



# LEVENS CE SCHOOL

Loving to Learn, Growing Together, Caring for All

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have enjoyed a wonderful few weeks in school since we returned after half term. It was lovely to return to the grounds of St. John's Church yesterday morning for our special service of remembrance. Our pupils laid wreaths at the memorial and children from year 6 read the names of the fallen before we stopped for two minutes of silence to remember those who gave so much so that we can enjoy freedom in our lives.

School Council enjoyed their trip to Kendal Foodbank on Tuesday morning. Despite the rain and very heavy bags of gifts, our school councillors learnt so much about how the foodbank supports people in the community; the role of all the volunteers and how our donations will be used in the coming weeks and months. Huge thanks to everyone for all your amazing generosity.



Class 3 enjoyed a wonderful trip to Vindolanda as part of their history topic on the Romans this week. We were extremely lucky to have a day of sunshine that allowed us to enjoy a picnic amongst the ancient ruins of this Roman fort and settlement that was occupied by over 5000 people for 350 years. If you want to find out more, why not talk to a member of the class who are now working on using their knowledge and understanding to create non-fiction information texts in their writing!

### **Covid Updates:**

The second half of the autumn term has started well, with no cases of Covid amongst pupils or staff in school at the time of writing this letter. Although many measures remain in place as we progress throughout the term; school feels very much like it used to and it is wonderful to be planning whole school Christmas events such as our theatre trip and our Christmas Fair.

### **Anti-Bullying Week:**

Next week, we will be talking about bullying and encouraging everyone to speak up if they feel the actions of others is upsetting. We want all our pupils to know that bullying is not tolerated and that they should seek help for themselves and for others if they see or hear this happening in our school. Our week kicks off with our Odd-Socks Day and an assembly on Monday morning. We have asked all the children to wear full uniform with two very different socks! Follow this link to find out more about what's involved in this year's national event. <https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week/odd-socks-day>

### **Children In Need – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November:**

Please remember to support School Council's event next Friday. All pupils are asked to contribute just £2 for the privilege of wearing an outfit of their choice on a theme of spots and/or yellow this year! All contributors will also receive a raffle ticket included in their donation giving them the chance of winning a very special Pudsey prize. School Council will be at the doors of each classroom to collect your child's donation as they enter school. Thank you for your support.



**Our Community Art Project:**

This week, work started on our beautiful new mural on the main wall in our dining room. Sophie has used her amazing expertise and talents to incorporate individual drawings from pupils all across school and her own observations in a pictorial-map of our school and the village. Take a peek through our dining room windows next week to see how this masterpiece progresses!

**FOLS News:**

Thanks to all the parents and staff who attended our first meeting of the year recently. Since then, the newly formed committee have been busy organising a number of fundraising events including our Wreath Making Workshop, the Christmas Wonderland, our Christmas Fair and our fabulous tea towel designs. Special thanks to Gemma Helme (Secretary), Alice Sharples (Treasurer) and Jen Harris (Chair) who have taken on key roles within the committee and have bags of dedication, enthusiasm and expertise for their new roles and the future of FOLS.

This year, funds raised will be used to provide a range of things including: the coaches to the Dukes Theatre in Lancaster this December; funds to refurbish and restock our library as a resource to promote reading for pleasure; and money towards our year six leavers’ end of year treat. Our Christmas Fair this year is hoping to raise £2000 to contribute to the development of the multi-use sports area in collaboration with the Playing Fields Committee to improve resources for our PE lessons and after-school clubs. Also for the first time this year, FOLS has agreed to subsidise £5 per trip per child each year. Class 3’s trip to Vindolanda this week was reduced to £20 thanks to a generous contribution from FOLS.

The committee would really like your help in organising prizes for our raffle at the fair on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December. Can you donate something from your business or do you have connections with an organisation that might donate a prize? If so, please do let one of our committee members know as we try to gather some super prizes.

If you have not yet got your ticket for the Wreath Making Workshop, please do contact Alice Sharples to buy your ticket. It will be a lovely opportunity to get together socially and create something special to decorate your home.

**Diary Dates:**

This is a reminder that information about events, trips etc can be found on our website calendar by following this link [here](#).

**Significant dates include:**

Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	School Photographer in School from 1pm
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Deadline to receive Boxes of Hope – Operation Christmas Child
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	Wreath Making Workshop 5.30pm-8pm
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	Celebration Assembly – Class 1 + 2 parents only 9am
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Christmas Fair 6-7.30pm

Please look at our website for further details of these events and more.

With my very best wishes

Jane Farraday