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Dear Parents,

Welcome to the start of the summer term and particularly to the new families joining us this week. As always, the children arrived at school smiling this morning; keen to share their news; and happy to be back in school.

New Parent Governor:

We are very pleased to be able to welcome our newly appointed parent governor, Alice Sharples, to the governing body this term. On behalf of everyone at Levens, I would like to extend our thanks to her as she begins her role; and to the rest of the governors; for the commitment they make to supporting and improving our school.

Easter Service at St. John's:

Our family service at St. John's takes place this Friday at 2pm and it would be lovely if our parents and families could attend. Each class is contributing a short piece to the service and we have some lovely songs to share with you too. If you would like to take your child straight from church, we anticipate a 2.45pm finish; ready to return to school for 3pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

Reading:

During the summer term we are planning many initiatives, events and learning opportunities to promote reading for pleasure both in and out of school. This includes an event (Monday 30th April at 6pm) to provide parents with further information about how we teach reading in school and how to support IDL and reading at home whether your child is in Reception or year 6. As well as parents, we are also inviting some of the children to return to school to be involved in sharing their learning with you too. Please save the date; further details to follow soon.

Staff News:

Miss Addy is unfortunately unwell at the moment. We are very pleased that Ms Emma Hook joined us today; she will be continuing to lead learning in Bowfell and will be very well supported by the Bowfell Class Team over the next two weeks.

Christian Value:

This term our Christian Value is Compassion. This word is stronger in meaning than 'feeling sorry for someone'; this word is putting yourself in someone else's shoes and experiencing what they experience. This leads to a desire to act; to do something. In Colossians Chapter 3, Paul says, 'Clothe yourselves in with compassion, with kindness, humility, gentleness and patience'. We will be exploring compassion in assemblies, collective worship and through our curriculum. We will be encouraging one another to show greater compassion in our daily lives.



Being prepared:

Please may we request that every child in school has a named water bottle so that they keep hydrated and feeling healthy and alert during the school day. As the weather becomes warmer, suncream and sunhats are a must in a playground with so little shelter.

Diary Dates:

Friday 20 th April	Easter Service at St. John's Church 2pm. All welcome.
Monday 24 th April	Y6 Mock SATS week
Tuesday 25 th April	Ghyll Scrambling - Skiddaw
Tuesday 25 th April	Lockerbie Residential Meeting for parents and children Y56
	5.30pm
Friday 27 th April	Skiddaw Rugby Tournament. Kendal Rugby Club am only
Friday 27 th April	Book Bus Visit – please return all loans to school asap
Monday 30 th April	Scafell Outdoor Activity Day on Lake Windermere 1-3pm
Monday 30 th April	Reading Meeting and workshops for parents and children 6pm
Wednesday 2 nd May	Dallam Primary Rounders Y34 1-3pm
Wednesday 2 nd May	Y3/4 Hockey Quicksticks Competition Second Round QKS 3.30-
	5pm
Friday 4 th May	Good Work Assembly 2.30pm all welcome
Monday 7 th May	School closed for Bank Holiday
Thursday 10 th May	Vindolanda Trip - Skiddaw
Friday 11 th May	Bowfell Outdoor Area Clean-up 2-4.30pm
Saturday 12 th May	FOLS Coffee Morning at Levens Institute 10-12noon
Monday 14 th May	Y6 SATS week
Monday 14 th May	Toddler Taster Session - Gardening
Wednesday 23 rd May	Dallam Primary Cup Challenge Dallam Y5/6 3.30-5.30pm
Thursday 24 th May	Experience Pentecost
Friday 25 th May	Good Work Assembly 2.30pm all welcome
Friday 25 th May	School closes for halfterm 3pm
Monday 4 th June	School re-opens 8.35am
Additional Dates added	

Please note: Further information about many of the above events are published on the website; and are followed up with specific letters for relevant children and families.

We look forward to a busy and exciting term ahead.

With my very best wishes,

Jane Farraday