

# LEYBOURNE SS PETER & PAUL C E PRIMARY ACADEMY

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Dear Parents,

## **COVID-19 Update**

Thank you so much for all your support and understanding during our recent surge of cases. I am very pleased to report that the number of new cases is stabilising and we are starting to see the return of pupils and staff who have tested positive and have now completed their self-isolation period.

Whilst the number of cases of COVID-19 appears to have slowed, there are a number of other illnesses that are continuing to spread throughout the school. Following the advice from the UK Health Security Agency, we will continue to send home any child who is unwell and exhibiting signs of illness. As I have explained previously, children may present totally asymptotically with COVID -19, or with other symptoms not usually associated with the virus.

That said, I also fully appreciate how disruptive it is for you as parents when your child is sent home. Please be assured that we do not send children home, or ask for a PCR test, on a whim. We only do so when we are concerned that the children are unwell and they are showing signs of illness.

Having recently experienced COVID-19 myself, along with one of my children, I must commend and thank the teaching staff for the wonderful blended learning that is in place for the children. It was lovely for my daughter to be able to join in lessons with her classmates and to keep up with the work that was happening in class. This is another new way of working for the staff and I am very grateful to them for their hard work and commitment as they have, yet again, adapted to a new situation.

## **Governance**

I am pleased to announce that Mr Andy Rathbone has been appointed as Chair of the Local Governing Body by the Tenax Board of Trustees.

I am also pleased to announce that following the recent parent governor election which was held on behalf of the governing body, Mrs Lisa Vickers was nominated and is, therefore, duly elected as a parent governor.

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We welcome Mr Rathbone and Mrs Vickers to our governing body and look forward to working with them in the future.

### **Music Clubs**

I am delighted to confirm that Mrs Rimmer's music clubs will start after half term. Unfortunately, due to the high number of cases of COVID-19 across the school at this time, it has been necessary to delay the start of the clubs this term.

### **Remarkable Reading**

Thank you to everyone who has contributed a photo of the children reading in a range of settings. We would like to encourage more children to participate and look forward to receiving more photographs in the coming days and weeks.

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

Week ending 8 <sup>th</sup> October 2021	Leybourne Bright Spark	Stars of the Week
Year 1	Dwo Dwo	Joey, Ollie
Year 2	Freya	Josh, Lilia
Year 3	Jack	Ryan
Year 4	Naomi	Summer
Year 5	Zara	Boris, Bea
Year 6	George Co.	Greta, Joe

Team Points		Week ending 10.09.21	
St Andrew	St David	St George	St Patrick
1660	1755	1660	1613

### **Thank you...**

I would like to end today by offering my thanks...

to Mr and Mrs Fletcher for their work in the front garden – it looks absolutely beautiful, and we are all very grateful to you for your hard work.

to the staff for their continued hard work at this time. We have had a significant amount of staff illness recently, which has led to staff in all areas of the school stepping in to support their colleagues and to keep the school functioning. I am extremely grateful to each and every one of them.

My final thanks go to you, as parents, for supporting your children, and us, during this period. The children have coped brilliantly well with the changes we have been required to implement over the past few weeks and have demonstrated great resilience. Thank you for supporting them so well, and for coping with the disruption that we have experienced this term.

Kind regards

Tina Holditch

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