

# LEYBOURNE SS PETER & PAUL C E PRIMARY ACADEMY



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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to a new academic year! We are all so pleased to be back at school and have had a wonderful first week with the children. They have settled back into the school routine so well - we really are very proud of them all! I am sure some of them will be very tired after such a big week, though! I would like to welcome our new Reception Class and their families, and also Charlie (Year 3) and Eva and P-J (Year 4) who have joined us this week. We also welcome Mr Trevor Gunn as our Interim Caretaker, and Miss Zoe Hutchinson who joins us in Year 6 as part of the Teach Kent and Sussex Teacher Training programme. We hope that all of our new starters will be very happy here.

## **ASDA Cashpots for Schools**

As the PTFA continually look to find ways to raise monies for our school, we have registered to participate in Asda's new "Cashpot for Schools" scheme. This is a new initiative running from now through until the end of November, and we would be very grateful for your support.

Signing up to the scheme is easy:

1. Download the Asda Rewards App
2. Opt-in for Cashpot for Schools and select our school.
3. That's it - Asda do the rest!

Every time you shop *in store at Asda or George or online at Asda.com* and scan the rewards app, a proportion of your total spend will be automatically donated to our school cash pot. We also receive a donation every time someone opts in to the cash pot, even if no shopping takes place. All you need to do is sign up and the Rewards app can be added to your phone wallet for ease of use.

We only have until the end of November - we would love to raise as much as we can!

Please see the attached leaflet for more details.

Thank you for your support.

*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*



## **Dates List**

I have attached a list of dates for the school year for your information. Please note that Sports Day will be a whole school event this year again this year, during the morning of Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June.

The PFTA have organised a Bags2School Collection of clothing, bedding etc for September 30<sup>th</sup>. If, like mine, your children have had a growth spurt over the summer, this could be a good opportunity to clear out the outgrown clothes in time for Christmas!

## **Ear Piercing and Earrings**

Just a reminder that if your child has recently had their ears pierced, they will be unable to take part in P.E. lessons until they are able to remove their earrings. We cannot allow them to participate in P.E. lessons with their earrings covered by tape, nor are we permitted to remove them ourselves. Finally, all earrings that are worn to school must be plain ball stud earrings, please (in gold or silver) – hoops or other earrings, including any other non-dangly earrings – are not permitted. Thank you for your cooperation.

## **Term time absence**

We are only five days into the new term, and I have already received requests for term time absence, or have had children miss the start of the new school year due to an extended summer break. Please be aware that very few requests for term time absence will be authorised, as the clear expectation is that children should be in school. Whilst I do appreciate that some holidays are significantly cheaper in term time, that is not a justification for taking your children out of school. Family holidays do not constitute “exceptional circumstances” for absence from school, and cannot be authorised.

## **Toddler Praise**

I am delighted to say that Toddler Praise will run on the second Monday of each month this term – 9<sup>th</sup> September, 14<sup>th</sup> October, 11<sup>th</sup> November and 9<sup>th</sup> December. Further details can be found on the attached poster.

## **Woodland Learning**

Please see below this term’s dates for Woodland Learning. Please note that some sessions will be shared sessions between two classes.

Reception	Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	
Year 1	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> September	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> October
Year 2	Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> September	Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> October
Year 3	Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> October
Year 4	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> September	Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> October
Year 5	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> September	Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> October
Year 6	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> September	Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend and I look forward to a very happy and successful year.

Best wishes

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