



The Bulletin

20th December 2017

Term Dates 2017-2018

Monday 30th October 2017 to Wednesday 20th December 2017	Term 2
Thursday 4th January 2018 to Friday 9th February 2018	Term 3
Thursday 4th January 2018	Staff Development Day – School closed
Friday 5th January 2018	Staff Development Day – School closed
Monday 19th February 2018 to Thursday 29th March 2018	Term 4
Friday 30th March 2018	Bank Holiday – Good Friday
Monday 2nd April 2018	Bank Holiday – Easter Monday
Monday 16th April 2018 to Friday 25th May 2018	Term 5
Monday 7th May 2018	Bank Holiday – May Day
Monday 4th June 2018 to Tuesday 24th July 2018	Term 6
Monday 23rd July 2018	Staff Development Day – School closed
Tuesday 24th July 2018	Staff Development Day – School closed

Diary Dates Academic Year 2017-2018	Any changes or additions are shown in red
Term 2	
Monday 18th December 2017	Key Stage 1 Christmas Parties
Tuesday 19th December 2017	Key Stage 2 Christmas Parties
Wednesday 20th December 2017	Christmas Church Service

Attendance Target 96.7%	Week ending 22nd December 2017
Year R	97.7%
Year 1	98.5%
Year 2	98.3%
Year 3	97.3%
Year 4	97.5%
Year 5	98.3%
Year 6	97.6%
Whole School	97.9%

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Stars of the Week		Citizens of the Week	
Year R	Emilia W, Frankie M	Year R	Isla T
Year 1	Evie F, Emilia S	Year 1	Beatrice P
Year 2	Megan H-S, Greta K	Year 2	Lewis C
Year 3	Makena M, Finlay V	Year 3	Olivia D
Year 4	Sammy B, Summer M	Year 4	Maisy T
Year 5	Daniel H, Holly M	Year 5	Brandon M
Year 6	Emma C, Amber K, Joseph M	Year 6	Lewis L

House Points		
House	This week's Points	Running Total
St Andrew	1338	19,124
St David	1645	17,203
St George	2320	19,521
St Patrick	1103	19,327

Father Matthew's quote of the week

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.
St. John the Evangelist

Nativities

There are times when I genuinely believe that I have the best job in the world. Christmas is special in any primary school, but here at Leybourne it is truly magical. The Nativities this year were just amazing, and the Christmas story was retold with both sensitivity and humour. The children worked so hard to learn their lines and sang and acted beautifully throughout. I would like to congratulate them all on their talent, enthusiasm and ability and to thank the staff who worked so hard to harness the children's energy and prepare them for their moments in the limelight. You all did a wonderful job and we are very proud of you all. I would also like to thank the parents and grandparents who came along to support the children and also those who took the time to email me with their thoughts.

I am also delighted to say that the retiring collections raised £430 for Leybourne Grange Riding Centre for the Disabled and Crisis at Christmas. Thank you all for your generous support.

Mince pies and Carols

Year 6 did a fantastic job hosting their first ever "Mince pies and Carols" afternoon last Friday. It was a lovely occasion! A specially selected group of children sang beautifully in Italian for our guests, the Sign Language Club reduced visitors to tears, the KS1 boys and the Year 6 dancers entertained us all very well and the afternoon was rounded off wonderfully by the fantastic school choir. It was a great opportunity for us to say "thank you" to some of the many parents

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who help us in school, either as governors or on the PTFA, running the Walking Bus or helping out in school. We really do appreciate your support!

Christmas Dinner

More than 160 children enjoyed a full Christmas Dinner on Thursday, and I would like to thank our wonderful cooks Nicky and Liz for all their hard work – not just on Christmas Dinner Day, but throughout the entire year. I am constantly in awe of them for producing lovely meals for so many – and for doing so with big smiles on their faces! We are incredibly lucky to have such great staff who work so hard for the children.

Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day

Thank you to everyone who supported the Christmas Jumper Day last week. I am delighted to say that we raised £139 for Save the Children, and looked very festive in the process!

Rock Steady Concert

Pupils, staff and parents were wonderfully entertained by the Rock Steady groups last week. It was lovely to see how well the children are doing, and how confident they were performing to an audience! Well done to them all.

Breakfast Club – New Booking System

We are pleased to let you know that you will now be able to book and pay for Breakfast Club sessions via Schoolcomms using their new club facility.

You will be able to view this option with effect from today and book and pay for sessions for Term 3 onwards using the Schoolcomms app. Here are the instructions for downloading

Improved text messaging system – and you can help the school save money

From time to time, we send information to parents via text message to your mobile phone. A new, free, smartphone app for parents is now available for download called 'School Gateway' for Apple (iOS 8 on the iPhone 4S or later, iPad, iPod Touch) and Android (4.0 / Ice Cream Sandwich or later) devices.

Please could you download this new app to your phone (it's free) as it will help us improve communication with parents – and save the school money.

The set-up process is simple and will take no more than a couple of minutes:

1. Search for "School Gateway" in the Apple App Store/Google Play or on your phone go to www.schoolgateway.com/apple (Apple) or www.schoolgateway.com/android (Android)
2. Install the app and if you are asked then say yes to "Allow Push Notifications"
3. When you launch School Gateway for the first time, please select 'New User' and enter the email address and mobile telephone number you have registered with the school
4. The system will send a PIN code to your phone; please enter this PIN code and the app will be activated for you. As soon as you've got the system set-up, all of the text messages we send you will appear in the app; you'll receive notifications/alerts as normal.

If you would like to find out more click [here](#)

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If you've recently changed your email address or mobile telephone number, please let us know so we can update our records.

Thank you for your help.
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Message from the Local Governing Body

I am delighted to welcome Paul Sherrell and Zeenara Najam as Parent Governors on the Local Governing Body and look forward to working with them both over the coming months.

Governors have made some minor amendments to the wording of the over subscription criteria within the admissions policy, a copy of which will be available in the new year. In relation to admissions at Leybourne, I would like to clarify that the sibling criteria remains unchanged and there are no plans to remove this.

On behalf of the governors, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy Christmas and a peaceful new year.

Sue Forsey
Chair of Governors

PTFA Vacancy

As of January 2018, we are seeking a new Treasurer of Leybourne PTFA. Emma Moger has done a fantastic job bridging the gap between the previous and new PTFA teams, but the time has now come to appoint a permanent treasurer. If you would like more information on what this post would entail please email leybourneptfa@outlook.com. I would be grateful for any expressions of interest in fulfilling the post of PTFA Treasurer at the upcoming AGM on Wednesday 10th January. We would like to thank Emma for her all her hard work during the transition period between the teams, it has been greatly appreciated.

Rupert

Rupert, our Therapy Dog, came in with Mrs McMillan. He was dressed as a reindeer and he gave out candy canes to all the classes. The children love reading with Rupert and a big thank you goes to Mrs McMillan for giving up her time to support us.

Congratulations

Well done to Kaylea, who recently finished 3rd in an inter -club gymnastics competition. Kaylea was awarded her bronze medal following a floor routine and jumping onto the vault!

Prayer of the week

Thank you Lord for the gift of your love.
May I be a shining example of that love to others
Bless us all at this time of Christmas
And surround us with your love and peace.
Amen

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Finally

I would like to say a huge “Thank you” from myself and all the staff for the many lovely Christmas cards, messages and gifts we have received. Your kindness and generosity is very much appreciated by us all.

Wishing you all a wonderful Christmas and a very happy and healthy 2018, see you all on Monday 8th January,

Tina Holditch
Headteacher

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