



# LEVENS CE SCHOOL

Loving to Learn, Growing Together, Caring for All

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you healthy and coping well with the challenging circumstances in which we are living our daily lives.

Levens School has provided childcare for the parents of key workers this week. However, tomorrow the gates will close for the foreseeable future as childcare moves to hub schools. Children from Levens will be able to attend Milnthorpe Primary School from Monday morning and the staff at Levens will be assigned childcare roles in other schools. Please ensure you have registered to be allocated a place if you are a key worker and if your circumstances make this absolutely necessary.

## Home Learning:

The staff have been working hard this week continuing to prepare and upload resources for your child/children to access as they continue their learning. Thank you so much to all the children and parents who have embraced home-learning and shared your news in your emails and comments on Tapestry. We have received photographs of completed English tasks; Home-learning front cover designs; photos of science experiments - including rainbow toast; and examples of beautiful art work. Please do keep in touch with us and share with us your child's learning. Remember, you can contact your teacher directly by emailing the class email accounts for Bowfell, Skiddaw and Scafell.

We will also be keeping a close check on what your children have been up to. If we find that your child is getting behind with their Mymaths homework, or has not been completing IDL regularly, we will get in touch with you to let you know.

Each Friday, every classpage on the website will be updated with more work to be completed and ideas to keep your child/children busy. There are many links to other resources and webpages to support that learning; but also signposts to extra work for those who are keen to do more. We will also be uploading a timetable to give you some suggested structure to the day should you require it. These will be in word format so that you are able to edit and adapt them to suit your routines.

Please may I remind parents that the staff at Levens may be required to work throughout the Easter holidays to support the hub schools; whilst also continuing to work on a range of tasks for Levens School, including uploading and preparing regular resources for home-learning. Some of us are also, like you, trying to home-educate our own children! If we don't get back to you immediately, please know that your email/question will be answered as soon as we are able.

## Sporting News:

Huge congratulations to our gold award gymnasts who won the area KeySteps 1 gymnastics competition and qualified for the County finals. Hettie, Charlotte, Cerys and Pearl have worked so hard to get this far and were so disappointed when the finals were cancelled. We are hoping that this event might be scheduled later in the year – so keep practising at home girls!!

Our X-Country runners enjoyed an afternoon in torrential rain at the Elleray Shield, challenging themselves in the most atrocious conditions yet encountered over this already really difficult course. The children thoroughly enjoyed the thrill of it all, coming home with medals and enjoying the fantastic hospitality on offer. I am sure you will want to join with me in thanking Mrs Coker and Mrs



Mason who have shared their passion for running in every Running Club session, inspiring our young people to do their best, enjoy running and to never give up!

### **Sports Relief:**

What an amazing effort from everyone and a brilliantly organised event thanks to School Council and Mrs Coker. Each day, every child and adult in school ran a mile either on our playground or the playing fields wearing a smile (mostly) and were hugely supportive of one another. Scafell and Skiddaw loved it so much we built some running into our timetable the following week.

We have also been overwhelmed by the staggering amount of sponsor money that has been brought into school. Thank you so very much to everyone who sponsored this event for such an important cause – we raised an enormous £1074 – the highest amount ever raised for Sports Relief.

### **Brewery Dance Festival:**

We were all so devastated that our dance performance on stage at the Brewery couldn't go ahead. We hope, however, that you have now all received refunds for your tickets via the box office.

### **Scafell - Brathay Residential May 2020:**

It may come as no surprise to hear that I have received confirmation this week from Brathay that our residential has now been cancelled. Please be reassured that I am working to ensure full refunds can be processed as soon as possible, including your deposit that has already been paid to Brathay.

### **Year 6:**

Many of our Year 6 pupils were genuinely disappointed that they would not be able to undertake their SATS in May. Last week, we were still hoping that there might be a small chance that we could be back together before the end of the summer term, although as each day passes, this seems more and more unlikely. We will continue our plans to order Leavers' hoodies and we will ensure the children are invited to a Tea Club dinner and Leavers' service in St. John's whenever that becomes possible.

We will continue to update you and keep in touch using text messaging, email, letters and on our webpages. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with us as we all continue to work to support our community over the coming months.

In the meantime, do all you can to stay fit and healthy, and do get in touch if you think we can offer you any kind of support for you or your children. When all this is over, I do believe that we will look at our lives differently and appreciate more than we have ever done before. Take care and stay safe,

With my very best wishes

Jane Farraday