

# LEYBOURNE SS PETER & PAUL C E PRIMARY ACADEMY

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Dear Parents,

Well, we are now half way through the school year – time is going so quickly! The children have worked so hard this term, and are certainly in need of their half term break, especially given all of the horrible illnesses we have had in school this term! Hopefully next term the germs will recede...

## **An Update...**

Thank you for your support and understanding over the past week as we have dealt with our broken oven. I am very pleased to say that the engineer came out this morning to install the necessary parts, and the kitchen will be fully operational after half term. I am very sorry for the inconvenience this has caused – I know that it has increased the pressure on you as parents.

## **Book Week**

This year, our school Book Week will take place from Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March to Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March. We hope to have lots of fun book-related activities, including a visit to KS2 from the author David Fuller. **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March is World Book Day and the children are invited to come to school dressed up as a book character on that day, if they would like to.** We will also be holding a Scholastic Book Fair that week. Parents will be able to come to the school hall to purchase books from 3pm on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March – more details will follow after half term.

On Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2025, the children's author David Fuller will be visiting to talk to the KS2 children about his books and explain what inspires him as a writer.

Please visit the [www.alfie-jones.co.uk](http://www.alfie-jones.co.uk) website for more information. David will also be selling and signing copies of his book(s) at the reduced price of £4.50 (usually £5) to any children who would like a copy. Please see the attached information and order forms.

## **Earrings**

A reminder that children are only permitted to wear plain gold or silver ball stud earrings to school, please. Just recently we have had to speak to a number of children who have been wearing a variety of earrings to school. Please be aware that from the beginning of next term we will ask children to remove any other type of earrings. Thank you.

*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*



## **Make a Difference Day – Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2025**

On Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June, we will be holding a Make a Difference Day, with the aim of carrying out some maintenance and decorative jobs around the school. We hope to be able to give our school grounds and buildings a little extra TLC! We would be very grateful to anyone who could spare a little time to come along, and possibly paint, plant, dig (as a guide!). Further details will follow nearer the time, but please do save the date – we would really appreciate your support.

### **Paving Slabs**

To improve access to the school, we are looking to widen the path from the pedestrian gate through the car park to the playground gates, and would be very grateful for any donations of paving slabs you might be looking to rehome! Thank you.

### **Pencil Cases and Stationery**

The children have been working hard and their stationery items have been put to good use! Please could you check their pencil cases over half term and refresh their contents if needed? Many thanks.

### **Toilets!**

We do appreciate that there may be occasions when children (and adults!) might need to use the toilet whilst waiting for the children to come out of school at the end of the day. In this situation, you are very welcome to enter the school *through the office* and use the *staff and visitor toilet*. However, **please do not enter the school through any other door, and do not use, or take a child to use, the children's toilets**. This is for clear safeguarding reasons and to protect all of the children in our care.

### **Woodland Learning Dates**

I am pleased to confirm the following Woodland Learning dates for next term:

Reception	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April
Year 1	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> March
Year 3	Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April (with Year 6)
Year 4	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April
Year 5	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> March (with Y6)	Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April
Year 6	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> March (with Y5)	Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April (with Year 3)

*Dates for Year 2 will be confirmed at the start of Term 4 when we expect Mrs Irvine to return.*

### **Year 1 Continuous Provision**

You may recall that we have adopted a new approach in Year 1 this year. Continuous Provision builds on the principles of the Foundation Stage curriculum and allows the children to have a more gradual introduction to the expectations and structure of Key Stage 1. Mrs Mockler and her team have worked incredibly hard to set up their classroom this year and to implement this new approach – but to support them further they would be very grateful for any donations of the following:

*Small world area:*

- Animals (farm, zoo, sea, cold climates, woodland, birds, reptiles, amphibians)
- Fantasy animals/characters (unicorns, dragons, wizards, fairytale characters)
- Offcuts of artificial grass
- Lego

*Role play:*

- Shop/Market stall
- Till
- Play food
- Tea set
- Large pegs for den building

*Art:*

- Card, paper, junk modelling
- Crafty bits and bobs (pipe cleaners, sequins, material, card, lollypop sticks, straws, buttons etc)

*Construction:*

- Spirit level
- Work bench
- Tools (hammer, screwdrivers, hacksaw, vice, screws, nails)
- Nuts, bolts and screws
- Guttering
- Tin cans
- Wood offcuts

*Reading:*

- Magazines/comics
- Puppets/characters linked to stories

*Loose parts:*

- Conkers
- Glass beads
- Beads
- Buttons
- Cardboard tubes
- Marbles
- Pine cones

*Clever fingers:*

- Playdoh

I hope you all have a wonderful half term break and enjoy this time with your families.

Kind regards

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