner you apply, the better.

For further details or to apply please go to: <https://www.haverling.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals>

**On School Grounds** - Please do not use your mobile phone. Children are not permitted to ride their bikes or scooters once they have entered site. Please ensure your child walks into school and pushes their scooter/bike.

**Labelling of Items** – Please remember to put your child's name on all items they bring in to school. This includes hats, scarves, gloves, water bottles, book bags, etc.

**Absences** – please remember to always contact the office either by email ([office@langtons-inf.haverling.sch.uk](mailto:office@langtons-inf.haverling.sch.uk)) or by leaving a message on our absence line (telephone 01708 447 866) by 9am on the first day of your child's absence. When leaving a message on the answerphone please clearly state your child's name, class and the specific reason for their absence. If your child is unwell, please specify whether this is because they have a cold, a temperature or are feeling sick, etc.

It is our duty to make contact with every parent whose child is absent to check that everything is ok and the family are not in an emergency situation needing assistance. If we cannot make contact, we may make a home visit to make sure everyone is ok.

**Emails** – when emailing the office, please always include your child's full name and class. This will help our office staff by cutting down on the time they have to spend looking up details.

We greatly appreciate your support as this helps us to free up time for other tasks.

### Our School Values:



Respect



Kindness



Determination



Tolerance



Resilience

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>Details</b>
13.09.22	Roald Dahl Day	Activities in class
21.09.22	Year 1 & 2 Parent Workshop regarding expectations with focus on Reading & Phonics – 2.15pm	Year 1 & 2 parents invited into school at 2.15pm
26.09.22	All Reception children in full time 8.45am-3.05pm	----
28.09.22	Reception parent workshop regarding expectations – 2.15pm	Reception parents invited into school at 2.15pm
29.09.22	Individual Photographs	Photographer in school
30.09.22	Harvest Festival at St Andrew's Church	Details to follow
w/b 03.10.22	Year 1 trip to Langtons Gardens	Details to follow
03.10.22	Dyslexia awareness week	----
07.10.22	Coffee Morning	Details to follow
07.10.22	Break the Rules Day	Details to follow
12.10.22	Open Day for New Intake parents September 2023 throughout the day	----
21.10.22	Diwali (on 24 <sup>th</sup> October)	Activities in class
24.-28.10.22	Half Term	School closed
31.10.22	First Day Back – Start of Autumn 2 <sup>nd</sup> Half Term	----
31.10.22	Spooky Disco after school	Details to follow
w/b 07.11.22	Parents' Evenings	Details to follow

# Nursery News

It was lovely welcoming the children back to Nursery. Our returning students bounced in full of excitement, ready to explore the activities.

We have had a few new children start this week and they have been very brave saying goodbye to their grown-ups. A big well done to all.

This half term our topic is 'I wonder what is special about me?'. We will be learning all about ourselves and our families.



This week children have enjoyed exploring their new environment. They have absolutely loved dressing up and playing in the outside area.



# Reception News

This week:

Welcome to Reception and to all of our new parents! It has been a fantastic start to the new year. The children have impressed all the adults in their maturity starting school. They all marched up the steps with purpose. We have been getting familiar with our new settings and learning our class rules. We had lots of fun going outside and playing on the bikes and using the wobbly bridge. We have enjoyed our starting sessions and look forward to being in school all day. Here are a few pictures of what we have been up to this week.



The Reception Team 😊

# Year 1 News

**This week:** We have all worked so hard settling in to our new Year 1 classes. The children have been thinking about how we can follow the classroom rules and how to show kindness to each other.

In Maths we have practised ordering and writing numbers to 20 and matching objects to a number by counting carefully.



In English we have used our Phonics skills to sound out words for writing. We have looked at different animal pictures and had a go at describing them. We have tried our best to use finger spaces in our writing!

In Phonics we have practised the sounds s, a, t, p, l. We have read a range of CVC words such as, sit, pit, tap and sat. To help your child recap on these sounds please read 'At A Tip'. This book has been allocated to you on Bug Club 😊

# Year 2 News

Year 2 have settled into their new classes really well and have been working really hard.

**English:** This week we have been writing in a variety of styles. We have written letters, narratives and recounts. We have also been using adjectives to describe things.

**Maths:** We have been using a hundred square to add and subtract. On Friday we completed a maths investigation where we needed to make a chair from cubes.



**Phonics:** We have been learning alternative ways to make sounds. We have learnt 'ew' flew, 'ue' true, 'au' August and 'aw' claw. Our Bug Club Book is 'Boring, Boring'.

Our PE day is Wednesday. Year 2 also visit the school library on this day. Please remember to send you child to school with their library book so they can bring a different one home. Thank you.