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Dear Parents,



A huge “thank you” to everyone who supported our Children in Need Bake Offs and Cake Sales last week. I am so pleased to announce that the incredible sum of £486.29 was raised for this amazing cause – thank you so much for your wonderful generosity – we really do appreciate your support.

Carol Singing

Christmas has begun in earnest! I am so proud of the school choir who sang so beautifully today. Mrs Rimmer had prepared a wonderful selection of songs for the children and they entertained a surprisingly large audience outside the shops in Little Market Row at lunchtime today. The children raised an incredible £104.68 for the Maidstone Christian Care Centre! Well done to the choir, and a huge thank you to Mrs Rimmer for rehearsing with them, the staff who accompanied the choir today, and our wonderfully generous and supportive audience!



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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Christmas Arrangements

At the moment, I am very pleased to confirm that we will proceed with our Christmas concerts as planned. We look forward to welcoming two spectators per child to their performances as outlined below.

Class	Family members are invited to the		On
Reception	Reception/ KS1 concert in the school hall	at 2pm	Monday 6 th December
Year 1	Reception/ KS1 concert in the school hall	at 2pm	Tuesday 7 th December
Year 2	Reception/ KS1 concert in the school hall	at 2pm	Wednesday 8 th December
Year 3	Lower Key Stage 2 service in the school hall	at 2pm	Thursday 9 th December
Year 4	Lower Key Stage 2 service in the school hall	at 2pm	Friday 10 th December
Year 5	Upper Key Stage 2 service in the church	at 2pm	Monday 13 th December
Year 6	Upper Key Stage 2 service in the church	at 2pm	Tuesday 14 th December

Please note that each child is only permitted to have two guests for their performance – additional spectators will unfortunately be turned away in order for us to manage these performances safely.

In an effort to safely manage having visitors back in school, we will be asking all audience members to sanitise their hands on arrival in the hall (Reception to Year 4) and in the Church (Years 5 and 6). In addition, unless you are exempt, you will be required to wear a mask whilst in the hall or Church. Finally, we will be keeping all of the hall doors and windows open to increase ventilation, meaning it is likely to be cold, especially for those sitting closest to the doors and windows. Please do wrap up warm! We have had to keep classrooms well ventilated throughout the pandemic and are now getting used to being slightly colder than in the past!

We would ask that all visitors take a lateral flow test before coming into school as an added precaution.

Visitors are asked to arrive through the playground gate and follow the one way system as usual. If you are in the audience watching the performance you will be able to take your child, and their siblings, home at the end of the production.

Second Hand School Uniform

We are very pleased to say that we now have a dedicated email account for you to use to enquire about second hand school uniform. Please email uniform@leybourne.school and Mrs Barden will be very happy to help you. We are very grateful to Mrs Barden for looking after the second hand uniform for us – there is usually a significant amount of good quality clothing available, so please do check before you buy new!

With Love from Leybourne...

Some of you may remember the “With Love from Leybourne...” Christmas initiative that we introduced last year. In view of the fact that this year has been a challenging one for so many in our community, we would like to make gifts of Christmas hampers to those families for whom Christmas 2021 may be difficult, for whatever reason.

If you, or a family you know of, would appreciate a Christmas gift “with love from Leybourne”, please do get in touch. All requests will be treated in confidence – at this time of year, we just want people to feel remembered and supported by our school community. Please just send an email, put a note in the letterbox or leave an answer phone message – it doesn’t matter how you contact us – please just let us know if there is anyone we might be able to support. I can’t promise riches, but we do hope to make people smile at what may be a very difficult time.

If you would like to contribute towards these gifts, we would be very grateful for your support. We will leave collection boxes at the playground gate and by the school office door if you would like to help.

We sincerely hope that these gifts will be received in the spirit in which they are intended – simply to do what we can to help all members of our school community to have a very Merry Christmas, after what has been another challenging year.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

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