



# LEVENS CE SCHOOL

Loving to Learn, Growing Together, Caring for All

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I want to start by saying a huge thank you to all our parents and families for your kind messages of support and thanks in the last few weeks of this academic year. We are so grateful to you for supporting us through a difficult period of time for us all. I also wanted to let you know that we couldn't be more excited to be welcoming back all our pupils full time in September. This will feel like a huge step towards getting back to our usual routines and some kind of normality and as you are already aware, the return will begin with a focus on feeling good about ourselves and being settled back in school.

Thank you for supporting your children through a prolonged period of learning at home. The learning that we have set each week could not have seen any success without your determination to keep your children busy, active and learning. You have and will have made such a difference to their progress and already contributed to the recovery that begins on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September.

It has been so wonderful that so many children decided to come back to school in our final few days. Despite a few nerves from many, we believe everyone has enjoyed reconnecting with school and with their friends; these are good foundations for us to build on in the autumn term.

I couldn't be more grateful to the Levens staff team who have continued to work so hard and remained so committed to doing their utmost for our pupils throughout this period, whilst also experiencing challenging circumstances of their own.

### **Summer Challenge:**

During the summer break, we are asking every pupil in school to send their class a postcard from an exciting day out or a holiday. We will enjoy reading about each other's news in the first few days; sharing our summer stories and locating our holiday destinations on maps and atlases.

### **Class organisation:**

A reminder about class organisation in September:

Reception and Nursery	Bowfell	Mrs Haslam, Mrs Troughton, Miss Butler, Mrs Harwood, Mrs Mackereth
Year 1	Helvellyn	



Year 2,3,4	Skiddaw	Mrs Wadey, Mrs Matheson, Mrs Mason
Year 5,6	Scafell	Mr Dean, Mrs Farraday, Mrs Mason

### **Preparations for September:**

The staff are already working on developing class pages, writing newsletters and creating videos to welcome everyone back. These will be uploaded to our website in the last week of the holidays.

We intend to continue with our staggered start and finishing times and our one-way system for entering and leaving the school site each day in the autumn term. Use of our dining hall and our playground will be carefully timetabled to ensure children do not mix with children from other classes as much as possible. School leaders will be working on risk assessments and procedures over the summer and more details will be shared with you before the start of term.

You will be pleased to know that we are going to continue to offer you direct contact with your child's classteacher via the email accounts from September. This will enable you to ask questions, arrange a telephone appointment or just tell us about something you feel we need to know. For all other business, e.g. to report your child's absence, to book your child a place in YoYo etc, please contact Mrs Coker in the school office.

If you require any new school uniform, please ensure you submit your order to Coniston Corporate using the link on our website as soon as possible. Any new uniform delivered to school in the holidays will be stored in school and can be collected from our school main entrance from Tuesday 1st September.

### **Our year 6 leavers:**

Earlier this week our year 6 leavers enjoyed a different kind of experience and they may have just started a new tradition!! Our usual type of leavers treat could not go ahead, so instead we arranged for take-away Domino's Pizzas, a film in the hall and an ice cream van! The evening ended with a crazy dash around the playground with some mean looking water-guns! It was so much fun and there are lots of photos on the website for you to enjoy too!

They've had an extraordinary end to their journey at Levens and we couldn't be more proud of their resilience, their determination and their courage as they leave our school and move to high school. Although our Leavers' Service on Wednesday was a very small and simple ceremony, it was a very special and intimate time for the children and staff involved. We hope you will enjoy watching the service which is now published on Scafell's classpage.

On behalf of everyone at Levens School, I would like to thank our year six leavers for being an incredible group of kind, caring and dedicated pupils during their time here at Levens. We wish you all our best wishes for a happy and successful transition to high school. We will miss you enormously!

### **YoYo:**

We plan to resume YoYo after school care from Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September. Please get in touch with us today if you require a place. This is essential to ensure this provision is adequately staffed each afternoon.

### **School Meals:**

We are pleased to let you know that we intend to resume serving hot meals in our dining hall from September. Please get in touch with Mrs Coker if you would like to make any changes to your usual arrangements for lunches.

### **Break-time Snack:**

Unfortunately, we do not think that it will be possible to recommence our tuck shop in September, though we will keep this under review for later in the term.

As we are needing to stagger the lunch service and some children will be eating later, parents might want to consider sending their children with a morning healthy snack such as fruit or a healthy cereal bar. Whilst we will be able to serve free milk to the under 5's under the government scheme, this will not be available at the moment for other pupils on a payable basis. Please note that the free fruit for infant scheme has also been suspended nationally for the time-being. If your child is bringing a snack it needs to be nut free and something that can be easily managed by the children and in a disposable container – bananas are ideal!

### **Reminder about term dates:**

<b>School year 2020/2021</b>			
<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

Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 2 + 3 visit Mrs Wadey in Skiddaw for the day. Last day in school for our Key worker group and Nursery. School Closes at 3pm.
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> September	Staff Training Day
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	School reopens for years 1 – 6. Wellness Week – A 3 day focus on health and wellbeing. YoYo resumes.
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	'Picnic and Play' for our new Reception starters 11.30am-1.30pm.
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> September	Reception begin school. See website calendar for daily details.
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> September	Nursery provision resumes.
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> –Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	Half term holidays

In the meantime, please stay safe and well. Whatever your plans, we hope you all enjoy the summer holidays. I will be in touch with further updates before the beginning of the autumn term.

With my very best wishes



Jane Farraday