



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

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Dear Parents,

We have reached the end of term and I remain extremely grateful to the huge contribution everyone has made to keeping our school safe. Due to our relentless determination to ensure all procedures are followed and the staff's commitment to supporting every child's emotional wellbeing, as well as their learning, our children have experienced a sense of some normality in a very peculiar and uncertain world.

The autumn term has certainly been different, but we have still enjoyed and experienced so many worthwhile and engaging activities. Just take a look at our school blog on the website to see what's been happening across our school throughout this term.

Although our children have not taken part in a Christmas concert, this has ensured that learning has not been paused for rehearsals in the final run up to Christmas and that every minute of the day has been filled to the brim with learning across every aspect of our curriculum.

Yesterday afternoon, our school was overflowing with laughter, cheers and applause as the children took part in our raffle. They had such a great afternoon of fun after their Christmas lunch with party hats, music and personally-designed place mats.

Autumn term fundraising:

Although, we have not been able to host our usual Christmas Fair this term, we have managed to raise funds for school in various ways. Thank you for supporting our activities like our Christmas jumper day and children's raffle. News about how much we have raised will follow in the new year.

I would like to say a huge thank you to all those involved in organising and supporting the Levens festive garden and Father Christmas that raised a staggering £270.60 for FOLS (Friends of Levens School).

I am also very delighted to report that Scafell Class (with a total of just 22 children) have raised £107.30 for a charity that supports children living on the streets across the globe by doing chores at home as part of a two week homework project. Thank you to all our Scafell parents who supported this worthwhile cause; hopefully we have encouraged some new routines in your household too!

Christmas Holidays:

It is really important that if your child or any member of your household tests positive for Covid19 at any point over the Christmas holidays you let me know directly by emailing me at head@levens.cumbria.sch.uk.



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I would also like to inform you that I may be contacted by Test and Trace or our local authority team, up to and including Christmas Eve, for the purpose of reporting a positive case of Covid19, so that I can assist the NHS test and trace system to identify staff, families and children who may be required to isolate over the Christmas period. I sincerely hope that this won't be necessary but please be alert to this as a possibility.

Returning to school in January:

Please note that there will be no changes to the arrangements and procedures at the start of the spring term. Therefore, all the measures outlined in our Home-School Agreement (published on the front-page of our website) will be maintained. Families should continue to arrive at school and collect during your allocated slot and ensure that you are moving promptly out of the playground once you have collected your child/children.

Dates:

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| Friday 18 th December | School closes between 1.45pm and 2.15pm depending on your family group. |
| Monday 4 th January | School closed for staff training. Please be aware that the office will be closed on this day as training is taking place off-site. The office will re-open on Tuesday 5 th January at 8.30am. |
| Tuesday 5 th January | Welcome back to the new school term. |

Thank you for all your very thoughtful messages of kindness, your lovely cards, gifts and emails. They have been appreciated by us all.

On behalf of everyone at Levens School, I would like to extend warm wishes to all our families. Thank you for being so supportive and understanding of the difficult circumstances in which we continue to operate. Whatever your plans for the Christmas holidays, I hope you and your loved ones enjoy a peaceful, relaxing and happy Christmas and New Year. Let's look forward to a brighter future as we start 2021.

With my very best wishes



Jane Farraday