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**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

Dear Parents,

## **RE: Phonics and Stay and Play Sessions**

The children have settled so well into school so we have started to teach phonics. We would like to invite you into the Reception classroom for a **Phonics Information Evening at 6pm on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October**. At Leybourne we use the Phonics Scheme: 'Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised'. We would like to discuss how we teach phonics and reading and provide you with information so that we can have consistency at home and school with our approach to the teaching of reading. When attending in the evening, please enter via the playground gate and across the playground into the Reception classroom, rather than the office entrance as there won't be anyone there at that time to let you in.

We are also delighted to be able to invite you into the classroom to see a phonics session with the children so you can become more familiar with the phonics scheme we are following and how children learn the sounds. After the phonics session we would like to invite you to stay for a 'Stay and Play' session. The children will engage in Child Initiated Activities (known as Activity Time) and they will be able to show you around the classroom and play with you.

The Phonics Session will begin at 9.00am so please sign in at the office just before 9.00am and then you will be directed to the Reception classroom. The 'Activity Time' session will end at 10.20am, we will tidy up and then we will ask you to say your goodbyes (around 10.30am) and then sign out at the office so the children can get ready for play time.

Please may we advise you not to bring younger siblings as we do not want to disrupt the children's learning? All parents are most welcome, but we will have to restrict numbers for each session (7 or 8 adults per session) so that we can minimise disruption to the children's learning and so we have enough space.

*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*



***I will be/will not be attending the Phonics Information Evening on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 6pm***

If you are able to join us for the Phonics Session and Stay and Play, please indicate your preferred dates (first and second choice) and we will try our best to provide you with your first choice if possible. The dates we are offering are as follows:-

Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> October 9.00 – 10.30am	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> October 9.00 – 10.30am

Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> October 9.00 – 10.30am	Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 9.00 – 10.30am

We look forward to you joining us in class this term!

Many thanks,

Mrs McKiernan