



LEVENS CE SCHOOL

Loving to Learn, Growing Together, Caring for All

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Dear Parents

What a wonderful two weeks of learning and fun at Levens since we returned from the half-term holidays. Thank you to everyone who came along to our Curriculum Open Morning; the children enjoyed talking to parents and sharing their learning; and our feedback has been really positive on our evaluation forms, 'A lovely positive atmosphere; keen, interested and engaged children working well to support each other' commented one parent. Don't worry if you missed this event, another similar one is planned for later in the year.

Friday evening's discos were great fun for everyone. The children made sure the staff were up dancing; the School Council led the games and served refreshments; and huge thanks to Paul Jones for giving up his evening to be our DJ. School Council's next event is Children in Need next Friday. We would like the children to donate £1 to wear non-uniform; and something yellow if they can. Plus School Council are hosting a Bring-and-Buy sale of toys, books and games.

Today we walked down to the war memorial to respect those who have fought for our freedom since World War 1. Bowfell laid their poppies at the base of the memorial; Skiddaw led us in our prayers and Scafell read war poetry including: 'In Flanders Fields' by John McCrae.

Staffing News

Unfortunately, Miss Addy continues to be in ill health and will not be returning to her role in school before the end of November. I am sure you will join us in wishing her a speedy recovery and we look forward to her returning to school as soon as she is well enough. In her absence, we have been incredibly fortunate to secure Mrs Greenall to continue leading teaching and learning in Bowfell Class. Mrs Greenall is an extremely talented, passionate and committed practitioner who has worked really hard this week to develop positive relationships with everyone in school and we look forward to welcoming her back to Bowfell next week. Further updates on arrangements for teaching in Bowfell Class will be shared once I am able.

Christmas Shopping

Did you know that you can raise donations for our school by shopping online? 'Easyfundraising' can be found in the parent section of our website and through the link below. It is so easy to use and allows you to choose from over 3,300 stores including: John Lewis, Amazon, Asda and Argos. Please use this site to do your Christmas shopping; it will make such a difference to funds for our school.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/levensceschool>



Dates for Your Diary

15.11.17	Dallam Tag Rugby Event Y3+4
17.11.17	Children in Need Day – non uniform day and bring-and-buy stall
	Kendal Mountain Festival Years 5+6
24.11.17	Christmas Fair 6-8pm
1.12.17	Good Work Assembly for parents and families 2.30pm
4.12.17	Toddler Taster – Christmas Crafts
5.12.17	Christmas Nativity 2pm
	Christmas Nativity 6pm
6.12.17	Last swim today
	Christmas Nativity 6pm
8.12.17	Whole School Theatre Trip – Dukes Theatre 'Aladdin'
11.12.17	Last Gym club
	Junior Christmas Party Skiddaw and Scafell 1-3pm
12.12.17	Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day
13.12.17	Infant Christmas Party Bowfell (nursery welcome)
14.12.17	Nasal Flu for Reception – year 4 pupils.
	2pm Carol service at St. Johns
14.12.17	Attendance Reward Assembly
15.12.7	Music Extravaganza 9.30am
	School Closes for Christmas 2pm
3.1.17	School Opens for Spring term

Further events may be added during the course of the term so please also check the interactive website calendar. When necessary, letters are sent with further information and permission reply slips. Please look in your child's bag to ensure you are getting information when it is sent out to you.

Attendance:

Our attendance continues to be high and was recently celebrated by our school advisor from county. Thank you to everyone for ensuring unnecessary absence is avoided as much as possible and please may I politely encourage parents to continue to avoid taking holidays in term time. Certificates and prizes for 100% attendance so far will be awarded in the final week of term.

School Entrance Hall

Have you noticed our new banner in the entrance of school? Huge thanks to Mrs Duckworth who designed and made the bunting and presented it as a gift to school at the start of term.

Christmas Holiday reminder

You may have noticed from our website that school closes for the Christmas period on **Friday 15th December at 2pm and reopens on Wednesday 3rd January**. Please note that this is different to dates published on the Cumbria County Council website.

Band in the Barn

Thank you to everyone who has bought a ticket to support our event at Park House Barn on Saturday night; over 160 tickets have been sold in aid of our Outdoor Early Years Area. There will be a raffle on the evening with a range of prizes so please come prepared to part with further cash for the chance of winning a great prize.

With my very best wishes

Jane Farraday

