



# The Bulletin

14<sup>th</sup> September 2018

## Term Dates 2018-2019

The term dates for the current academic year are published on the School website calendar.

<b>Attendance Target 96.7%</b>	<b>Week ending 14<sup>th</sup> September 2018</b>
<b>Year R</b>	99.6%
<b>Year 1</b>	96.7%
<b>Year 2</b>	100%
<b>Year 3</b>	99.4%
<b>Year 4</b>	95.9%
<b>Year 5</b>	99.6%
<b>Year 6</b>	92.3%
<b>Whole School</b>	97.5%

<b>House Points</b>		
<b>House</b>	<b>This week's Points</b>	<b>Running Total</b>
<b>St Andrew</b>	1093	1598
<b>St David</b>	1164	1698
<b>St George</b>	1152	1587
<b>St Patrick</b>	1065	1485

<b>Stars of the Week</b>
<b>Year 1</b> – Darcie P, Noah Y
<b>Year 2</b> – Emilia S, Matthew S
<b>Year 3</b> – William B, Emma S
<b>Year 4</b> – Sophia F, William H
<b>Year 5</b> – Grace S, Isabella B
<b>Year 6</b> – Brandon M, Tristen L

This week, the Reception Class Children have been getting to know the school during their half-day sessions. We are all looking forward to them joining us full time from Monday.

### Secondary Transfer

Just a reminder to parents of Year 5 children that I will be holding meetings to explain the Secondary Transfer process on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September - 7pm – Year 5 classroom. Please note that the talks are not suitable for the children.

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## Diary Dates

We have now added all of the current planned dates to the School website calendar and will update this throughout the year. Please follow this link, which will take you to the page: <http://www.leybourne.kent.sch.uk/calendar-2/>

We will therefore not be publishing a separate dates list, but will continue to add reminders about forthcoming events in the Bulletin as they approach.

You will see at the bottom on the calendar a subscribe button, which will allow you to link this directly to your, iphone, google and other calendars on your phones, tablets and computers.

Mrs Hardy and I have successfully managed to do this on both an Iphone and a Samsung – If we can do it on my phone, anything is possible!

## Packed Lunch Boxes

At this point in the school year, I would like to remind you of our rules regarding pupils' packed lunches. To ensure consistency and to keep packed lunches in line with food standards for school meals, packed lunches **should not** contain the following:

Chocolate-coated products / sweets / confectionery

Chocolate spread as a filling for sandwiches

Chewing gum

Sugared / toffee and salted popcorn

Crisps or any packet savoury snacks high in salt and fat

*Crisps and chocolate may be included in packed lunches on Fridays only.*

**Although nuts are healthy, they do present a risk to children with allergies and we therefore do not permit them in school at all. This includes peanut butter and Nutella as sandwich fillings.**

Please note that fresh drinking water is provided by the school. Fizzy or sugary drinks in cans, bottles or cartons are not permitted.

## Earrings and hair clips

Please can we remind you that only plain gold stud earrings are permitted. Any other earrings will need to be removed before coming to school. Children are not allowed to wear any other form of jewellery in school, and are expected to remove their own earrings for PE and games lessons. Staff are not allowed to remove the earrings for children, nor to tape over them.

Hair clips and bows should be small in size and in the bottle green school uniform colour. Thank you for your support with this.

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## Dogs

Just a reminder that dogs, with the exception of therapy dogs, are not permitted on the school site. This includes the paths leading into the school car park from Rectory Lane North and Oxley Shaw Lane. Thank you for your co-operation.

## Extra Curricular Clubs

We are sending out this term's clubs list separately and you should already have received information regarding the clubs offered this term by outside providers.

We try to offer as wide a range of clubs to the children as possible. The clubs run by members of our school staff are all done so voluntarily - staff are neither paid to run them, nor contractually obliged to do so. Hence we are grateful to any member of staff who wishes to give up their own time for the benefit of the children in this way. Similarly, we are always grateful to any other volunteers who support us in the running of these extra curricular clubs. In any school, such clubs represent a significant opportunity for the children; for a small school such as ours, I feel it is a sign of the tremendous commitment of our staff and volunteers to offer the very best experiences to our pupils.

We change the clubs that are on offer to the children three times a year to try to increase the opportunities we can give them, and to try to maximise the number of children who wish to participate. Thus some year groups, or activities, may have more opportunities in one term than another, depending on the other commitments of our staff and volunteers. For some clubs, staff may start with older children in one term, then invite younger children to attend the following term. Other clubs will be limited in terms of the numbers who can attend because of the obvious need for sufficient supervision - additional adults can often increase the number of children we can admit to a club. Over the course of the year, however, these opportunities do tend to balance out.

We are always keen to increase the range of extra curricular opportunities open to our pupils, so if you, or another family member, feel you could support us by offering a club or helping with an existing one in the future, we would be delighted to hear from you.

In the case of the younger children, staff do accompany them to their clubs. However, in the case of the older pupils, this simply is not possible, due to the high number of children attending the clubs, and the number of clubs taking place. As a result, we trust the children to make their own way there. It is vitally important, therefore, that if you know your child will be unable to attend a particular session of a club (for example, due to attending a birthday party, or a dental appointment) that you inform the club provider in writing. If a child simply fails to turn up for a club, having been in school all day, we will be contacting you to ascertain where the child is and to find out why they are not at the club as arranged. Many of our clubs are over subscribed, and it is not fair on others if a child takes a place that they do not commit to on a regular basis. Thank you for your support with this.

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## **Tom Tugendhat Christmas card competition.**

Our MP, Tom Tugendhat is once again running his Christmas card competition. Every year he sends Christmas cards to many people in the community and the design is chosen from the entries he receives from schools across his constituency.

If your child would like to enter the competition, please submit their drawings on an A4 sheet of paper (portrait or landscape) using any medium, providing it is on a Christmas theme. Please ask your child to sign their name on the front, so that it will appear on the card. The four winners will receive 100 copies of their own card and Mr Tugendhat will arrange a tour of the Houses of Parliament with them and their parents.

In order to meet the print deadlines we need to have the entries back in school by Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2018.

## **Art Exhibition**

You may remember that last term we held an Art Exhibition of the children's work and you were able to buy the framed artwork. We are delighted to advise you that due to your fantastic support of this fundraising opportunity, we have received an amazing £447.00 in commission. Thank you so much for your continued support.

## **MacMillan Coffee Morning**

This will be taking place on Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> October at 2.15 pm. Donations of cakes would be most welcome.

## **Prayer of the week**

### **Our School Prayer**

Dear God

Please give us the heart to welcome new teachers and children into our school.

May we have the courage to say sorry to the people we have upset and the strength to admit when we are wrong.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to learn and guiding our wonderful teachers.

Please help us to respect the school equipment and remember the five 'Leybourne Learners' at all times.

Thank you for making our school safe and a fun place to be.

Amen

Have a great weekend

Tina Holditch

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