



Headteacher: Tina Holditch

Rectory Lane North
Leybourne
West Malling
Kent
ME19 5HD

Tel: 01732 842008
Email: headteacher@leybourne.school
www.leybourne.school

10th May 2024

Dear Parents,

Free School Meals

Just a reminder that even if your child already receives a free school meal as part of the Government Universal Infant Free School Meals initiative, you can still apply for Free School Meals, which would then qualify your child to receive Pupil Premium Funding. This funding is paid to the school to support pupils in a number of ways, and often enables us to cover the cost of school trips (including residential) for eligible children. Please do take a look at www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/free-school-meals to see if you are eligible.

Midsummer Music – Friday 21st June 2024

Our annual Midsummer Music event, involving all of the children, will take place on Friday 21st June 2024. We are very keen that all of the children attend, please. As part of the evening, we would like to run a BBQ. We would be very grateful to hear from anyone who would be willing to spend a little time helping with the BBQ, either before or during the event. Thank you.

Olympic Colour Run – Wednesday 22nd May 2024

Staff and children are eagerly looking forward to the Olympic Colour Run at the end of this term, our main fundraising event to support our iPad project. As you know, we are trying to raise £6000 to buy laptops for the children to use in Computing lessons and would be very grateful for any sponsorship the children can raise. During the day, staff will be using a rowing machine to row for a combined total of 4.5 hours – the average amount of time it would take to row the English Channel, if we were to do so to get to the Paris Olympics! Some staff have started training already, and are taking this very seriously, others are adopting a more casual approach – I think the children will enjoy seeing the differences!

Sports Day – Friday 28th June 2024

Just a reminder that Sports Day this year will be a whole school affair, starting at 9:15am. We realise that this is a change to previous years, and did therefore try to give as much notice as possible by including the change on the Dates List that was sent home and published on the school website in September. We look forward to seeing you there!

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



SATs Week

As some of you will know, next week many of our Year 6 children will be sitting their SATs tests. I know that this can cause anxiety and stress for children (and parents!) and hope that you can all have a lovely relaxing weekend. We are incredibly proud of all of the children, regardless of the outcome of any tests and assessments. We have seen the children grow into kind, mature, caring and responsible children who are wonderful role models for the younger children. Whilst we want the children to embrace next week as an opportunity to demonstrate what they have learned in Maths and English, we are keen to remind them that SATs are a very narrow measure of performance, in some areas, at a particular moment in time. There is not a test that can measure a person's worth – their compassion, their artistic ability, their empathy, their musicality, their sporting ability. So please, Year 6, remember that – and have a lovely weekend enjoying the sunshine with your families. Do not waste time or energy worrying about a few tests that you are more than ready for!

Best wishes

Tina Holditch
Headteacher