

LEYBOURNE SS PETER & PAUL C E PRIMARY ACADEMY



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Dear Parents,

Welcome to Term 5 – and, hopefully, the warmer weather! The children have enjoyed being out on the field and making the most of our lovely school grounds.

Thank you

A huge thank you to Mr Ellis and his colleagues from Amazon, who very kindly donated a day of their time, not to mention a huge amount of hard work and effort, to clear our pond area over the Easter break. I am honestly overwhelmed by what the four of them achieved, and we are all incredibly grateful to them. We are now looking at ways to replace the decking and pergola in the pond area, to make it a safe and usable space once again. In the meantime, the children are enjoying playing with all of the balls that Mr Ellis and his team retrieved from the pond!



Nurturing the spark of God within

“Those who trust in the Lord will find new strength. They will soar high on wings like eagles” Isaiah 40:31



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Dates for your Diaries

This is always a very busy time in school, and I have attached an updated list of diary dates for your information. Once again, we will have our Transition Meetings in Term 6, giving you the opportunity to discuss your child's progress with their current, and next, class teachers. Appointment times will be allocated before the half term break, so give you plenty of notice.

We are very pleased to have our Woodland Learning area available again this term. Dates for the rest of this term are as follows:

Reception	Thursday 30 th April	
Year 1	Wednesday 20 th May	
Year 2	Monday 18 th May	
Year 3	Friday 8 th May	
Year 4	Friday 1 st May	
Year 5	Friday 15 th May	
Year 6	Friday 1 st May	Friday 15 th May

New Intake

We are very pleased to be welcoming a full class of 30 pupils to Reception in September. Letters will be going out from today, giving details of transition events designed to support the children as they prepare to go to "big school!". Please do confirm your acceptance of your child's place if you have not yet done so – offers should be accepted by Thursday 30th April.

Staffing Update

I am delighted to welcome Mrs Jo Malins to Leybourne. Mrs Malins will be working in the school office each Monday, Tuesday and Friday, replacing Mrs Nicola Milton who did such a wonderful job for us on a temporary basis, following Mrs Potter's retirement. We are all looking forward to working with Mrs Malins and hope she will be very happy here. I would also like to offer my sincerest thanks to Mrs Milton – not only is she incredibly efficient, she really is a joy to work with, and she will be much missed by us all.

It is with much sadness that I must tell you that Mrs Marie Irvine will be leaving us, and the teaching profession, at the end of this academic year. Mrs Irvine is a truly outstanding teacher, and an incredible member of our team, who has done so much to support the children and staff during her time here. It is fitting that Mrs Irvine will leave with our current Year 6 cohort, as they were her first class here at Leybourne. We are all very sorry to be losing Mrs Irvine, but fully appreciate her desire for a change of direction and to explore life outside of school! Mrs Irvine will leave with my deepest thanks and profound respect for all she has done, and my very best wishes for the future.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend in the sunshine!

Tina Holditch
Headteacher