



The Bulletin

21st September 2018

Term Dates 2018-2019

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

Attendance Target 96.7%		Week ending 21st September 2018	
Year R			99.8%
Year 1			95.0%
Year 2			99.7%
Year 3			98.5%
Year 4			96.5%
Year 5			98.3%
Year 6			97.8%
Whole School			97.8%

House Points		
House	This week's Points	Running Total
St Andrew	1087	2685
St David	1279	2977
St George	1479	1587
St Patrick	1227	3061

Stars of the Week
Year 1 – Stephanie B, Alice T
Year 2 – Beatrice P, Matthew T
Year 3 – Tilly G, Oliver T
Year 4 – Jessica H, Finlay V
Year 5 – Matthew F, Aimee P
Year 6 – Charley R, Ryan W

Diary Dates

The dates of events taking place in school are included in the calendar on the school website. Please visit the following link to see the diary: <http://www.leybourne.kent.sch.uk/calendar-2/>

The home page shows the upcoming events on a panel on the right hand side of the screen and includes a link to the full calendar.

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Governor Vacancies

We are currently looking for governors, including a Chair, to join our school Local Governing Body. Our governors come from a range of backgrounds, skills and experience but all share a common interest of wanting the best education and outcomes for the children in our school.

We would be delighted to hear from anyone who is:

- Interested in children's education and the performance of the school
- Has spare time and energy for the role
- Is able to work well as part of a team
- Has an enquiring mind and the confidence to ask questions and debate issues which affect the school
- Considers matters objectively and makes informed judgements

We are also looking to appoint a Chair of Governors who embodies these qualities and is able to:

- Lead the Governing Body by giving clear direction in effective governance
- Help build an effective and collaborative team of governors
- Work in partnership with the Headteacher to promote and maintain high standards of educational achievement

For more information, please visit the Who's Who – Governor page on the school website.

School Trips

Following a review of PTFA spending at the end of the last academic year, we would like to make you aware that PTFA funds will not be used to support the cost of school trips during the academic year 2018 – 2019. Whilst we appreciate that the cost of school trips will increase in order to cover the additional cost of the coach, we feel that the funds will be better spent this year supporting whole school initiatives. We will of course continue to obtain a number of quotes for each planned journey to ensure that the costs of each trip are kept as low as possible. As always, we are keen to ensure that no child misses out on these additional opportunities due to financial concerns and would always encourage you to come in and speak to Mrs Holditch in confidence if you have any worries or difficulties regarding school trips. Thank you in advance for your support and understanding.

We would also like to remind you that the school staff and helpers in charge of school trips, including residential visits, will take all reasonable care of the young people and their belongings. Unless they are negligent, the school cannot be held responsible for any loss, damage or injury suffered by any child arising during or out of the journey, including their possessions. We do include this information in the permission form that parents complete regarding all school trips, but wished to draw your attention to it at this time. We do encourage the children to take responsibility for their own possessions wherever possible. The school is covered by insurance but this does have an excess which is currently £50.00 for each and every loss. Please note that this will not be covered by the school and payment of the excess would be the responsibility of the parents in the event of any claim.

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Extra Curricular Clubs

School run clubs are starting on Monday 24th September and will continue until the week ending Friday 7th December 2018. We will add these to the school website calendar shortly.

Trading cards

We are aware that some children have been bringing in trading cards (Lego etc) to swap with their friends at school. This can cause issues and upset between friends so unfortunately, we must ask that your child keeps their cards at home and does not bring them into school.

Messages from Parents

We are making a change to the way that parents advise the class teachers of important information, such as other people collecting their children or information that they feel the teacher should be aware of. Rather than add the information to the contact book, please can you write a separate note to the class teacher and pop it into an envelope for your child to hand to their teacher. (If you feel that your child may forget to hand over the note, you can hand it into the school office or drop it into the letterbox outside the office entrance). We have introduced this change as we have a number of volunteers who may read the contact books and by changing the procedure the information supplied will remain confidential. This change is just for Years 1 to 6, Reception class can continue to use the contact book and Miss Dale or Mrs Mitchell will check these daily, thank you.

MacMillan Coffee afternoon

We will be supporting the MacMillan Coffee afternoon on Monday 1st October 2018. We would like to invite you to join us between 2:15pm to 3:15pm, where Year 6 will be hosting the event and collecting donations for this excellent cause. We would be very grateful for any donations of cakes for the Coffee Afternoon and would be pleased to receive them in school during the morning.

Book Fair

The school will be holding a book fair during week commencing 8th October; further details will follow, nearer the time.

Prayer of the week

We thank you God for every prayer we have prayed, every song we have sung, all the things we have learned, all the laughter and fun.

Thank you for the joy you bring and our wonderful times together.

May we walk with you as each new day begins, this moment and forever.

Amen

Have a great weekend

Tina Holditch

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