



# LEVENS CE SCHOOL

Loving to Learn, Growing Together, Caring for All

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Dear Parents

Thank you to everyone who has supported our recent fundraising events both reaching just over £1000 to improve facilities for our children to enjoy in the outdoors; Band in the Barn's funds will support other funding ventures in school to improve provision in Bowfell's outdoor area; whereas the money collected from the fair will buy new equipment for all the children to enjoy at playtimes and lunchtimes. Thank you to FOLS, and a special thank you to Joanna Duncan, who have worked so hard to organise and lead these events.

### **OSTED Inspection**

As you are already aware, our one day inspection last week was undertaken by Mr James Blackwell. The inspection report will be shared with parents as soon as possible and we envisage that this will be before the end of this term. Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete an online parent survey about your views on school; we are overwhelmed by the incredibly positive feedback we have received. Thank you.

### **Staffing News**

Unfortunately, Mrs Katharine Wheelhouse recently finished her SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities) leadership role in school as she extended her work commitments at Burton Morewood Academy. We are very grateful to her for all the support she has provided for our families and staff at Levens School over many years and she will be deeply missed by us all. Mrs Sarabeth Pearce, an experienced and knowledgeable practitioner, has already started her SEND consultancy role as she has been in school to support staff, meet the children and liaise with external professionals during recent weeks. Where appropriate, parents who have children in school receiving SEN support will have the opportunity to meet Mrs Pearce as she develops her role in school.

We are very pleased that Mrs Greenall is able to continue to teach in Bowfell as Miss Addy's absence extends into December. Unfortunately, I am unable to provide any information about when we might expect Miss Addy to return; but I am in regular contact with her and always pass on people's messages of good wishes and support.

From January, with increased pupils joining Bowfell Class and the additional funding allocated to each pupil, we will be welcoming Mrs Philippa Duckworth to complement the team. Mrs Duckworth will be working directly with our year two children in the mornings.

### **Dates for Your Diary**

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
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6.12.17	Last swim today



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7.12.17	Owl Visit to School
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 Favourite 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. John's
15.12.17	Music Extravaganza 9.30am
	School Closes for Christmas 2pm
3.1.18	School Opens for Spring term

### **YOYO Club**

If you are a user of YoYo can we ask you to remember to let us know at least 24hours in advance if you have decided not to use your child's booked place. Recently, particularly on busy nights, we have arranged unnecessary additional staff so that our adult-child ratios are adequate. As advised in my November newsletter, notification of places no longer required and received after 5pm the day before, will incur a £5 cancellation fee.

### **OWL Visit**

In relation to Bowfell's topic on nocturnal animals, Mrs Greenall has arranged the owls to visit school on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December. Bowfell Class will receive a talk to learn more about these intriguing animals; but Skiddaw and Scafell will also have the opportunity to meet them. This visit will be carefully assessed for risk and the children will wash their hands thoroughly after handling the owls.

If you have any concerns about your child/children accessing this experience, please talk to your child's classteacher in advance of the event.

### **Christmas Shopping Reminder:**

Please remember to do all you Christmas shopping through 'Easyfundraising'. A link 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>

### **Christmas Holiday Reminder:**

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

With my very best wishes

Jane Farraday