

LEYBOURNE SS PETER & PAUL C E PRIMARY ACADEMY



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Dear Parents,

Well, we have made it to the end of term - and our last school day of 2024! This term has been wonderful in so many ways, but we have definitely been battling a number of horrible illnesses over the past few weeks. I really do hope that everyone recovers in time to enjoy Christmas next week!

Reverse Advent Calendar

Thank you so much for your wonderful generosity with our Reverse Advent calendar. We have been overwhelmed by your kindness, and Ms Miller delivered all of your donations to the Hygiene Bank today. Your support is very much appreciated and will make a real difference to people in need this Christmas.



Christmas Fayre

Thank you to everyone who came along to support the PTFA Christmas Fayre. I am delighted to tell you that just over £2,200 was raised, which will be going towards our iPad project. Huge thanks go to the PTFA committee, led by Jenny Gillespie, whose hard work made the Fayre such a success.

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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ASDA Cashpots for Schools

The amazing sum of £326.28 was raised through the ASDA Cashpots for Schools scheme. This money will again be used to provide iPads for the children to use, so thank you again for your support.

Christmas Dinner

We had a wonderful day on Wednesday, enjoying our Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day. Thanks must go to Alex and Zoe in the kitchen for all their hard work, and Mrs Brown for organising goody bags for all of the children to enjoy.

Congratulations...

to Rudy S (Year 3) who has just signed a two year contract with Charlton Athletic Football Club. This really is an incredible achievement, and we are all so proud of him.



Well done...

We have been treated to some wonderful performances over the past two weeks! Our **Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 Nativities** were simply incredible, with the children singing, reading and acting beautifully. I really am so proud of each and every one of them for performing so amazingly well. My thanks also go to all of the staff who have worked so hard to prepare the children and to give them the confidence and enthusiasm to do their very best.

We also enjoyed a wonderful **RockSteady** concert this week. Jamie, our Band Leader, does the most incredible job with the children and it is truly amazing to see the children perform in their groups. If you would like your child to join RockSteady, we have attached some information with this newsletter.

Mrs Smith's Singers have performed so well this week. They sang beautifully in assembly on Wednesday and then our choir sang on the playground yesterday, to raise money for Maidstone Homeless Care.

Goodbye and thank you...

to Mrs McKiernan and Mrs Lepavoux who left us today with our thanks, prayers and very best wishes. **Mrs McKiernan** has been a wonderful member of the Leybourne team, covering Miss Dale's maternity leave, and has given our Reception Class a fantastic start to their school life. She is joining Hunton Primary School after Christmas – they are very lucky to be gaining such a lovely and nurturing teacher. We wish her all the best for the future. **Mrs Lepavoux** is embracing a new challenge outside of school, and I know that she will be a huge success in her new role. She joined us during the Covid pandemic, (not the easiest of times to join a school!) and instantly had a huge impact on everyone she worked with – children and adults alike. She is without doubt one of the kindest, most flexible, committed, caring and knowledgeable people I have had the pleasure to work with and we will all miss her hugely. It has been an absolute pleasure working with both Mrs McKiernan and Mrs Lepavoux, and we wish them both all the very best.

I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas with your families and friends. We look forward to welcoming the children back on Tuesday 7th January 2025.

Best wishes

Tina Holditch
Headteacher