



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

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Dear Parents

It has been wonderful to share so many fantastic events with you all over the last few weeks. Thank you to everyone who came along to cheer on our teams at our morning of sport; for our enthusiastic audiences at our performances of 'The Peace Child' and our musical display of talent at our extravaganza on Friday. Our final event of the year is our Leavers' Service at St. John's Church at 9.30am on Thursday 18th July and everyone is welcome to attend.

Staff News:

This week we say goodbye to Mrs Margaret Winder who has supported our lunchtime supervision for eleven years. We wish her well as she begins her retirement.

Congratulations to our year six pupils:

Our year six pupils have achieved amazing results in their end of year national SATS tests this year. I can confirm that 100% of pupils have achieved the expected standard in reading, writing and maths combined; which is significantly higher than the number of children achieving this nationally at 65%.

Uniform:

If you have ordered uniform, we will send it home with your child as soon as it arrives. Some uniform may arrive this week and will be distributed to parents promptly, however uniform delivered to school during the holidays will not be ready for collection until Tuesday 3rd September.

School Meals:

We are very pleased to share with you that school meals will remain at £2.65 from September and children in Reception, year 1 and year 2 will continue to eat for free under the government's universal free school meals initiative.

Autumn Term Swimming:

Swimming lessons for all junior children start in September every Wednesday morning. Our year two children will remain in school for their learning, but have the opportunity to swim next academic year. A separate letter has been sent with full details, please check with us if you feel anything needs clarification.

Please note that all jewellery must be removed and all children need to wear a swim hat in the pool. Please ensure your child has their own swim hat ready for lessons in September.

School Grounds:

Please may I remind everyone that our school grounds are not accessible during the holidays. All our gates will be locked to deter people from using our playground.

Breakfast Club:

Although we have some families interested in a Breakfast club, we do not have enough to make this financially viable. Please do let us know if you are interested and can make a commitment to this provision so that we can begin to offer care before school. Similarly, we do not have sufficient interest to extend Yoyo provision to a Friday at present; we will let you know if and when that changes.



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Attendance:

During an assembly this week we will be saying congratulations to all our good attenders this term and throughout the year. 15 children have achieved 100% attendance all year and can look forward to receiving a certificate and a £5 voucher as a reward. A total of 31 children have achieved or surpassed our attendance target of 98% overall this year.

Parent Survey:

It is almost two years since parents were last asked to share their views of school forming part of our Ofsted Inspection in November 2017. The twelve questions in this survey are the same ones asked by Ofsted on parent view.

Thank you to everyone who has already completed and returned their survey. Please return these to school no later than this Friday 19th July to be included in the data analysis. We are always keen to receive your feedback and listen to your views about how we can improve. The results of these questionnaires will be reviewed with governors and then shared with parents during the autumn term.

Office closed:

Please may I politely request that parents do not email the office during the summer holidays and respect that all staff are also on holiday during this time. If you need to contact school before term begins on the 4th September, emails will be responded to from Monday 2nd September.

Diary Dates:

Thursday 18 th July	Leavers' service at St.John's 9.30am – everyone is welcome
Friday 19th July	School closes for the summer holidays <u>2pm</u>
Monday 2 nd + Tuesday 3 rd September	Staff training days
Wednesday 4 th September	School re-opens for autumn term
Monday 9 th September	Nursery Provision begins
Wednesday 11 th September	Swimming Lessons begin years 3-6
Thursday 12 th September	Westmorland County Show-all KS2 children
Friday 13 th September	Celebration Assembly 2.30pm Class Drop-in for parents and children 3pm
Friday 20 th September	Harvest Service at St. John's 9.30am

Before we finish for the holidays, I would like to share with you my gratitude to the staff who do an amazing job and are so totally dedicated to making a difference to the children at Levens School. They work so incredibly hard all year round to ensure our pupils are safe, happy, enjoy their learning and make good progress. I am sure you will join with me in wanting to wish them all well for a happy and restful summer break.

Thank you also to everyone in our community for your support of our school and your engagement in all your child's learning and progress. On behalf of governors and staff, I wish you a wonderful summer holiday and look forward to seeing you for the start of term on Wednesday 4th September 2019.

With my very best wishes

Jane Farraday