



LEYBOURNE SS PETER & PAUL C E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Rectory Lane North, Leybourne, Kent, ME19 5HD

The Bulletin

10th September 2018

Term Dates 2018-2019

Monday 3rd September 2018 to Friday 19th October 2018	Term 1
Monday 29th October 2018 to Wednesday 19th December 2018	Term 2
Monday 4th January 2019 to Friday 15th February 2019	Term 3
Thursday 3rd January 2019	Staff Development Day – School closed
Friday 4th January 2019	Staff Development Day – School closed
Monday 25th February 2019	Staff Development Day – School closed
Tuesday 26th February 2019 to Friday 5th April 2019	Term 4
Monday 22nd April 2019	Bank Holiday – Easter Monday
Tuesday 23rd April 2019 to Friday 24th May 2019	Term 5
Monday 6th May 2019	Bank Holiday – May Day
Tuesday 4th June 2019 to Tuesday 23rd July 2019	Term 6
Monday 3rd June 2019	Staff Development Day – School closed

Attendance Target 96.7%	Week ending 7th September 2018
Year R	100%
Year 1	97.1%
Year 2	100%
Year 3	98.8%
Year 4	94.6%
Year 5	100%
Year 6	96.8%
Whole School	98.0%

We will send out diary dates for the year and club information next week.

House	House Points	
	This week's Points	Running Total
St Andrew	505	505
St David	534	534
St George	435	435
St Patrick	420	420

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Stars of the Week

Year 1 – Frankie M, Isla T

Year 2 – Buddy T, Florence W

Year 3 – Lily B, Rhys C

Year 4 – Maisie J, Sydney S

Year 5 – Alex M, Summer S

Year 6 – Everyone!

Welcome back to the start of a new school year, we hope you all had a wonderful summer! It is lovely to hear that our new pupils have settled in well and we have enjoyed meeting the new Reception children during their tour of the school.

Rupert

We welcome Rupert and Pippa back to school. They will be starting next Monday and reading with children throughout the school. If you do not wish your child to take advantage of a session with our therapy dog, please let the office know. Thank you.

Secondary Transfer / Kent Test

Many of Year 6 have come back to school, and straight into the Kent Test! They have really impressed us all with their mature attitude towards the Tests (whether they were taking them or not) and we are all very proud of them. Well done!

I will be holding meetings to explain the Secondary Transfer process to parents of children in Years 5 and 6 on the following dates. Please do come along to find out more – I appreciate that the whole transfer process can be quite daunting, especially if you are facing it for the first time. We are here to help, and will gladly talk you through the process, including all the key dates that will be involved. Please note that the talks are not suitable for the children.

Year 6 meeting Wednesday 12th September -7pm – Year 6 classroom
Year 5 meeting Wednesday 19th September - 7pm – Year 5 classroom

Staffing news...

We thank Mrs Dawn Barrett for her hard work during her time as a Midday Supervisor. Mrs Barrett's last duty was today, and we wish her well in her new ventures.

Mrs Liz Brunell has left the school kitchen to begin the next chapter of her life in New Zealand. She will be greatly missed by all of us, and we look forward to hearing how she is getting on. Her role in the school kitchen has been taken by Miss Martin, who the children will already know from Breakfast Club and lunchtimes. Please note, that due to the changes in the school lunchtime arrangements, with a greater overlap between Key Stages 1 and 2, we do not have any vacancies for Midday Supervisors, despite this reorganisation.

You may see a new face in the school office on Wednesday and Thursday mornings. I am delighted to welcome Mrs Lynne Eldred to the office as a volunteer, and look forward to working with her during her time here.

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Communication / Contact with School

Our main means of communication with you regarding school events will be through this regular Bulletin. We will send electronic copies to you via email. Those of you not on email will continue to receive paper copies. In addition, each Bulletin will be published on the school website. We endeavour to keep you informed of school events in good time. To this end, we will publish key dates on the School website calendar. We will aim not to change dates that have been published as we do appreciate the inconvenience this can cause. A full list of dates for the rest of the academic year will also be published in the Bulletin next week and the calendar will be updated at the same time.

Mr Van de Peer will continue to unlock the playground gate at 8.40am each day, and will remain by the gate to the school car park until he locks it at 8.50am. In addition, a member of teaching staff will be present on the gate whenever possible in the morning, to take your messages and to pass them on to the relevant member of staff. Mrs Holditch will be available by the main school entrance in Rectory Lane North and is always happy to speak to parents about any concerns or queries you might have. In the event of an urgent message or issue, parents are asked to come to the School Office where it may be possible for your child's class teacher or teaching assistant, or a senior member of staff, to speak with you in person.

In the event of any queries or concerns, we would ask that you make contact initially with your child's class teacher. They can then address the issue, or sign post you to the appropriate person. In the event of us receiving email communication from parents, it is our aim to make initial contact with you within 24 hours. Should you wish to email a member of staff (other than Mrs Holditch, who can still be emailed directly) please email the School Office on office@leybourne.kent.sch.uk, rather than using individual staff email addresses. Similarly, if you have staff mobile telephone numbers (following residential trips, for example) we ask that you do now delete them please, and do not contact staff via phone or text.

Volunteers in School

We are always very happy to hear from parents and grandparents who are able to support our work in school. We would be especially grateful to any of you who would be able to support Mrs Murray each week on Tuesdays and / or Fridays in the delivery of the Forest School programme. In addition, we would love to hear from anyone who is able to come into school on a regular basis to hear children read or support with other in class activities. If you have some free time, and would like to support the school in this way, please do have a chat with Mrs Hardy in the school office. Please note that, in the interests of Safeguarding, we are now required to ask new volunteers to complete an application form and to request references for volunteer helpers. Thank you.

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Prayer of the week

Lord God,

At the beginning of this new term teach us to be your hands and feet where we are,

At the beginning of this new term teach us to love as you love us

At the beginning of this new term teach us to pray for those in need

So that You are honoured and glorified

Amen

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

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