



LEVENS CE SCHOOL

Loving to Learn, Growing Together, Caring for All

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Dear Parents and Carers,

What an incredible set of exciting opportunities our pupils have experienced since the half term break! Our Reception children, Class 2 and Class 3 all enjoyed their fun-packed days at YMCA Lakeside at the beginning of June and Class 4 have just returned from their 3-day visit to Patterdale Hall in Ullswater. If you haven't already – please do take a look at our website blog to see some extremely happy children making the most of getting active in the outdoors and enjoying our amazing local environment.



Gorge Scrambling at Patterdale Hall, Ullswater.

We have been so impressed again with the standard of the facilities and the settings; complemented by the most incredible instructors who have an amazing way of encouraging the most apprehensive of children (and staff) to give it their-all and aim higher! As a result, YMCA has been re-booked for June 2023 for classes 2,3 and 4; and Patterdale Hall has been provisionally booked for the summer term of 2024 for all our year 5+6 children.



Obstacle Challenge, Duckies and Nightline enjoyed at YMCA!



Class Drop-Ins – Monday 27th June 2022:

This Monday we are inviting you to drop back into school to say hello to your child's current class teacher and see some of the work your child has created over the last academic year. You may also wish to pop into see your child's new class teacher if your child is moving up to a new setting – this is relevant to children currently in Reception, Year 2 and Year 4.

FOLS have very kindly offered to serve some refreshments during this time so it's also a lovely opportunity to catch up with friends and families; as well as our school staff.

Please come back into school anytime between 3.15pm and 4.15pm – we would love to see you!

Class Arrangements for September 2022:

Class 1	Nursery and Reception	Mrs Haslam	Class1@levens.cumbria.sch.uk
Class 2	Years 1 + 2	Miss Robinson	Class2@levens.cumbria.sch.uk
Class 3	Years 3 + 4	Mrs Wadey	Class3@levens.cumbria.sch.uk
Class 4	Years 5 + 6	Mr Dean	Class4@levens.cumbria.sch.uk

Blessed Hill School and Orphanage in Uganda:

We are very pleased to have made links with a children's school and orphanage in Uganda this year. Blessed Hill has around 200 infant and junior children, most of whom are orphans or who have been abandoned. All our pupils have written lovely letters and greetings to some of the pupils who attend the School; as well as some beautiful home-made gifts! A group of volunteers from the Aughton Ainsworth International Foundation are travelling to Uganda next week with our wonderful messages. We are also donating some other resources from school that are no longer needed and the money raised at our pre-loved uniform sales has been gifted to Blessed Hill to help purchase uniforms for the children – a total of £54!



[The centre's Gofundme page can be found using this link.](#)

YoYo:

YoYo provision will recommence on Tuesday 6th September at the start of our new term and will be available to all children once they have turned 4 years old. We recommend places are booked in advance to enable us to guarantee your required session and to make arrangements for staffing. From September, revised charges will be £5 up to 4.15pm and £10 if your child remains at YoYo after this time. All children should be collected no later than 5.15pm.

Attendance:

As we move further from the difficulties we faced during the pandemic, may I take this opportunity to remind parents that absence in term time can not be authorised, except in exceptional circumstances. This might be to attend a family wedding for example. Work commitments, other family celebrations such as birthdays and cheaper holidays are not considered to be exceptional circumstances.

All absence requests received in School that are not considered to be exceptional are referred to the Inclusion Officer with responsibility for Attendance at Cumbria County Council who may issue a fixed penalty notice of £60 per parent per child if absence is taken without authorisation.

If you do believe your circumstances exceptional, then the correct procedure involves completing an absence request form that can be downloaded from our website, or supplied on request, and completed at least 7 days in advance of the requested absence. I am not permitted to authorise any absence retrospectively.

Please refer to the attendance section of our website for further information and our term dates before making plans or booking trips away.

Bag to School:

Please do let us have your used, outgrown clothing on 6th July. This will be our last opportunity for a while to raise funds for School that help us to support all those little extras in school! Further information to follow.

Events:

Our calendar leading up to the end of term, continues to look extremely busy. Please keep an eye on forthcoming events to ensure you are in touch with what's happening in school.

Some significant activities include:

Monday 27th June – Open Afternoon Drop Ins from 3.15pm until 4.15pm

Friday 1st July – Assembly for Class 3 and Class 4 parents

Tuesday 5th July – Moving up Day for children in Reception to Year 5
Dallam Transition Day for year 6

Thursday 7th July – Morning of Sport on Playing Fields from 9.30am

Tuesday 12th July – KS2 Performances – details to follow

Friday 15th July – Music Extravaganza – violins and piano performances

Monday 18th July – Leavers' Service at St. John's 9.30am – all welcome

Tuesday 19th July – School closes at 2pm. No Yoyo provision today.

Please check our online calendar for further details of events occurring before the end of term. A link can be found [here](#).

Wishing you all well and looking forward to seeing you in School over the remaining few weeks of the term.

With my very best wishes



Jane Farraday