

LEYBOURNE SS PETER & PAUL C E PRIMARY ACADEMY



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Dear Parent/Carer,

What an incredible couple of weeks we have had in school! I could not be prouder of each and every member of the school community who has contributed to such an enjoyable, successful and varied fortnight – truly Leybourne at its best! Thank you all so much for your support.

I cannot believe our **SIAMS Inspection** (Church Schools) was only last week! I look forward to sharing the report with you all in due course (hopefully before the end of term) but for now would just like to express my thanks and appreciation to all of the children, staff and parents who shared their views and experiences with the inspector.

Our **Midsummer Music** event last week on the school field was such a lovely evening. It really is a highlight of the school year for me, I am always so impressed by the children's singing and performances.

The **Art Exhibition** in the hall was outstanding – the quality of the children's work really was impressive! Thank you so much for your support of the Exhibition; as well as purchasing some very special art work, you raised approximately £400 to support the school.

All of our classes have now completed our **Race Across Leybourne** challenge. Thank you for your support of this event – the children have had a wonderful time having fun whilst contributing to our local community. The winning classes were Year 1 and Year 4! Thank you also for the sponsor money that has been collected to date – we have currently received the wonderful sum of £726.90 in sponsorship. If you haven't yet sent in your sponsor money, we are still very happy to receive it. The child in each class who has raised the most sponsorship money will receive a prize when the final amounts are known.

To round off a very busy week in school, we had our **Rock the Crocs Day** last Friday. Donations for dressing up and the cake sale raised the fantastic amount of £286.50.

Transition Parent Consultations continue next week, with meetings for our current Reception, Year 2, and Year 3 pupils on Thursday 3rd July.

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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Today's **Sports Day** was a real success! I am always so proud of the way in which our children support and encourage each other, and that was never more apparent than today! Whilst the children are keen to win, and rightly enjoy success, they are also so supportive of each other and value each other's efforts and contributions. My thanks, as always, go to all of the staff team, and especially Mrs Ward, for all of her hard work.



The PTFA are absolutely amazing!! Georgie and her team have worked so hard this term to support the school – arranging refreshments and additional entertainment at Midsummer Music, selling drinks and strawberries at Sports Day, organising Treat Fridays and hosting our first Quiz Night next week. I really am so grateful to the whole team for all they are doing to raise money to enable us to offer the very best experiences to the children.

There are only three weeks left of this academic year, but still lots to look forward to!

Tomorrow we are holding a **Make a Difference Day** in school. Thank you so much to all of the families who have so kindly volunteered to come along and help. We plan to sweep and stain the wooden fences and sheds, and also really tidy the garden area behind the gazebo. This will involve cutting up and removing the old, damaged garden tables and benches, as well as removing some plants. If you are able to come along and lend a hand, we will be on site from 9:30am, and aim to finish at around 3:00pm. Please do not feel you have to stay for the whole time, or have to arrive at the very start – we really will be very grateful for any support you can offer! It would also be very much appreciated if you could bring any tools or equipment that you feel might be helpful, as I cannot guarantee what we have in school! I fear it may be quite a big job, so the more hands we have, the better! If we are able to, we would also like to lay some paving slabs to increase the width of the path in places – but this is dependent on if we have enough people to help!

Break the Rules Day and an Ice Bucket Challenge will be held on Monday 14th July. The children have enjoyed the Break the Rules Day in the past, and this year we are adding a new element – an Ice Bucket Challenge for the poor member of staff who receives the most votes! Further details about Break the Rules Day are attached to this

letter. Votes for the Ice Bucket Challenge will cost £1 each, and there is no limit to the amount of votes a child can buy!

We will be celebrating the end of the school year with a **Party on the Field** on Thursday 17th July. Miss Charlotte Slattery, who will be joining Year 5 as a trainee teacher next year, will be in school to meet the staff and children on that day - we look forward to welcoming her to Leybourne.

Finally, I would like to share some **staffing news** with you, regarding the coming academic year. As you know, the class teachers for 2025-2026 are as follows:

Reception	Miss Dale
Year 1	Mrs Mockler
Year 2	Mrs Irvine
Year 3	Mrs Pattanshetti and Miss Courtney
Year 4	Mrs Siverland-Bishop
Year 5	Mrs Ward
Year 6	Mrs Grinstead

I am now in a position to confirm our Teaching Assistant support. I am very sorry to say that four of our wonderful team of TAs will be leaving us at the end of this term. Miss Briony Hall will not be returning to Leybourne following her maternity leave, and we all wish her well with her young family. Mrs Alyx Phillips and Miss Kirsty Reddick will be joining other schools next year. Mrs Sarah Patterson is taking a well-deserved break from education after 11 years here at Leybourne. All four members of staff will be very much missed by us all, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of them for their amazing contributions to our school community over their time with us. I hope that our paths will cross again in the future - I have said many times that Leybourne is a family, and the loss of four members is significant. Each one of them leaves with our love, thanks and very best wishes.

As a result, Teaching Assistant support next year is as follows:

Reception	Mrs Mitchell
Year 1	Mrs Burling
Year 2	Mrs Robinson, Mrs Gibbs
Year 3	Mrs Ward, Mrs Millar, Mrs Webster
Year 4	Miss Brooks, Mrs Brown
Year 5	Mrs Glennon
Year 6	Mrs Spratt

We will continue to have the support of our wonderful Inclusion Team – Mrs Vicky Newington and Ms Kerri Miller.

Kind regards

Tina Holditch