Tuesday 18th July 2017

Dear Parents,

Thank you to everyone who came along to support the children in their summer show; ‘The Piper of Levens’ last week. The children were fabulous and the ‘rat’ biscuits were delicious; thanks to Mrs Mason and our Scafell Bakers! Yesterday, our year six leavers enjoyed an energetic trampolining afternoon in Preston and a wonderful evening meal cooked by our year 5 Tea Club Team. Thank you to everyone involved in fundraising and supporting FOLS who made a substantial contribution to the leavers treat again this year.

Our final event of the year is our Year Six Leavers’ Service at St. John’s Church on Wednesday morning at 9.30am. Even if you do not have a child currently in year six; this is a lovely end of year celebration and everyone is welcome to attend. Year 6’s chosen charity is The British Heart Foundation. Donations can be forwarded to school or handed in during the collection at the Leavers’ Service.

Please remember that school closes at **2pm** on Thursday 20th July.

YoYo will run until 4.15pm.

Year 6 SATs reults:

Our results at the end of Key Stage Two are outstanding this year, with all our children making or exceeding expected progress since their statutory tests at the end of Key Stage 1. The tests taken by our year six children were sent away to be marked externally and results were returned to school in the first week of July. I am sure you would all wish to join us in congratulating our year six children who have exceeded our expectations by scoring incredibly high marks in these tests. As you may already be aware, these have become significantly more challenging since the introduction of the new curriculum in September 2014. We are overjoyed that 100% of our children met or exceeded the national standard in Reading. The number of children at the end of year six achieving age related expectation in reading, writing and maths at Levens School is far greater than the national statistic of 61%.

Updated information about school performance will be available in the autumn term including details about our children’s progress and further national comparisons. Information about performance can be found on the ‘Results and Performance’ section of our website. Here you will find a link to the government website that provides further details on school performance. This year’s data will be uploaded to the DfE website during the autumn term.

Outstanding Payments:

Please can all outstanding payments for music tuition, dinners and YoYo Club be made by Wednesday morning at the very latest.

Scafell Residential to Lockerbie Manor:

Please can we have written notification and deposits no later than Wednesday morning. School is required to pay a deposit of £1000 before the end of July and is seeking a firm commitment from parents to secure this booking.

Autumn Term Events:

The calendar for the autumn term is already being determined. You will be able to view an updated online calendar on our website well before the start of the new academic year. Events planned for the autumn term include: Class Drop-ins, Good Work Assemblies, Harvest Service, Football Club and Parent-Teacher Appointments.

Please remember: **School is closed on Friday 20th October** for essential staff training.

School Site Security:

All gates onto our playground will be locked for the duration of the summer holidays. This is because we have had problems with people trespassing and causing damage in recent years; particularly during the long summer break. Please could I ask parents to report anyone seen entering our site by emailing the school office or, if necessary, by contacting the police directly.

Thank you:

I would like to extend a huge thank you to our committed and determined staff team at Levens who all work so incredibly hard to ensure our children are safe, happy and making progress and I couldn’t be more grateful to them. Thank you to you; our parents for all the ways in which you support our school and engage in your children’s learning. Finally, and most importantly, thank you to our fantastic pupils, who come into school enthusiastic and ready to learn each day!

On behalf of everyone at Levens School, may I wish you a wonderful, fun-filled and memorable summer break. We look forward to welcoming you to the start of the autumn term at 8.35am on Monday 4th September.

With my very best wishes,

Jane Farraday