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Dear Parents

November is almost over and we continue to work hard in school.

Anti Bullying Week

This week is Anti-Bullying Week, and the children have been thinking carefully about what bullying is, and the effects it has on people. I am delighted with the maturity and thoughtfulness they have shown this week – we really do have some lovely children here at Leybourne and, as parents, you should feel very proud!

Christmas Recording

For obvious reasons, this year we will be celebrating Christmas in a slightly different way than usual. However, despite the limitations imposed on us by the current situation, we do still want Christmas at school to be a fun and special time for the children and we want you to feel the festive spirit too!

Unfortunately, we are unable to share our traditional Nativity plays with parents this year, but instead we intend to create a whole school performance, which will involve recording each individual class singing a song from the Nativity in church. We will link the songs together with Bible readings and prayers, to create a whole school Christmas celebration video, which will be available to view on the school website. Please be assured that we have conducted all necessary risk assessments relating to the use of the Church at this time, and also regarding singing in the children's own separate classes.

Whilst we obviously have your permission slips regarding the use of images of your children, in these exceptional circumstances we wanted to allow you the opportunity to make a decision solely for this one recording. Therefore, *if you are not happy for your child to be videoed for this purpose, please inform us via the school office by **Friday 27th November***. Thank you.

We look forward to sharing our Christmas celebration with you all, and are grateful to have this opportunity to truly reflect on all of our blessings, this year perhaps even more than before.

Covid-19 Update

As I mentioned last week, an increasing number of local schools are now reporting confirmed cases of Covid-19. At this time, we have not received notification of any confirmed cases amongst our pupils or staff. However, the infection is most definitely in the local community now and it is crucial that we continue to do all we can to limit the spread and impact of the virus.

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



Thank you so much to all of you who are wearing face coverings on school grounds – your support is very much appreciated. Please could I ask that if you do not yet wear a face covering, and do not have a medical reason for exemption, that you do wear one? Thank you.

I am conscious that some people who have been tested may receive their results outside of school hours. Please do email me directly at headteacher@leybourne.kent.sch.uk if you receive a positive test result in such an instance, as this will allow me to take the necessary actions as soon as possible, hopefully minimising the impact on the wider school community. Thank you.

Midday Supervisor Vacancy

We continue to have a vacancy for a Midday Supervisor to join our team, working between 11:30am and 12:45pm daily. If you are interested in this position, please do contact the school office for further information.

Secondary School Applications

Those of you with children in Year 6 will have recently applied for their secondary school places. It would be very helpful if you could just drop me a note or email with your preferences, please – we are not told them by KCC and it really does allow me to prepare to help you later in the year in case appeals are needed for your chosen schools. Many thanks.

Stars of the Week

Congratulations to the following pupils whose efforts and achievements have been recognised this week:

Year 1	Josh	Hermione		
Year 2	Josh B	Ryan	Warren	
Year 3	Mia	Noah		
Year 4	Seren	Reece	Zane	Priya
Year 5	George	Lewis L.	Evan	
Year 6	Joseph	Olivia G.		

Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Kind regards

Tina Holditch