



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

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all well and keeping safe. Although we have been so fortunate with the fantastic weather since we closed, our circumstances continue to be challenging and there remains uncertainty about what is going to happen in the coming weeks. I want to reassure you again that we are here to support you as much as we can. If you would like to contact me directly, you can email me at: [head@levens.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:head@levens.cumbria.sch.uk). Classteachers continue to check emails every weekday.

I am pleased to inform you that the Levens staff team and their families remain well.

I want to begin by saying a huge thank you to all the people in our Levens School community who have been doing their bit for people in the South Lakes area to combat this disease. Some of our parents work within the NHS or the care sector; many of you are critical key workers who are keeping our country going; and I know that there are also many volunteers who are visiting the vulnerable and elderly with medication and food supplies in and around Levens village. Thank you also to the Levens staff team, who spent last week supporting the Hub School at Milnthorpe Primary so that the children of key workers had childcare. We are back at the Hub again in a few weeks time.

I would also like to say a huge thank you and well done to everyone supporting their child/children with some homelearning this half term. Many of you are trying to help a number of children of various ages with limited resources, whilst also working yourselves. Please may I once again reassure you that, first and foremost, it is important that you and your children are happy, healthy and active throughout this time. Please avoid putting yourself or your family under pressure to complete all the work that is being uploaded to the website.

Homelearning is organised by the classteachers and posted on Bowfell, Skiddaw and Scafell's class pages every Friday. These pages can be found by using the 'pupils' tab on the homepage of our website. News continues to be shared on the school blog and important documents and links to a range of resources to support us during Covid 19 are published on the front page of the website. Please keep in touch with us via Tapestry (Reception and Year 1 only) and through the class email addresses.

Thank you to everyone for keeping us up to date with your news and for sharing such lovely photographs recording the things you've been getting up to at home. We are all missing you so very much and hope that it won't be too long before we will be seeing you again.

Last week we arranged for all of our Year 6 pupils to receive their 2020 Leavers' Hoodies, which we hope they will enjoy. The hoodies this year were funded by FOLS, and we are very grateful for their support.



### **Schools Reopening in June:**

You will be aware that there is a lot of speculation and interest in the press around when schools are likely to reopen. However, I would like to make parents aware that currently no decisions have been made and we await an announcement from central government and then instruction from Cumbria County Council. However, I do understand that there will be a range of measures introduced to ensure we continue to social distance and to ensure school can be a safe place for your children and our staff to attend. I want to reassure you that when decisions are made and guidance issued, we will take the greatest care in preparing to reopen, in whatever form this looks like, when it is safe to do so.

I appreciate that there are and will be a whole range of unanswered questions now and in the coming weeks. Please be reassured that I will share news with you as soon as I am able.

### **Christian Aid Week 10-16<sup>th</sup> May:**


More than ever before, Christian Aid needs the funds from Christian Aid Week because of the work they are doing to stem the spread of COVID 19 across the globe by providing safe water supplies for hand washing and individual family shelters with space around them, for refugees and people in high density shanty towns. Please see the flyer published on the 'School and Church' Section of our website for details about how to donate this year.

### **Term Dates for next academic year:**

| <b>School year 2020/2021</b> |                             |  |                     |
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| <b>Term</b>                  | <b>Start of term</b>        | <b>Half term</b>                         | <b>End of term</b>  |
| Autumn                       | Wednesday 02 September 2020 | Monday 26 October to Friday 30 October   | Friday 18 December  |
| Spring                       | Tuesday 05 January 2021     | Monday 15 February to Friday 19 February | Thursday 01 April   |
| Summer                       | Monday 19 April             | Monday 31 May to Friday 04 June          | Friday 16 July 2021 |

In the meantime, please stay safe and well; and please do keep in touch.

With my very best wishes



Jane Farraday