



LEVENS CE SCHOOL

Loving to Learn, Growing Together, Caring for All

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the start of the new year and a very special welcome to our new families joining us this term.

Staff News:

We are very pleased to announce that Mrs Troughton has extended her role in school supporting the supervision of pupils every lunchtime and is now also working one day a week in school to support learning in the classrooms.

Although Mrs Duckworth officially retired at the end of last term; she has agreed to continue supporting teaching and learning in Scafell until we are able to appoint her replacement.

New dining facilities:

We are very pleased with our new facilities and it was wonderful to invite parents for a coffee morning at the end of term. You may have seen a photograph of our official opening ceremony in the Westmorland Gazette over the holidays. Sophia Luisi and Alisa Stewart were the two lucky winners of the school raffle giving them the privilege of cutting the ribbon!

Final adjustments and fittings are still being made to the external areas of the building but we anticipate this will soon be complete. New static goal posts and basketball nets will be installed in the main area of the playground later this term, funded directly from central government to enhance opportunities for sport, active play and healthy living.

Christian Value-Love:

This term's Christian Value is Love. We will be exploring our value in our assemblies, through class reflection time, music and storytelling; and in the curriculum. As well as exploring God's love for each and everyone of us; we will be talking about how we can show love for one another: 'Love your neighbour as yourself,' Mark, Chapter 12.

Mindfulness:

During part of our training day on Monday, the staff developed their knowledge and understanding of mindfulness and the benefits it can have on our mental wellbeing. Scientific research evidences that young people's lives are becoming increasingly stressful. Here at Levens, we believe that pupil and staff mental health is extremely important. All the staff have practised some mindfulness exercises and been introduced to leading mindfulness sessions with children. We are now keen to introduce these sessions during lesson time over the coming weeks and look forward to seeing and hearing the children's responses to these sessions.

Sickness and Diarrhoea:

Please note that if your child has any sickness and/or diarrhoea, regardless of the frequency or severity, they are not able to be in school within 48 hours of the last occurrence. This period is the recommended time determined by Public Health England in their advice to schools. The guidance does not only cover this area but many common and non-common childhood infections and illnesses, so if you are unsure about absence implications, please check with us when your child becomes ill. We greatly rely on parents cooperating with this guidance to ensure sickness does not spread to other pupils and staff.



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Class Information and Curriculum:

Did you know that each class has its own page on the school website? Newsletters from each class will be distributed later this week containing information about this term's learning. Curriculum Maps can also be found in the 'curriculum' and class page sections of the website.

Staff Vacancy:

We are still seeking a part-time lunchtime supervisor for an hour 2 or 3 sessions a week. Please get in touch if you know of anyone who might be interested.

EasyFundraising:

Around this time of year, many of you may be planning your summer holiday. Did you know that you can use this site to book your holiday and that by doing this you will be raising funds for School. Please take a look before you book!

Dates for your Dairy:

11.1.19	Last Circus Skills Club after school
15.1.19	Closing Date for Reception Applications
17.1.19	Edinburgh Residential Information Evening 6pm
18.1.19	Celebration Assembly 2.30pm. All welcome
18.1.19	Running Club commences 3-4pm
21.1.19	Toddler Taster (under 3s) – Cooking 9.30-10.30am
30.1.19	X Country Running Event at Dallam – Running Club
5.2.19	Safer Internet Day
6.2.19	Bags to Schools Collections 9am
6.2.19	Key Steps Gymnastics Competition Level 1 at Dallam
11.2.19	X Country Running Event at Sedbergh – Running Club
13.2.19-15.2.19	Edinburgh Residential for Scafell pupils
15.2.19	School closes for half-term 3pm
25.2.19	School reopens 8.35am
25.2.19	Fairtrade Fortnight
28.2.19	School Disco KS1 5.45pm-6.45pm KS2 7-8pm
1.3.19	Celebration Assembly 2.30pm. All welcome
6.3.19	Parent-Teacher Appointments: Nursery-Year 6

Please note: This list of events is subject to change. Please keep in touch by visiting the online calendar at www.levens.cumbria.sch.uk . Further information regarding specific events is distributed to relevant children as required. A printed version of our calendar is also displayed in the school noticeboard on the playground.

Skiddaw Parents:

Please look out for tickets for the Brewery Dance Festival on the evening of Wednesday 20th March when every child in Skiddaw will be performing on stage in a dance choreographed by our brilliant coach Miss Nicola Moorhead. Tickets must be purchased directly from the Box Office and cannot be reserved via school. We understand that tickets for this event will go on sale next week. Please act quickly to avoid disappointment.

With my very best wishes

Jane Farraday