

LEYBOURNE SS PETER & PAUL C E PRIMARY ACADEMY



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Dear Parents

Well, we made it! Despite COVID-19 creeping ever closer, I am just so pleased that we have made it through to the end of Term 2! It is wonderful to think that the children have had two complete terms back in school – if you had asked me in September, I am honestly not sure I would have said that was possible!

That the children and staff have remained in school relatively unscathed since September is due in no small part to the unstinting efforts of our unsung heroes – our fantastic cleaners Brigitta and Christina (ably assisted by Mr Van de Peer), our wonderful cooks, Nicky and Danielle, and our amazing team of midday supervisors. A huge amount of effort has been put in behind the scenes to keep us all safe and I really do appreciate every single member of our team who has worked so hard for us all.

COVID-19 Update

Schools have been asked to be on call for Track and Trace up until the 24th December. ***If your child tests positive for COVID-19 on or before this date, please do email me as a matter of urgency at headteacher@leybourne.kent.sch.uk*** to notify me, and to enable me to take the appropriate action. I hope you will understand that all other emails sent to me over the Christmas break will be dealt with on my return to school on 4th January. Thank you.

You will no doubt have seen on the news that ministers have delayed the return to school for some secondary school students in January. This is currently not expected to be the case for primary schools, although we all know that the situation with COVID-19 can change at short notice. If we are asked to delay our return to school in January, we will write to you explaining our plans in this eventuality and will update you during the holiday if, and when, further information becomes available. Please note that if we do not return as planned, and need to revert to remote learning for a period, this will begin on Tuesday 5th January, as Monday 4th is a Staff Development Day.

We have today sent home a separate letter about Microsoft Teams, explaining how we will use that platform in the event of needing to revert to remote learning for a period. Should we need to close a bubble, or operate remotely in the case of a local or national lockdown, we will run daily live lessons on Teams as follows:

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



Year 6	8:30 – 9:00am
Year 5 and Reception	9:00 – 9:30am
Year 4	9:30-10:00am
Year 3	10:00- 10:30am
Year 2	10:30-11:00am
Year 1	11:00-11:30am



The George at Trottiscliffe

Thank you so much to the amazing team at The George in Trottiscliffe, who very kindly donated (and delivered!) a fantastic hot and cold buffet lunch to the school staff today.

We really are so grateful to you for your wonderful generosity – it was very much appreciated by us all, and made for a lovely final day of term. Thank you.

Nativity

Whilst we are obviously very disappointed that we have not been able to celebrate our traditional Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 Nativities this year, we are delighted to share with you a whole school Christmas Nativity, which can be found on our website:

<https://www.leybourne.kent.sch.uk/nativity/>

Miss Harrison has done a fantastic job editing the various individual contributions and combining them to make a whole school production. The children are very proud of their performances and are looking forward to sharing the finished product with you all!

Stars of the Week / Leybourne Bright Sparks / Team Points

Congratulations to the following children – we are very proud of all of you!

Reception	Oscar	Ollie	
Year 1	Blake	Jennifer	
Year 2	Finley	Evie	Jessica
Year 3	Stephanie	Zoe	
Year 4	Evie	Priya	
Year 5	Lewis C.	Joe	
Year 6	Gabriel	Austin	

Leybourne Bright Sparks

Reception	Rosalie
Year 1	Sophie N
Year 2	Bradley
Year 3	Olivia
Year 4	Honey
Year 5	Greta
Year 6	Tishe

Team Points

St Andrew	1943	St David	1370
St George	1763	St Patrick	1144

With Love from Leybourne...

Thank you so much for all of your wonderful donations. I am delighted to say that Mrs Hardy and I delivered 9 hampers to Leybourne families this morning. Recipients were nominated for a host of reasons, and we sincerely hope that no one was offended if they received a gift “with love from Leybourne”– it simply means that we wish to give you a reason to smile after what has been a very challenging year.

Woodland Learning

Please see below dates for next term’s Woodland Learning sessions.

Reception	Tuesday 12 th January	Wednesday 10 th February
Year 1	Monday 25 th January	Monday 8 th February
Year 2	Tuesday 2 nd February	Friday 15 th January
Year 3	Wednesday 13 th January	Wednesday 3 rd February
Year 4	Friday 15 th January	Friday 5 th February
Year 5	Thursday 14 th January	Thursday 4 th February
Year 6	Thursday 21 st January	Friday 12 th February

Thank you

I would just like to add a final thank you to you, our parents, for all of your support this year. Your messages, emails and comments have meant a great deal to us as we have navigated the challenges of this year.

Hopefully Mrs Wardle will (finally!) become Mrs Ward on Christmas Eve – we are all keeping our fingers crossed that it will be third time lucky for her, after needing to postpone her wedding twice this year due to COVID-19 – we wish her, and her future husband, a truly magical wedding day and a lifetime of love and happiness.

We would all like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy (and healthy!) 2021. We look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 5th January 2021.

Kind regards

Tina Holditch