



LEVENS CE SCHOOL  
Loving to Learn, Growing Together, Caring for All

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Dear Parents

We have enjoyed welcoming parents and families into school on a number of different occasions this term and very much look forward to seeing you in school for our seasonal events in the lead up to Christmas.

**Remembrance:**

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our special service of Remembrance on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November. Every child in school contributed to the service by placing a specially made poppy onto our display in the hall and every class contributed either songs, poetry, story-telling, prayers or drama. Thank you to Pam who led our service, including our two minutes of silence. If you haven't seen our display in the hall, please pop in to take a look or visit the website.

**Christmas Fair:**

Our Christmas Fair takes place between 5pm and 7pm on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November. Please sign up for a job on the list in our school entrance hall. If you are unable to help run a stall, but can be free to help set up before or tidy up at the end of the event we would greatly appreciate it.

**On Friday we will be holding a non-uniform day in return for a donation for the fair.** This might be a chocolate gift; a bottle or home-made cakes for our cake or refreshment stall. Any donations would be most gratefully received on Friday.

**New Dining Hall:**

You will see that our new dining facilities are almost complete and we hope to be using them by the start of December. Plans are also in place for the portacabin to be removed just before we return to school in January. We intend to enjoy a special opening ceremony on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December when two lucky children will be able to cut the ribbon to officially open our new facilities; entirely funded by Cumbria County Council. On behalf of everyone at Levens; I would like to extend a huge thank you to Debbie Coker who was relentless in pursuing better lunchtime provision for our children via the local authority. It is down to her determination and persistence that we have these wonderful facilities at Levens School.

**Children in Need:**

Huge congratulations to our School Councillors who organised our events this year; raising just over £150 with 'Hilarious Hair and Spectacular Spots' as well as a range of delicious cakes on sale. Thank you to everyone who generously supported us.

**Parent Governor Vacancy**

Unfortunately, we have been carrying a vacancy on the Levens Governing Body since the beginning of this academic year. It goes without saying that our governors contribute greatly to the leadership of the school and becoming a governor is an incredibly rewarding role.

We would be very interested to hear from anyone who might be able to consider taking a more involved role in school life. If you think that could be you, please call in to see Mrs Coker, who is our Clerk to the Governors, for more information. If there are no interested parents by the Christmas break, we will need to officially re-advertise the vacancy in the new year.



## **Nursery**

We have been absolutely delighted that our Nursery provision is turning out to be such a success. This is enabling us to expand our sessions from January 2019, when we will now be offering all day sessions each Monday and Tuesday.

If your child will be starting nursery with us, either after Easter or the summer break, please ask for a registration form so that we can confirm future sessions at an early date.

For parents of existing nursery children, please can I remind you that if your child starts Reception in September 2019, you still need to apply for a place at Levens via the Cumbria County Council website.

## **Dates for Your Diary**

30.11.18	Non-uniform Day and Christmas Fair 5-7pm
03.12.18	ToddlerTaster – Festive Crafts 9.30am-10.30am
04.12.18	Nativity 2pm and 6pm
05.12.18	Nativity 6pm
12.12.18	Peter Pan at the Dukes Theatre, Lancaster
13.12.18	Christmas or Favourite Jumper and Christmas Dinner Day
14.12.18	Music Extravaganza 9.30am. All welcome
17.12.18	Nursery Christmas Performance in the Hall for Nursery parents at 11am
18.12.18	Christmas Service at St. John's 9.30am. All welcome
	Scafell and Skiddaw Christmas party 1pm
19.12.18	Bowfell Christmas Party 1pm
21.12.18	School Closes for Christmas holidays <b>2pm</b>
07.01.19	School closed for staff training
08.01.19	School reopens for spring term 8.35am
15.01.19	Closing date for Reception 2019 applications

## **Christmas Shopping:**

Please use the Easyfundraising site to do your online shopping for Christmas this year. This website enables you to shop with many of the high street retailers and raise funds for school at the same time. A link can be found on our website for

[www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk).

Hope to see you at our Fair on Friday,

Yours sincerely

Jane Farraday