

LEYBOURNE SS PETER & PAUL C E PRIMARY ACADEMY



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Dear Parents,

We have had a wonderful first week of term, starting with an enthralling performance of “The Hobbit” by M&M Productions on Monday. The whole school was engrossed – I really cannot praise the performers enough!

Today we actively launched the Lunchtime Zoning, using all areas of the school field and both playgrounds. As I am sure you can imagine, this has taken a good deal of resourcing, and we are extremely grateful to the PTFA for their continued support in fundraising for this project. Funds raised by the PTFA have been used to purchase netballs, basketballs, a hockey set, giant games, guttering stands, signs and outdoor sheltered benches for the children to use. The final resources will hopefully be available for use very soon, meaning the children will be able to access a wide range of indoor and outdoor activities during their lunchbreaks. I look forward to seeing them all enjoy their free time, engaging in enjoyable activities with their friends.

One of the activities we can now offer the children is scootering, as we have sourced a number of second-hand scooters, in good condition, for the children to use. The children will not use helmets whilst using the scooters, (as we do not wish to facilitate the sharing of headlice!), so if you do not wish your child to use the scooters, please do let the class teacher know. Thank you.

iPad Project

I am very excited to announce a new initiative that we are launching. We would like to provide iPads for the children to enhance the learning experience for the children. These devices will play a crucial role in supporting our children's education by offering interactive learning opportunities, access to educational apps, and a more engaging approach to various subjects. In order to do this, we need to raise £6,000.

As part of our fund-raising efforts, we will again be holding a Sponsored Event this term, which we hope you will support. Our ‘Olympic Bubble Run’ promises to be great fun for the children. At the end of Term 6, we will also hold our very successful and enjoyable ‘Break the Rules Day’. The money raised through these events, and others, will go towards purchasing the iPads for the School. So far, we have received £855 through Voluntary Contributions, which will be added to the iPad fund. We will also create an iPad fund on Arbor that you are able to make donations to.

With your generous support, we can create a more technologically advanced and dynamic learning environment that will benefit all the children. Your contributions will directly impact the quality of education we can provide and help prepare our children for a successful future.

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



We are incredibly grateful for any donations you can make towards this cause. Together, we can empower our students with the tools they need to thrive in today's digital world. Thank you for your continued support and commitment to our school community.

Midsummer Music – Friday 21st June 2024

Our annual Midsummer Music event, involving all of the children, will take place on Friday 21st June 2024. We are very keen that all of the children attend, please. As part of the evening, we would like to run a BBQ. We would be very grateful to hear from anyone who would be willing to spend a little time helping with the BBQ, either before or during the event. Thank you.

New Intake

I am delighted to confirm that last week we offered 30 places to our new Reception Class.

If you have been offered a place, please do contact us to confirm your acceptance. I will then contact you to explain the induction process. We are all very pleased to be welcoming our newest class to the school next term!

PTFA Update

The PTFA AGM was held at 7:15pm in school on Wednesday 17th April. I would like to draw your attention to the following paragraph from the minutes, as it does very clearly outline the position the PTFA is currently in:

*It's important to note that we were very close to not being able to continue into 2023/24 as we were going to be short of a Treasurer, however at the last minute the role was shared. Over the next couple of years, **the committee will lose members** due to children moving on to secondary school. We are already a small committee and so **without new dedicated members we will struggle** to be able to hold events as we have been the last few years. Some of those moving on, are in named positions and without these being filled (either from an individual or shared), from a statutory point of view **the PTFA will not be able to hold meetings and will have to be closed down**, something that I'm sure we'd all like to avoid if possible. **In order to continue from September 2024, we will need to appoint a new Secretary.***

Further details regarding the role of secretary are below:

Main purpose of the role

The secretary ensures that the PTA's activities run smoothly. They use their excellent communication and organisational skills to arrange meetings, take minutes and keep records.

The secretary's responsibilities

- * Assists the chair with planning meetings
- * Communicates with the school and committee members, including circulating the agenda before PTA meetings
- * Takes minutes at meetings, recording the key points, decisions made and relevant action points
- * Manages communication between the committee, volunteers, school and school community
- * Prepares the publicity for events, including flyers, posters and tickets
- * Ensures meetings have enough attendees to form a quorum
- * Keeps records
- * Shares information

At the AGM

- * Helps the chair prepare for the meeting and takes minutes on the day

Suits people who are...

- * Great communicators
- * Accurate writers
- * Helpful and motivated

Woodland Learning

Thanks to the amazing efforts of Mr and Mrs Hardy and Mr Thomson, I am delighted to confirm that Woodland Learning has recommenced, with Reception enjoying their first session of the term last week. The site looks wonderful and all remedial work that was needed after the recent storms has been completed. Dates for the remainder of Term 5 are below:

Reception	Thursday 9 th May	
Year 1	Thursday 9 th May	Monday 20 th May
Year 2	Thursday 25 th April	Thursday 23 rd May
Year 3	Thursday 25 th April	Wednesday 22 nd May
Year 4	Wednesday 24 th April	Tuesday 14 th May
Year 5	Wednesday 24 th April	Thursday 16 th May
Year 6	Friday 26 th April	Thursday 16 th May

Please note that some classes will have shared sessions, to allow for greater interaction between children and staff.

Best wishes

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