



LEYBOURNE SS PETER & PAUL C E PRIMARY ACADEMY

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The Bulletin

6th March 2020

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<https://www.leybourne.kent.sch.uk/calendar-2/>

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Attendance Target 96.7%	Week ending 6 th March 2020
Year R	95.8%
Year 1	96.9%
Year 2	97.5%
Year 3	97.8%
Year 4	96.8%
Year 5	94.3%
Year 6	97.2%
Whole School	96.6%

Stars of the Week ending 28th February 2020
Year 1 – Evie D, Jessica F
Year 2 – Alice T, Nicola V
Year 3 – Harrison S, Zara G
Year 5 – Jude D, Olivia G, Lily-May P
Year 6 – Sammy B, Fraser E

Interventions

There will be **no interventions from the week beginning 24th February**, until further notice, while we review and prepare new Provision Maps. Please note that this does include interventions that take place before school, unless Mrs Reeves or Mrs Newington have expressly told you your child’s intervention with them will continue.

Consent letters for any 'before school' interventions will be sent out during the week of 9th March. All new Provision Maps will be handed out and discussed with you at Parent Consultation evenings in March.

We promote the learning and development of all children to achieve their full potential in a caring, happy Christian environment



Book Week

What a great week we've had! We decided to have a theme for our Book week this year and the whole school looked at "We're Going on a Bear Hunt!" On Monday, Mrs Holditch read the story to the children, while the teachers acted it out, to the amusement of the whole school. They were somewhat surprised when a bear (Mrs Grinstead) emerged from the cupboard! During the week, each class carried out activities related to the story: some classes acted it out, some wrote new versions, some did art work and others retold the story from the bear's perspective.



On World Book Day, the children looked absolutely fantastic in their costumes and many other book-related activities took place, such as reading with reading buddies and writing books for each other.

During the week, each class did their 'Sponsored Reading Relay.' It was a little chaotic and a whole lot of fun, as the children raced to complete and identify sentences from well-known books. We would really appreciate it if sponsor money could be collected and returned to school by Friday 20th March. Of course, we will let you know what the final total raised is, but by the look of the sponsor forms, everyone has been really generous, which means that we will be able to buy lots of lovely new books and musical instruments, which will benefit the whole school. We cannot express how much we appreciate parents' support with events such as these.



Supertato

The Reception children loved learning about how to stay healthy last term. As part of their learning we read and studied the 'Supertato' series of stories by Sue Hendra and Paul Linnet. Reception love these stories so much and were a little sad when we had read them all, so we decided to write to the authors to ask if they could write some more stories about 'Supertato' and the 'Evil Pea.'



We also sent them some photos of our own superveggies which we made. The children in Reception were so excited when Sue Hendra and Paul Linnet wrote back and kindly sent the World Book Day story 'Supertato – Books are Rubbish' for us to read. We have copied the letter so you can see too!

Dear reception children at Leybourne Primary school,

I'm sorry it's taken me so long to write back to you.

Firstly I have to tell you something very important, it's not just me that writes the Supertato books, I write them with Paul Linnet. We write the words together and then we make the pictures together too! Paul has a big head like a giant potato and my head is small (but not as small as a pea).

Paul and I love making the Supertato stories so we are very pleased that you have been enjoying them. We enclose one that we made especially for World Book Day. We thought you might like it

because it's mostly about that naughty pea!

Paul and I are making another Supertato story at the moment, it's quite shocking and fun (we hope) and very silly.

Thank you so much for all the fabulous pictures you sent. The work you have been doing looks amazing! I particularly like the pea prison you made.

with very best wishes
and Happy Reading!

from Sue
Hendra x AND
Paul Linnet

A huge thank you – and an apology...

Thank you so much for all of your support with our various fundraising endeavours this term. Your support is very much appreciated by us all, and allows us to buy much needed additional resources for the children, whilst also supporting other worthy causes. We are very sorry that next week sees non – uniform days for both the NSPCC and Sports Relief, following on so closely from Book Week. We do understand the pressure this can cause and are grateful for any support you can give. Please be assured that no child will ever be penalised for not being able to support any of these activities.

Coronavirus

We were asked today why we are still open in light of the current Coronavirus. Please be assured that should we need to close at any point in the future, we shall. However, all schools are receiving daily updates from the Department of Education, who, following advice from Public Health England, are very clear in their view that there is absolutely no need for us to close at the current time. In addition, Kent Local Authority have issued clear guidance to schools regarding pupil absence at this time. Please be aware that if a student is absent from school, citing the Coronavirus as a reason, and Public Health England have not instigated a school closure, or asked that the pupil self-isolate, the absence is to be recorded as unauthorised.

We will obviously continue to monitor the situation closely and update you regularly. In the meantime, do please continue to encourage the children to practise good hygiene, as this remains an important action to try to limit the spread of the infection. Thank you.

Prayer of the Week

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Tina Holditch

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