

The Bulletin

18th May 2018

Term Dates 2017-2018

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 2017-2018

Please click on the link below to visit the calendar and view the diary dates for the rest of the academic year. The dates for the following week are on the home page of the website.

<http://www.leybourne.kent.sch.uk/calendar-2/>. We hope that we have added everything to the calendar, but if you do spot any errors please do let the office know, thank you.

Attendance Target 96.7%	Week ending 18th May 2018
Year R	97.0%
Year 1	97.7%
Year 2	97.0%
Year 3	97.2%
Year 4	97.2%
Year 5	97.9%
Year 6	96.0%
Whole School	97.2%

Safeguarding - Contact with Staff

We are always very pleased when parents contact us to share news of their children's achievements or any significant events in their lives. Equally, we appreciate it when parents notify us of any concerns or questions they may have regarding their children. Please can we ask, however, that any contact with school staff is made through school – either through a meeting or a phone call or email to the school office? We have a responsibility to ensure that all contact with parents is conducted professionally and in a way that safeguards children, families and staff. The use of text or social media, including Messenger, is not appropriate. Please do not be offended if a member of school staff declines an invitation to be a “friend” on social media, or does not respond to messages – they are merely following safeguarding advice and adhering to school online safety policy. Thank you for your understanding.

SATs

Year 6 had their SATs tests this week. The children approached them with great maturity and we are really proud of how they behaved. Year 2 are currently part way through their tests, and are coping very well with them so far. We try very hard not to put pressure on the children and look forward to the end of next week when the tests will all be over!

MAD Evening

We will be holding our first ever Make A Difference evening on Wednesday 20th June from 3.30pm until 8.00 pm. If you have a few hours to spare, please come along and support us. There will be a variety of jobs to choose from and your time will be well spent, and greatly appreciated!

Dogs on Site

May we remind you that dogs are not allowed anywhere on site. This includes the paths into school from the Rectory Lane North entrance and the Oxley Shaw Lane entrance. We would ask you to respect our rules and refrain from bringing dogs into school.

A complaint

We have received a complaint from a resident in Rectory Lane North. Children are cutting across driveway and gardens instead of sticking to the path. We feel this complaint is completely justified and are a little disappointed to receive the complaint. We are sure you will agree that the children should respect other people's property. We ask that you supervise your children when they are walking to and from school. If they walk to school without you, please would you speak about this reiterating the importance of keeping to designated pathways. We hope you understand the importance of maintaining good relations with the wider community and ask for your co-operation in this matter.

Thank you

To the Hickmott family who erected the shed for Reception last weekend. It is very much appreciated, and the children are thoroughly enjoying their new "beach hut!"

Forest School

We thought it would be interesting for you as parents to come and see how Forest School works. Mrs Murray intends to run a session just for parents on Tuesday, 22nd May between 10 am and 12 noon. Please let the office know if you would like to participate.

Thy Kingdom Come

There is a display of pupils' work in Rochester Cathedral at the moment. As part of the Church of England's "Thy Kingdom Come" celebration, Year 6 pupils contributed their thoughts on prayer and what it means to them. Please do go and visit the display – the pupils' work is extremely though provoking!

PTFA Crockery request

The PTFA would be very grateful for donations of old or unwanted crockery for their Summer Fayre to be held on Saturday 7th July. Please be aware that the crockery will not be in a fit state to be returned afterwards!

Photographs in school

Please can we remind all parents that you are not permitted to take photos of children whilst in school? Whilst I appreciate that it is lovely for parents to have photos of their children in many different settings, I must insist that parents do not use their mobile phones or cameras whilst in school, even if it is to take photos of their own children. We do permit photography, for parents' personal use ONLY, at Sports' Day and some school performances, but please do not take photos if visiting classes, or helping out with Forest School, for example. We are bound by strict safeguarding rules and policies and have a duty to keep all of our pupils safe. This includes protecting them from having their images taken and stored by other people whilst in our care. Thank you for your support and understanding.

Climbing on playground gate

Please could you remind your children not to climb on the school gate and fences? We are seeing a number of children attempting to scale the playground gate in the morning before school. The gate and fence are not designed for this purpose, and I would hate for anyone to get hurt. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Year 5 Class Assembly

Parents of pupils in Year 5 have been treated to an extremely engaging and enjoyable account of their children's recent trip to France. The trip was one of the very best I have been on in my teaching career, and the children were absolutely fantastic to take away. We are very proud of all of them!

Street Party – whole school

We celebrated the forthcoming wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle with a street party. We wish them much happiness in their life together.



Prayer of the week

Holy Spirit sent by the Father, Ignite in us your holy fire,
Strengthen your children with the gift of faith,
Revive your Church with the breath of love,
and renew the face of the earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord

Amen

Tina Holditch

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