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Dear Parents

Welcome back, and welcome to all of our new pupils, families and staff. We are all looking forward to working with you and hope that you will all be very happy here at Leybourne. Our new Reception Class are settling in beautifully and we are very proud of the wonderful way in they are learning about "big school"!

You will have received letters earlier today, regarding the proposed merger of Tenax Schools Trust and the Endeavour Trust. If you would like to find out more about the proposal, please do join us at one of the Parent Information Meetings, to be held on Tuesday 22nd September, here at school at 2:00pm or West Malling CEP at 6:00pm.

I have attached a Dates List for this academic year, giving information about upcoming events. Other dates and events will be added during the year, but these activities have now been confirmed. An expenses and donations calendar is also attached for your information, giving early notice of things that might involve expense – for example, school and charity fundraising days, PTFA events and school trips. Please note that other school trips will be added as they are confirmed. These lists will also be added to the school website for your future reference.

You will know that we had new carpets fitted throughout Key Stage 2 over the holiday. The building looks fantastic, thanks to the hard work of our brilliant staff, and we are endeavouring to keep it that way! Thank you to all of you who have provided a pair of plain black plimsoles, or other indoor shoes, that can be worn in the building. I am not naïve, I do appreciate that carpets will get dirty, but we are also conscious that these carpets will be in situ for a very long time and would like to keep the inevitable staining and wear and tear to a minimum. Please note that the children cannot just wear socks for health and safety reasons. Thank you for your support and understanding.

Sadly, the electric cable to the car park gates was cut over the summer break. Such acts of vandalism are always disappointing, and often lead to unnecessary inconvenience and expense. If you see anyone acting suspiciously around the school grounds out of hours, please do contact the police. Thank you.

As you know, we are always looking to support the children and enhance their educational experience. School budgets are regrettably tight, and we are always incredibly grateful for any financial support that we receive. Last year we introduced a

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suggested Class Contribution of £10.00 per pupil, which was spent directly by the Class Teacher for the benefit of their own individual class. We are continuing with this, as it was lovely for the children to benefit directly from these contributions and for teachers to purchase items that were of most value to their class.

I would like to end by paying tribute to our incredible Mrs Hardy. Supported by an amazing team of family and friends, she completed Katie's Memory Walk during the summer break, and raised the fantastic amount of £5,623.50 for the Sue Ryder Hospice, Leckhampton. Thank you to everyone who supported Mrs Hardy along the way, and who donated to this wonderful cause in Katie's memory.

Thank you in advance for all of your support this year, we are all very excited about what the year ahead will bring!

Best wishes,

Tina Holditch