



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

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Dear Parents and Carers

It has been a wonderful start to the year and particularly lovely to welcome so many new families into Nursery and Reception. This term we have enjoyed many wide ranging and rewarding experiences out of the classroom. Our junior children braved the wild wet weather at the Westmorland County Show; all three classes have had many opportunities to explore the outdoors; and everyone in school walked down to St. John's earlier this month to celebrate Harvest; give thanks; and donate a trolley full of groceries to Kendal Foodbank.

Congratulations to our year five and six netball team who triumphed at the Dallam High Five netball tournament this week winning all four of their matches confidently; and qualifying for the regional finals.

Thank you to everyone who has attended our parent-teacher interviews this week. The opportunity to talk to parents about your child's progress and learning is so important and we hope you have found these meetings both positive and informative.

Christmas Fair

FOLS have recently confirmed the date of our Christmas Fair to be held in school on Friday 6th December from 5pm. Please save the date. More details to follow soon.

School Council

Congratulations to this year's school councillors; Ashton, Rona, Charlotte, Isla, Alfie, Zuzia and Isabel. Our seven representatives have been chosen by their peers to represent the school and lead fundraising events for school resources and national charities. They have already enjoyed delivering all our harvest gifts to Kendal Foodbank this month and are looking forward to sharing their ideas for a fun day of fundraising for Children in Need.

Young Enterprise Success

Congratulations and thank you to Tilly Ward (now in year 7) who won a national competition (with over 1000 entries) and £500 for the school as part of the Money-Week Project undertaken by the whole of Scafell under the entrepreneurial direction of Mr Dean during the summer term. Her success was celebrated at a special ceremony at the Tower of London this week. The money is to be allocated to purchasing new maths resources to be used across school.

Attendance

I am very pleased to report that our whole school attendance is just above 98% so far this term. Thank you to everyone for supporting our attendance policy and ensuring your children are not absent unnecessarily. More information about attendance can be found in the information section of our school website.

Arrangements for going home

Unfortunately, last minute messages about changes to arrangements for children being collected or going home on the bus have not always been received in time; particularly because office emails are not always accessed throughout the day. Please could we request that all communication about changes are shared with school either via an email or telephone call no later than 1pm on the day.



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If you have emailed the office, please ensure your email receives a response to confirm school has been informed of the changes.

Website Blog

Please take a regular look at our website blog. All the teachers aim to share a story with photographs each week about learning taking place in and out of school. Many parents find the blog a useful way to engage in conversations with their children and keep in touch with school.

Aldi Vouchers

School is collecting vouchers towards new sports kit. Please encourage wider family members to donate their vouchers to Levens School. Deadline is early November.

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.

Dates for Your Diary

28.10.19	School opens for autumn term 2
30.10.19	Nasal Flu Vaccine years Reception-Year 6
30.10.19	Football Club (please note-now on Wednesdays)
31.10.19	Deadline for Year 6 applications to high school
6.11.19	Miss Nic's Dance Club commences at lunchtimes Y2-Y6
8.11.19	Scafell visit Liverpool World Museum + Ancient Egypt workshop
11.11.19	Remembrance Service at St. John's 10.45am Reception-Year 6
12.11.19	Tapestry Drop-in for Reception and Nursery Parents 3.15pm-3.45pm
14.11.19	South Lakes Pupil Parliament Meeting at the Netherwood
15.11.19	Children in Need Day (details to follow)
15.11.19	Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes to be collected today
20.11.19	Last swim session for junior children
20.11.19	Library Van Visit
20.11.19	Dallam Tag Rugby Event Y3-Y4
22.11.19	National Skipping Day - whole school workshops (details to follow)
22.11.19	Celebration Assembly at 2.30pm. All welcome
28.11.19	Whole school trip to see Cinderella at Dukes Theatre, Lancaster
29.11.19	Reception and Year 6 Heights and Weights check

Please see our website calendar for December events.

Wishing everyone a lovely halfterm,

Yours sincerely

Jane Farraday