



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

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been a busy few weeks in school since the half term break. Bowfell Class have enjoyed a vet visit and hands-on workshop kindly led by Mrs Houston; and an exciting session from Little Beasties in Ulverston. They are looking forward to a visit from the Owl Sanctuary later this term which is linked to Bowfell's work on the Owl Babies. Skiddaw have loved learning about all things electrical, building circuits and special quiz machines. Their exciting topic has culminated in creating BBC news videos explaining what they'd learnt. Scafell enjoyed a fantastic day at Liverpool World Museum earlier this month, where they were permitted to handle genuine 3000 year old Egyptian artefacts and they have created some amazing poetry following a sensory walk in Sizergh's WildTrail. The whole school walked down to St. John's Church on Armistice Day to remember those who have given so much in wars across the world, both past and present.

Thank you to everyone who supported our Children in Need Day last week organised by the School Councillors. We raised a staggering £185 with our cake sale and pyjama day fun. Thank you also to everyone who made a Christmas shoe box for 'Operation Christmas Child'. 20 Boxes of Hope were collected from our school entrance last week.

Last Tuesday, everyone in school took part in our Odd Socks Day to raise awareness about bullying. Our work in assembly and in class involved defining bullying; recognising when it is happening; and talking through strategies to beat bullying.

Congratulations to our netballers who were an amazing team at the second stage of the area competition. Although, they have not qualified for the next round, they worked very well as a team and were strong opposition to every school they played. Our year 3 and 4 tag rugby team came first in their group at yesterday's Dallam competition; playing with great speed, skill and sportsmanship.

Next week, we are travelling down to the Duke's Theatre in Lancaster to enjoy this year's play, Cinderella. News of how to purchase tickets for our own Christmas performance will follow soon.

Much of our learning and our experiences in and out of school are published on the blog section of our website. Please do take a look if you haven't been on recently!

### **Christmas Fair and FOLS**

Huge thanks to Chrissie Wilson and her volunteers for organising and leading two craft sessions with the children in an after-school club to make beautiful items to be sold at our fair on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 5pm. If you can help at the fair, your support would be very much appreciated – look out for a sign-up sheet in our entrance hall.

Our themed collection days have started well with donations of bottles arriving this week; and hamper items and chocolate treats expected in the weeks leading up to the fair. FOLS would welcome other items for the tombola such as toys and games, but only donations in a good condition please. Further information can be found in FOLS letter to parents that went out earlier this month.

Don't forget our special non-uniform day on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December.



### **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 at no extra cost. A link can be found on our website for [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk).

### **Homework Policy**

Our Homework Policy is now completed and is published in the information section of our website. Paper copies of the policy are also available from the office.

### **YOYO**

Please may I politely remind parents that cancelling your child's place in YoYo less than 24hours prior to the session incurs charges. This is due to covering costs related to last minute staffing changes.

### **Dates for Your Diary**

22.11.19	National Skipping Day – pupils from Reception to Year 6 will enjoy 2 workshops!
22.11.19	Celebration Assembly – a showcase of our skipping workshops. 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.
2.12.19	Toddler Taster session for pre-school children. 9.30-10.30am.
3.12.19	Nativity performance 2pm
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6.12.19	Non-uniform day! Bring donations of chocolate/cakes for our fair please.
6.12.19	Christmas Fair 5-6.30pm
9.12.19	Owl Sanctuary visit to Bowfell Class
11.12.19	Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day
13.12.19	Music Extravaganza from 9.30am
16.12.19	Nursery Sing-along from 11am
16.12.19	Nursery Christmas Party 2-3pm
17.12.19	Christmas Service at St. John's Church 9.30am. All welcome.
18.12.19	Skiddaw and Scafell Christmas Party Day
19.12.19	Bowfell Christmas Party Day
<b>20.12.19</b>	<b>School closes at 2pm</b>
6.1.20	Staff Training Day
7.1.20	School Reopens 8.35am for all pupils

With my vest best wishes

Jane Farraday