

# LEYBOURNE SS PETER & PAUL C E PRIMARY ACADEMY



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Dear Parents,

What a wonderful week! It has been so lovely to welcome all of the children back to school this week after the summer break. We are also delighted to welcome Mia, Amelia, Justin and Joshua to their new classes, and our new Reception Class. I am so pleased with how well the children have settled in, and how quickly they have adapted to being back in school after the holiday. Our final welcome is extended to our new members of staff – Mrs Hales, Mrs Lepavoux and Mrs Vennart, along with Miss Bled who is covering Mrs Siverland-Bishop's absence in Year 6 for the next few weeks. We are delighted to have you with us and hope you will be very happy here at Leybourne.

It has also been lovely to welcome parents back onto the school playground at the end of the day! We are aware that the situation regarding COVID-19 remains uncertain, and are determined to enjoy our new-found freedoms whilst maintaining an air of caution. You will know that we have had a confirmed case of COVID-19 in school already this week. We will continue to follow DfE and Public Health England advice, and will obviously keep you informed with regards to any future developments. We are looking forward to welcoming parent helpers back into school later in the Autumn, if the situation remains stable locally and nationally. This week, we enjoyed Key Stage Worship once again, and will look to introduce whole school worship later this year. I have to confess that hearing Key Stage 2 sing together in the hall this week reduced me to tears – it was a truly magical moment that we have all waited so long for. Extra-curricular clubs will begin again over the course of this term, starting initially with those offered by outside providers.

Thank you for your support with **the one way system**. It is a much safer system that I am sure will help reduce accidents on the school site. Please do remind your children that **bikes and scooters are not permitted to be ridden along the path**. Children should push them until they reach the gate leading onto Rectory Lane North. Thank you.

## Breakfast Club

We are pleased that Breakfast Club is now able to operate in a more relaxed manner, following the relaxation of restrictions. I must ask, however, **that all places are booked in advance, please. We are strictly limited to 8 children per session. Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.** Thank you.

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



## Diary dates

You may be aware that our school website is somewhat difficult to use and navigate! I am very pleased to confirm that we are in the process of creating a new school website, to be launched in the coming weeks. This will allow us to communicate more effectively with you, and will hopefully be more accessible for everyone. The dates for the year will be published on the website when it is launched, although I am happy to confirm some key dates for you at this stage. *Please note that all dates and arrangements are subject to change, depending on the COVID-19 situation at the time.*

September	15 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 PESE Information Evening 7pm via Teams (Secondary School!)
	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Year 5 PESE Information Evening 7pm via Teams (Secondary School!)
October	21 <sup>st</sup>	Kent Test Results to Parents
November	1 <sup>st</sup>	Closing Date for Secondary School Applications
	12 <sup>th</sup>	Children in Need
	17 <sup>th</sup>	Prospective Parents Information Evening 7pm
	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Parent Consultation Evening via Teams
	24 <sup>th</sup>	Parent consultation Evening via Teams
	25 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Consultation Evening via Teams
December	6 <sup>th</sup>	KS1 Nativity Dress Rehearsal to Year 2 grandparents 2pm
	7 <sup>th</sup>	KS1 Nativity 2pm
	8 <sup>th</sup>	KS1 Nativity 2pm
	13 <sup>th</sup>	KS1 Christmas Party KS2 Nativity 6.30pm
	14 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Christmas Party KS2 Nativity 6.30pm
	15 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Dinner / Christmas Jumper Day

## Fundraising

Priya in Year 5 is taking part in a fundraising activity, supporting the Friends of Kent Churches. The funds raised will go towards churches in Kent, with 50% of that raised specifically heading for the Leybourne church. If anyone would like to support Priya in this venture, further details can be found at <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/PriyankaMiddleton>

Good luck, Priya, and well done!

## Playground Equipment

The children have greatly enjoyed the new play equipment that has been installed on the Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 playgrounds. I must, however, insist that **children do not play on the equipment at the end of the day, please.** Children are carefully supervised by school staff when using the equipment during the day and we cannot provide this level of supervision to younger children, or after school. Thank you for your support and understanding.

### Stars of the Week / Leybourne Bright Sparks / Team Points

Week ending 10 <sup>th</sup> September 2021	Leybourne Bright Spark	Stars of the Week
Year 1	Dylan T.	Gretel, Anastasia
Year 2	Henry	Grace, Florence
Year 3	Lilah	Justin, Amelia
Year 4	Zoe	Jacob, Florrie
Year 5	Nadesh	Marcie, Freddie

Team Points		Week ending 10.09.21	
St Andrew	St David	St George	St Patrick
788	1120	967	715

### Woodland Learning

I am pleased to share the dates of our Woodland Learning sessions in Terms 1 and 2.

Reception	20 <sup>th</sup> October
Year 1	24 <sup>th</sup> September, 15 <sup>th</sup> October, 19 <sup>th</sup> November, 29 <sup>th</sup> November
Year 2	1 <sup>st</sup> October, 18 <sup>th</sup> October, 22 <sup>nd</sup> November, 3 <sup>rd</sup> December
Year 3	30 <sup>th</sup> September, 19 <sup>th</sup> October, 9 <sup>th</sup> November, 1 <sup>st</sup> December
Year 4	14 <sup>th</sup> September, 13 <sup>th</sup> October, 15 <sup>th</sup> November, 9 <sup>th</sup> December
Year 5	17 <sup>th</sup> September, 8 <sup>th</sup> October, 5 <sup>th</sup> November, 26 <sup>th</sup> November
Year 6	15 <sup>th</sup> September

Additional sessions for Reception and Year 6 will be confirmed at a later date.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend, and that those children in Year 6 who sat the Kent Test yesterday enjoy a very well-deserved rest this weekend! Children, you were amazing, and we are all very proud of you!

Kind regards

Tina Holditch