

LEYBOURNE SS PETER & PAUL C E PRIMARY ACADEMY



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Dear Parents

Christmas

I am pleased to say that Christmas has arrived at Leybourne! It has been so lovely hearing the children practising their songs for our recordings in Church next week. As I mentioned last week, ***please do let us know if you do not wish your child to be videoed for this purpose, even if you have already completed the “use of images of children” form.***

As part of our Christmas celebrations, as you are aware we will be having Christmas Lunch on Thursday 17th December. (Please note that the deadline to order your child a School lunch for that day is **Monday 30th November**. Another copy of the school lunch order form is attached with this letter – please note that payment must also be made by Monday 30th November, thank you.)

We will again be inviting children (and staff) to wear Christmas jumpers on this day, and would be very pleased to receive donations for Save the Children on this day.

Covid-19 Update

I am afraid it feels as though COVID-19 continues to creep ever closer, with more reports of confirmed cases in the local area. *Please do not send your children to school if they, or any other member of your household, displays symptoms mentioned last week, an increasing number of local schools are now reporting confirmed cases of Covid-19.* I appreciate that isolation is difficult, especially for those not actually displaying symptoms themselves, but it is absolutely necessary to prevent the spread of the virus.

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.

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.

Flu Vaccinations

Just a reminder that if you wish your child to receive the flu vaccination on school next Thursday (December 3rd 2020) you must complete the online permission slip, by Monday 30th November. Please complete the online consent form marking whether you consent or decline consent at <https://www.kentcht.nhs.uk/forms/imms-consent-form/>. To access the consent form you will need to enter our school unique reference number (URN) which is **143987**. Thank you.

Secondary School Applications

Thank you to those Year 6 parents who have already told me the schools they named on the secondary school application form. If you haven't yet done so, it would be very helpful if you could just drop me a

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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 and Leybourne Bright Sparks

A parent commented in the recent parent survey about the Star of the Week reward, suggesting that some pupils who work consistently hard, and/or behave consistently well, may be overlooked when it comes to recognising pupil achievement. As a staff, we have reflected on this, and I am pleased to say that today we have introduced a new award, Leybourne Bright Sparks, especially for those pupils who are the “unsung heroes” of the school – those children who can always be relied on to do the right thing. The Star of the Week certificates will be awarded to pupils who do something exceptional and worthy of celebration as an extraordinary achievement. It may, therefore, be that some pupils receive one award more than once, and the other not at all, but hopefully pupils and parents can feel confident that the achievements of all pupils will be recognised. By distinguishing between the two awards, we hope to be able to celebrate the strengths and achievements of all of the children as we work towards our stated aim of nurturing the spark of God within all members of our school community.

Congratulations to our Stars of the Week:

Reception	Maria	Joseph	Rosalie
Year 1	Elodie	Caleb	
Year 2	Edward	Pollyanna	Harry
Year 3	Chloe	Luke	Zoe
Year 4	Sebby	Emilia	
Year 5	Rhys	Lewis L.	Maya
Year 6	Jessica		

and, also, to our Leybourne Bright Stars

Reception	Dylan T.
Year 2	Ava
Year 5	Lily
Year 6	Sophia

I am so pleased to share a photo of our whole school Zoom Celebration Worship today. It was so lovely to see all of the children together, albeit in a different way!



With love from Leybourne

Thank you so much for all of your lovely comments and support regarding this initiative. I am delighted with the positive response we have received. Collection boxes will be outside from Monday 30th November, and we look forward to hopefully raising people’s spirits as Christmas approaches.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards

Tina Holditch