



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

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Dear parents and carers,

I hope you have enjoyed the wonderful weather over our Easter weekend. It has been lovely to welcome our new starters into Nursery this term and new children also starting at Levens School this week. We now have 64 pupils on roll; with an additional 14 children attending Nursery.

Welcome also to Miss Lauren Butler who has joined the Bowfell team this week. Miss Butler will be supporting our youngest pupils in Nursery and Reception. We also have two student teachers working in school throughout this term. Miss Philippa Sedgwick joins Skiddaw, whilst Miss Zoe Eastham has returned to Bowfell to complete her final placement with us.

Congratulations to our Tri-Golf Junior teams who took part in the inter-school Dallam competition last week. With very little preparation, but bags of determination and enthusiasm, our year 3&4 team secured 1st place; whilst our Y5&6 team finished in third.

Maths Clinic: Tuesday 30th April from 3.30

We are offering an informal drop-in session where parents can talk to classteachers and ask for methods and concepts to be demonstrated. The strategies and methodology of primary maths has changed significantly in the last few years and you may find that this opportunity enables you to offer better support with home learning. Please see you child's classteacher if you would like to come along.

Our summer term Christian Value:

Koinonia comes from the Greek word meaning community or fellowship. This shows the special relationship we have with one another; that we look after one another and where we welcome and accept everyone for who they are. Together we grow in our relationships with one another and with God.

1 Thessalonians 5:11 'Encourage one another to build one another up, just as you are doing.'



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Sun Protection and Warm Weather:

As the weather gets warmer, please can you make sure that your child has appropriate sun protection cream applied **before** they come to school. We advise that **all children wear a sun hat**, particularly as so little of our outdoor areas provide much shade. There are many products on the market that offer protection throughout the day. Sun screen can be self-administered by pupils and staff will encourage and supervise pupils applying their own cream. Staff are not encouraged and should not be required to apply sunscreen to pupils due to potential allegations of abuse. If you would like your child to have sunscreen in school, please ensure your bottle is clearly named. Our sun protection policy is published on our website for your reference.

Named water bottles should also be in school every day so that children can rehydrate during breaks and in class.

If children would like to wear sandals for school; socks must be worn underneath to offer some protection to exposed toes!

Breakfast club:

We have had some parents asking about the possibility of a 'Breakfast Club' offering an earlier start for our working parents. If you would be interested in this provision and could make a commitment to using it regularly, please let us know so that we can ascertain levels of interest.

YoYo Club:

Please may I remind parents that cancellation of sessions must be made at least 24hours in advance to avoid being charged for the session.

Diary dates:

Please note; the summer term is always extremely busy and events are often added throughout the term. Please keep a close eye on our online calendar containing the most current information for forthcoming events.

Tuesday 23 rd April	Y5 Tea Club commences – Group 1
Thursday 25 th April	Experience Easter at St. John's Church during the morning. Waterproofs and wellies may be required if wet weather as we are in the grounds of St. John's Church.
Thursday 25 th April	Y6 Booster Group session 3-4pm
Friday 26 th April	Eco-Team Litter Pick
Friday 26 th April	Celebration Assembly 2.30pm. All welcome.
Monday 29 th April	Mock SATs week for all year 6 pupils
Monday 29 th April	Y6 Booster Group session 3-4pm

Tuesday 30 th April	Violin performance for parents from our year 2 pupils at 9am
Tuesday 30 th April	Maths Clinic 3.30pm until 4.15pm. Please see your child's classteacher if interested
Tuesday 30 th April	Tea Club Group 1
Monday 6 th May	School closed for Bank Holiday
Tuesday 7 th May	Violin lessons today instead of Monday
Wednesday 8 th May	Book Bus at school today: please return your loans to school
Monday 13 th May	Y6 Statutory Assessments during this week
Tuesday 14 th May	Tea Club Group 1
Wednesday 15 th May	Dallam Rounders Competition Years 3&4 1-3pm
Friday 17 th May	Scafell Robotics with STEM Cumbria (funded by FOLS)
Friday 17 th May	Meet the Governors: Afternoon Tea and ice lollies in Dining Hall from 3pm. Funds raised will be donated to SaveTheChildren Cyclone Idai Appeal.
Monday 20 th May	Toddler Taster Session: Gardening 9.30am until 10.30am.(Nursery children already in school on Mondays will not be attending this session).
Tuesday 21 st May	Tea Club Group 1
Wednesday 22 nd May	Scafell Sailing Day 1 on Lake Windermere
Friday 24 th May	Class photographs in School for Reception-Year 6
Friday 24 th May	School closes for halfterm break at 3pm
Monday 3 rd June	School reopens at 8.35am

Term Dates 2019-20:

Autumn term: Wednesday 4th September until Friday 20th December

(Nursery provision commences on Monday 9th September)

Halfterm: Monday 21st October until Friday 25th October

Spring term: Tuesday 7th January until Friday 27th March

Halfterm: Monday 17th February until Friday 21st February

Summer term: Tuesday 14th April until Friday 17th July

Halfterm: Monday 25th May until Friday 29th May

Nursery September 2019:

We are hoping to be able to continue to offer our current provision at Levens School in September: two full days (Mondays and Tuesdays) and two morning

sessions (Wednesdays and Fridays). If you haven't already, please let us know as soon as possible your requirements. With a larger Reception intake confirmed for next year, nursery places may be limited to ensure our staff-pupil ratios are appropriate and so that our provision is not compromised.

Timestables Rockstars:

Thanks to FOLS, we have a fantastic new resource available via a secure login that can be accessed at home as well as in school. Pupils in year 2,3,4 and 5 have already enjoyed using this learning platform and we expect to have our year one pupils also beginning to use it this term as they learn about the concept of multiplication.

With my very best wishes

Jane Farraday