



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

Headteacher: Mrs Jane Farraday

Church Road, Levens, Kendal LA8 8PU 015395 60694 office@levens.cumbria.sch.uk www.levens.cumbria.sch.uk

Thursday 27th June 2019

Dear all Parents and Carers,

I would like to begin by saying a huge thank you to everyone who has been involved in supporting FOLS so far this year. Our Coffee Morning at the Institute was enjoyed by so many families and friends of Levens School. Thank you also to all our parents who contributed to the Easter holiday Smarties Challenge. Together these events have enabled us to establish funds towards purchasing a canopy to provide some shade and shelter in our playground.

So far this year, FOLS have helped purchase new practical maths resources for children across school to enjoy; books all about mindfulness promoting mental wellbeing; engineering or computing sessions with Cumbria STEM for all three classes; and very special treats and gifts for our 9 year six leavers. We are planning a sponsored walk in the autumn term so please look out for the date yet to be confirmed.

Governor News:

I am delighted to be able to inform you that we have two new parents governors joining the team. Bruce Helme, father of Isla in Nursery, and Ed Mason, father of Hector in Nursery, have agreed to serve a term of at least three years on our governing body. We very much look forward to welcoming them to their first meeting next week.

Outdoor Education Days:

All three classes have enjoyed, or are due to enjoy, some fun experiences in the outdoors. Bowfell are looking forward to their trip to Brockhole. Skiddaw have spent a day canoeing and making pizzas; and Scafell enjoyed two days sailing with Windermere School. All these trips would not be possible without the support of parental contributions and each were subsidised with school sports funding from central government.

Music Lessons from September:

We are really sad to tell you that due to family commitments, our lovely Mrs Rainbow will be ceasing teaching piano at the end of the summer term. Mrs Rainbow has been with us for many years, is the kindest and most patient of teachers and is much loved by pupils and staff alike. She will be sorely missed and we will be thanking her for what we can only describe as her utter 'devotion' to Levens School, continuing to teach here after relinquishing all of her other teaching schools.



INVESTORS
IN PEOPLE



However, as one door closes, another one opens and we are delighted to announce that our fabulous violin teacher, Mrs Hurley, also teaches piano and she has agreed to take over as 'piano teacher in residence' from September. We are all very excited to be welcoming her back in September in her extended role at Levens.

Skiddaw Engineers:

This term, Skiddaw have been working closely with Fran Ward from Cumbria STEM on a brilliant engineering project all about space. This has been an incredible opportunity to develop our collaboration skills, our problem solving and develop our skills in design and technology. We are the only school in Cumbria to have been able to involve everyone from three year groups in this project and we are all extremely grateful. Please come along and see what we've been up to in our 'Expo' on Monday 8th July at 9.30am when Tim Farron and CSTEM will be attending; or alternatively pop in after school at 3pm on Monday afternoon.

School Website:

Please take a look at our school website. There have been so many wonderful events taking place in and out of school this term and you can read about some of them on our school blog!

Scooters and Bicycles:

Many of our children are arriving at school on bikes and scooters. We are always reminding the pupils to take particular care and move slowly when leaving the playground at 3pm. We have so many nursery children and toddlers around at the end of the school day and are keen to ensure they are kept safe. The children also know that they should not scooter or cycle on either of the external ramps in our playground.

New Uniform:

Please ensure you have ordered any uniform required for September 2019 as soon as possible if you would like to receive this before the end of term. The link to Coniston Corporate can be found the uniform section of our website. As soon as uniform is delivered to school we will ensure you receive it promptly, however, please be aware no uniform deliveries take place during school holidays.

Diary dates: Please keep a close eye on our online calendar containing the most current information for forthcoming events.

Thursday 27 th June	South Lakes Pupil Parliament
Monday 1 st July	Toddler Taster Session – Summer Fun from 9.30am. Children at Nursery Mondays do not attend this session.
Monday 1 st July	Kirkbie Kendal Induction Day for year 7
Monday 1 st July	Year 5 Tea Club
Tuesday 2 nd July	School Sports Day from 9.15am
Wednesday 3 rd July	Scafell Class – open water swimming and safety on Lake Windermere

Thursday 4 th July	Tennis Club 3-4pm
Friday 5 th July	Moving up Morning & Reception Induction Session (for children not currently in Nursery)8.45am-10.30am
Friday 5 th July	One Small Bird Performance KS2 children from 2.30pm. Pupils not able to take part will stay in school until 3pm. Evening Performance at Kendal Leisure Centre at 6.30pm
Monday 8 th July	STEM Lego Exhibition with a visit from Tim Farron at 9.30am. Parents invited to attend or alternatively view models at 3pm.
Monday 8 th July	'The Peace Child' KS2 – Afternoon performance at 2pm
Monday 8 th July	Year 5 Tea Club
Tuesday 9 th July	Reserve Sports Day from 9.15am
Wednesday 10 th July	Reception Induction Session (for children not currently in Nursery) 8.45am-11.45am
Wednesday 10 th July	'The Peace Child' KS2 – Afternoon performance at 6pm
Thursday 11 th July	Bowfell Trip to Brockhole
Thursday 11 th July	Final Tennis Club
Friday 12 th July	Music Extravaganza at 9.30am.(performance approx.1hr)
Friday 12 th July	Scafell Class visit to Brewery to watch 'We will Rock You' by QKS
Monday 15 th July	Y6 Leavers' Treat to Brockhole at 9am
Monday 15 th July	Y5 TeaClub prepare the Y6 Leavers' Banquet
Tuesday 16 th July	Moving up morning years 1-5
Thursday 18 th July	Leavers' Service at St. John's Church from 9.30am
Friday 19 th July	School Closes for summer holidays at 2pm
Wednesday 4 th September	School reopens for autumn term
Monday 9 th September	Nursery provision begins

With my very best wishes

Jane Farraday