



LEVENS CE SCHOOL

Loving to Learn, Growing Together, Caring for All

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have enjoyed such a very busy few weeks since October halfterm and have so much to celebrate and be thankful for. Our website blog has lots of lovely photographs and news about what we are doing in school and is updated regularly. Please do take a look!

Our Children in Need day has been a huge success. The children all enjoyed the opportunity to be out of their uniform, whether in their favourite football kit or their pyjamas; and everyone loved the class bingo, with Pudsey bears and Pudsey Tshirts as prizes. We have raised an incredible £166 to help other children across the UK coping with so many challenges in their lives. If you forgot to bring your donation today, please support this cause by following this [link](#), as we are no longer accepting donations into school. During the week, each class also tuned in to some energetic sessions and valuable learning from Joe Wicks as we explored the mental health themes of '5 to Thrive' which include: connect with others, take notice, be active, be curious and give!

We have also taken part in Remembrance commemorations. Our outdoor service in our socially distant bubbles was the very first time all term that we have come together as a school. Thank you for the support you gave your child in making their unique and creative poppies using recycled materials. They are beautiful. Thank you also to Sam Sharples who was the talented creator of our rustic cross which now lives in our entrance hall and is covered with the children's poppies. Take a look at our website to see pictures of our very moving tributes this week.

Thank you to everyone who has been involved in the Christmas shoe box appeal again this year. Such thought and consideration has gone into preparing all the boxes that are now on their way to give some children the most wonderful surprise. This year we have donated a total of 29 boxes – thank you to everyone for your support.

Parent-Teacher Interviews:

We are so pleased that our system of using Teams and telephone appointments worked so well this year and that we have been able to make contact with 100% of our parents. Thank you for working with us to set up these meetings and so that we could share important information about your child and their learning.



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Staff continue to check their class email accounts every few days, so please continue to use this system as a way of keeping in touch with us.

Systems and Procedures:

I would like to remind parents that it is important that you notify school immediately if a member of your household has symptoms and books a test. Every member of your household must self-isolate until you have been informed that the test is negative. Please inform us of that test result as soon as possible.

If you need to report a positive test to school during school holidays or at the weekend then please email me directly at head@levens.cumbria.sch.uk

On occasions, parents are trying to hand over items to school staff on the playground. Please could you avoid this as much as possible and give items intended for the school office to your child in a sealed and labelled envelope.

Some of our pupils are also starting to bring in unnecessary items from home. Your child should only be bringing in essential items to school each day. A list of these items is found in the home-school agreement shared at the start of term and published on the website homepage.

Finally, I would like to say a big thank you to all our parents and carers for continuing to adhere to all our procedures with vigilance. Your efforts have played a large part in keeping our school open to all pupils so far this term.

Christmas Cards:

Your order forms and payments for Christmas cards and related items **must be brought in by your child by Monday morning**. We will not be able to process any orders that arrive in school after 9am or that are sent in via email.

We expect delivery to be in the first week in December and ordered goods will be brought home by your child as soon as they are received in school.

Dates for you Diary:

20.11.20	Postponed: Individual Photographs for children in Reception – Year 6
11.12.20	Class Party Day: details to follow
16.12.20	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch: details to follow
18.12.20	School closes for Christmas holidays at 2pm
4.1.21	School closed for staff training
5.1.21	Spring term starts for all pupils

With my very best wishes



Jane Farraday