



LEVENS CE SCHOOL

Loving to Learn, Growing Together, Caring for All

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Dear Parents,

I would like to start by congratulating all the children who have taken part in the three events (hockey, lacrosse and rounders) in the Dallam Primary Cup Challenge this year. They have done incredibly well; often competing against many of the larger Kendal schools. Levens CE School came second overall – an incredible achievement. Particular thanks to Mrs Craggs who worked so hard to ensure the children were properly prepared for each of the events. Thanks also to other staff and to parents who have supported the organisation of these events; helped with transportation; as well as providing lots of enthusiastic cheers on the sidelines.

Later this month, members of Skiddaw class will be travelling up to Carlisle for the Hockey County Finals. We wish them luck as they strive to continue the run of sporting successes celebrated already this academic year.

Bowfell Class have enjoyed a great day out Bouldering at Humphrey Head this week. Despite the hot summer rays, the children showed great determination developing new skills and supporting one another to succeed.

Reading for Pleasure:

Every week we continue to promote reading for pleasure in school. Next week a Book-Swap will be set up in the library. If you would like to get involved, children are asked to contribute a book to the box – a book that is in a reasonable condition and is one that they would recommend to a friend.

We are also continuing to promote opportunities to read for pleasure in school and celebrate reading out of school by awarding each child who reads five times at home in one week a raffle ticket giving them the chance of winning a £5 book token every Friday. Please continue to support this venture by hearing your child read at home and signing their reading record.

Dining Hall Update:

We are very pleased to announce that planning permission has been granted for the new dining hall. We hope to be in our new facilities by the start of November, when the portacabin will be removed.

Frozen Fridays:

FOLS Ice Lollies will be for sale in the playground after school every Friday. Just 50p!



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Bowfell News:

You will have seen work being carried out in our Bowfell area over the last two weeks. This has been possible through funds raised in school, as well as successful grant applications involving the Lottery and Levens Charity. The area will continue to be developed during the remainder of this term, with an official opening planned for the start of the new academic year.

We have recently set up a page on Instagram to share some of the activities and events taking place in our Early Years Foundation Stage and market the school to the wider community. Please sign up to view some of the outstanding provision set up by our talented Bowfell team. I can reassure parents that we will not be sharing photographs of children on Instagram that enable them to be recognised.

FOLS News:

Mrs Jo Duncan (chair) and Ms Gosia Kabasa (treasurer) will be stepping down from their leadership roles on the FOLS committee at the end of this academic year. We are all extremely grateful to them for their dedication to organising wonderful opportunities for us to come together as a community and raise funds for our school. FOLS makes such a valuable contribution and a difference to all our pupils.

We are looking for parents who might feel able to take on either role, or who may generally be prepared to get involved. If you'd like to know more please don't hesitate to talk to any member of the FOLS committee, if you are not sure who they are, please ask us!

Term Dates 2018-19:

Autumn Term: Tuesday 4th September – Friday 21st December

Halfterm: Monday 22nd October – Friday 26th October

Spring term: Tuesday 8th January – Friday 29th March

Halfterm: Monday 18th February – Friday 22nd February

Summer Term: Monday 15th April – Friday 19th July

Easter Weekend: school closes Thursday 18th April and reopens Tuesday 23rd April

Early May bank Holiday: Monday 6th May

Halfterm: Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May

Please note that Easter falls at an unusual point in the holiday programme next year as we return to school for 4 days after the official holiday prior to breaking for the Easter weekend. Please don't be caught out with any holiday arrangements that you are considering.

Further dates for subsequent years can be found by following the link to Cumbria County Council holidays on our website.

Uniform:

Please may I remind parents about expectations regarding uniform. Jewellery is not permitted in school with the exception of stud earrings that must be removed for all PE lessons; children should know how to remove and safely store earrings. Long hair should always be tied up and nail polish removed during term time.

Many of our pupils are choosing to wear open-toe sandals for school instead of shoes. If this is the case, please can we request that they wear socks under their sandals. This will give toes a layer of protection when they are playing out in the playground in case of a trip or fall. Training shoes and pumps are for PE lessons only and not suitable footwear for the school day.

Please also note that Mrs Coker is scaling down the supply of uniform in school and will be holding a 'Discount Day' on Friday 22nd June in the school hall at 3pm. Remaining brand new stock items will be sold with a 20% discount. Once remaining items are sold, uniform is only available via the school website link to Coniston Corporate. Orders will therefore need to be made in good time particularly if you require new uniform for the start of September.

Summer Sun Protection:

Please ensure your child is wearing suncream applied prior to arriving in school; has a sunhat and a named water bottle. Our school playground offers few areas for shade.

Diary Dates:

Monday 18 th June	Tea Club Y5 pupils
Wednesday 20 th June	Dragon City Dallam Orienteering 12.30-3.30pm Bowfell
	Kirkby Lonsdale Rugby Festival Year 5+6 all day
Thursday 21 st June	Pupil Parliament
Monday 25 th June	Y6 Junior Citizenship Kendal Fire Station
Monday 25 th June	Dallam Induction Evening for Y6 pupils
Tuesday 26 th June	Dallam and QES Induction Day for Y6 pupils
Wednesday 27 th June	Scafell Residential to Lockerbie Manor
Friday 29 th June	Scafell return from Lockerbie Manor
Monday 2 nd July	Toddler Taster Summer Fun
Monday 2 nd July	Y5 Tea Club
Wednesday 4 th July	Sports Day 9.15am
Monday 9 th July	KS2 present: Cinderella 1.30pm
Tuesday 10 th July	Reception new starters taster morning 8.45am – 10.30am
	KS2 present: Cinderella 6pm
Wednesday 11 th July	Carlisle County Hockey Finals Y3+4
Thursday 12 th July	Bags2Schools Collection
Friday 13 th July	Music Extravaganza 9.30am
Friday 13 th July	Teddy Bear's Picnic 1.30pm New Reception Starters join Bowfell

Please check our online calendar on the website for further dates and information up to the end of a very busy term.

With my very best wishes,



Jane Farraday