



LEVENS CE SCHOOL

Loving to Learn, Growing Together, Caring for All

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Dear Parents,

We have lots of great news to share in our newsletter this week and I would like to start by congratulating our three gymnastics teams who represented school in the Area KeySteps Gymnastics competitions at Dallam School on Wednesday. Each team were placed in the top three of their category and two teams are successfully through to the next round at Cartmel School. They have worked hard all year, practising their floor routines and perfecting their vaults and body management sequences with just a little bit of direction from our in-house expert Mrs Craggs, supported by Miss Dawson. Huge thanks to them; and also to our parents who provided encouragement at home and helped transport our teams to and from the event. We wish them continued success in the next stage of the competition next week.

Thank you to everyone who attended our parent-teacher appointments earlier this week. If you were unable to attend on the evening; please may I encourage you to fix another date with your child's classteacher so that you are able to find out important information regarding your child's learning and progress so far this year.

Reading Success:

Please find attached a letter from the Rt Hon Nick Gibb MP that arrived in school earlier this week. You may remember that our Ofsted Inspection Report highlighted strengths in writing, specifically in KS2. We are now very pleased that our reading achievement has also been celebrated at government level placing us in the top 1% of primary schools in England for achievement in reading. Expectations at the end of KS1 and KS2 have risen significantly since the introduction of the new curriculum in 2014; making this achievement even more remarkable.

Funding for our EYFS Outdoor Area:

We are extremely pleased to inform our parents that we have very recently received notification that our application for Lottery funding has been approved securing £10,000 towards completely redeveloping and resourcing this area. With other successful grant applications from Levens Charity and Story Homes; and further funds from FOLS events, we will be soon developing plans to get our new area underway! Watch this space!

Staff News:

It has been lovely to have Miss Addy back in school resuming her full-time role this week and I know that she is grateful for all the support and understanding from parents that she has received during her phased return.

We would like to wish our school handyman, Michael Medcalf, and his partner Hayley a wonderful celebration with family and friends on Saturday as they tie the knot at St. John's Church. From everyone at Levens School we would like to wish them a happy, healthy and long life together!

Preparing for General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR):

We are working very hard in school to ensure we are ready for the new regulations that come into force in May this year. The regulations involve us revising the ways in which we collect and store personal data; and review the security of all our data. This will have an impact on the day-to-day school business from the way in which we collect permission slips for school trips to how we store



electronic data regarding individual pupils. We will keep you updated as procedures change and would ask for your understanding and patience as we try to meet our legal obligation.

Online Agreements:

On Safer Internet Day, every child in school brought home an agreement about responsibilities when working online. Please can I ask that children return these as soon as possible to the class boxes.

Nursery Consultation:

Following the successful introduction of nursery provision for children aged 3 years upwards, we are now consulting current and prospective parents about the possibility to extend our provision to include afternoon sessions. This will offer parents greater flexibility and give those entitled to 30hours free childcare additional provision on top of what we currently offer. If you would like more information or know of anyone who may be interested in this potential extension to our nursery; please take a look at the home page of our website which will direct you to further information and the consultation form that needs returning to school by Monday 5th March.

YoYo Provision Monday 19th March:

Unfortunately there will be no YoYo after-school care on this date due to compulsory staff training on that day. Sorry for any inconvenience that this may cause.

Diary Dates:

Wednesday 28 th February	Dallam English Day Year 5
	Last Running Club
Monday 26 th February	Levens Loves to Read Week!
Thursday 1 st March	World Book Day-Don't forget to dress up as your favourite character!
Friday 2 nd March	Fairtrade Day: Fairtrade Snack – Don't forget your £1 donation please. Fairtrade Stall between 8.30-9am and 3-3.30pm
	Good Work Assembly for parents and families 2.30pm
Wednesday 7 th March	Elleray Cross Country Event
Monday 13 th March	Nursery Consultation Meeting for parents 6pm*
Thursday 15 th March	South Lakes Pupil Parliament at Netherwood Hotel with Tim Farron
Monday 19 th March	Toddler Taster – Forest Schools 9.30am-10.30am
	No YoYo provision due to staff training*
Wednesday 21 st March	Dallam Science Day Year 5
Thursday 22 nd March	Dance Platform at the Brewery
Friday 23 rd March	Sports Relief Day
Thursday 27 th March	KS1 SATS meeting for year 2 parents 5.30pm KS2 SATS meeting for year 6 parents 6pm
Wednesday 28 th March	Y34 Hockey Tournament
Thursday 29 th March	School closes for Easter holidays at 2pm
Monday 16 th April	School re-opens for summer term 8.35am
Friday 20 th April	Easter Service at St. John's Church 2pm. All welcome.

New event added*

Let's hope the fantastic sunshine that we've enjoyed this week continues into the weekend. Thank you for taking the time to keep updated on school news through our newsletters and our website blog and calendar.

With my very best wishes,

Jane Farraday