



# The Bulletin

8<sup>th</sup> December 2017

## Term Dates 2017-2018

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

<b>Diary Dates Academic Year 2017-2018</b>	<b>Any changes or additions are shown in red</b>
<b>Term 2</b>	
<b>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2017</b>	PTFA Breakfast with Santa <b>CANCELLED</b>
<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2017</b>	Key Stage 2 Dress Rehearsal – AM Key Stage 1 Dress Rehearsal - PM
<b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2017</b>	Key Stage 1 Nativity PM Key Stage 2 Nativity Evening
<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2017</b>	Flu Vaccination Years R, 1, 2, 3 and 4
<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2017</b>	Key Stage 1 Nativity PM Key Stage 2 Nativity Evening
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2017</b>	School Christmas Lunch
<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2017</b>	Key Stage 1 Christmas Parties
<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2017</b>	Key Stage 2 Christmas Parties
<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2017</b>	Christmas Church Service

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<b>Attendance Target 96.7%</b>	<b>Week ending 8th December 2017</b>
<b>Year R</b>	97.7%
<b>Year 1</b>	98.4%
<b>Year 2</b>	98.2%
<b>Year 3</b>	97.3%
<b>Year 4</b>	97.6%
<b>Year 5</b>	98.3%
<b>Year 6</b>	97.6%
<b>Whole School</b>	97.9%

<b>House Points</b>		
<b>House</b>	<b>This week's Points</b>	<b>Running Total</b>
<b>St Andrew</b>	3667	17,786
<b>St David</b>	2406	17,192
<b>St George</b>	4346	10,749
<b>St Patrick</b>	6202	18,224

<b>Stars of the Week</b>		<b>Citizens of the Week</b>	
Year R	Isla T, Florrie T	Year R	Chloe B
Year 1	Matthew D, Beatrice P	Year 1	Rachel H
Year 2	William B, Tilly G	Year 2	Maisie L
Year 3	Zac W, Amy W	Year 3	Maisie J
Year 4	Chloe L, Joe L	Year 4	Lucy M, Emily S, Thea W-B
Year 5	Joseph B, Lucy R	Year 5	Ryan W
Year 6	Isabella O, Ruby S, Harry T	Year 6	Jireh O

### **Father Matthew's quote of the week**

*Our greatest fear should not be of failure but of succeeding at things in life that don't really matter*  
Francis Chan

### **PTFA Breakfast with Santa – Cancelled**

Unfortunately, due to lack of numbers we are with regret going to have to cancel this Saturday's Breakfast with Santa.

This decision has not been taken lightly and we are deeply sorry to the children who have booked and apologise to the parents for the late notice.

A refund for children who had booked in will be issued in the next few days.

Many Thanks

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### **Children in Need**

We are pleased to confirm that the total amount raised by the school for Children in Need was a fantastic £234.92. Thank you for your support.

### **Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day**



We will once again be taking part in the Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day appeal.

We will be running this on **Thursday 14th December** (our Christmas School Lunch Day) to add to the festive atmosphere. The children and staff can wear their own clothes including a Christmas Jumpers to school and bring along a suggested donation of £1.00 for Save the Children. We look forward to a lovely day.

### **Starfish Malawi**

We have included details at the end of this Bulletin of the Starfish Malawi, Christmas appeal which you may wish to support.

### **Leybourne Grange**

Today Years 4, 5 and 6 visited Leybourne Grange Riding Centre for the Disabled for their annual Nativity. We would like to thank all the parents who accompanied the children during their walk to the Riding Centre, we really appreciate your support.

### **Prayer of the week**

Lord Jesus, light in this dark world,  
illuminate our hearts and minds.  
Be the centre of all that we are,  
and the life that we lead

**Amen**

A copy of this Bulletin will be added to the School Website: <http://www.leybourne.kent.sch.uk>

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### **Christmas Appeal 2017: Equipping children to read and write**

**Did you know that currently 1 in 4 of Malawi's young adults cannot read and write in any language?**

**As literacy is a “ladder out of poverty” (Morgan Freeman, backed by vast evidence!) we want to give children the best possible start in learning to read and write.**

*However, this is no easy task – especially as they have two languages to master....*

Although most families in Malawi speak Chichewa or other indigenous languages as their first language, the law requires that all children learn English throughout school and that other subjects are delivered in English from juniors upwards.

A good grasp of English is required in Malawi for people to access information (there is a shortage of Internet content, newspapers etc. written in Chichewa), higher education, tertiary employment and global commerce. It has therefore become key in economic development.

Starfish Malawi have launched a project designed by a teacher and international development graduate from the UK, Rachel Ormrod, to enhance the Malawian teacher's own English fluency and their understanding of effective and relevant teaching strategies for literacy in any language, as we want to preserve the mother tongue too. This is being done through the development of a network of teachers who are taking on the role of Literacy Leaders for their schools.

Literacy instruction in Malawi is often 'dry' but we know that children learn best when teaching is lively, interactive and multi-sensory. The Literacy Leaders have therefore designed a [unique bi-lingual alphabet sheet](#) to support children in this first step towards learning to read and write. For each letter, there is a picture of something, which either begins with or produces that sound in both English and Chichewa, to avoid confusion. It is laminated, so is long-lasting. They have also created [actions and a song](#) to go with the sheet, which will be introduced across infant classes and local nurseries.

**Would you be able to help us ensure as many children as possible, benefit from this first reading and writing tool, by donating to our Christmas Appeal?**

**Just £2 will provide laminated bi-lingual alphabet sheets for 40 children!**

**£5 will provide sheets for 80 children and a large (A1) copy for whole class teaching.  
Please visit our designated Just Giving page;**

[www.justgiving.com/campaigns/charity/starfishmalawi/christmasappeal2017](http://www.justgiving.com/campaigns/charity/starfishmalawi/christmasappeal2017)

**to donate to this project.**

**Thank you.**

**For more information about all our projects, please visit our website at:**

[www.starfishmalawi.com](http://www.starfishmalawi.com)

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