



LEVENS CE SCHOOL

Loving to Learn, Growing Together, Caring for All

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are almost at the end of the year and it has definitely felt more like a return to usual business with the number of activities we have been able to enjoy without any restrictions. Thank you for your support at all our events including our morning of competitive and fun sports on the playing fields; our class drop-ins with refreshments supplied by FOLS; our Celebration Assemblies; and of course our KS2 summer production, 'Pirates vs Mermaids!'



Class 4 Open-water swimming with Waterwise!
Summer Show - Pirates vs Mermaids

Just a reminder that we have our Leavers' Service in Church this Monday morning at 9.30am - everyone is welcome to join us.



Class 3 visit Heaves Farm Open Day

Children across school have continued to enjoy a variety of opportunities to extend their learning out of the classroom. These have included Class 4's trip to Fellfoot to learn about how to enjoy our lakes safely; Class 1's trip to Lakeland Oasis; and Class 3's visit to Heaves Open Farm Day.



Don't forget to check in with our blog regularly – this is such a great way to stay connected with what's happening in School.

School closes at 2pm next Tuesday 19th July and there is no YoYo provision available on our last day. We are holding a pre-loved uniform sale for any last minute purchases ready for return in September. If you have any clean, nearly-new and unnamed uniform items available, please do send us your donations at drop off or collection time this Monday.

Staff News:

I am very pleased to share that Mrs Haslam will be starting her new role as Deputy Head Teacher from September 2022 following an internal recruitment process earlier this term. Mrs Haslam has been an amazing addition to the staff team since joining us in 2018. Through her inspirational leadership, our EYFS provision has gone from being an area in need of development to an undeniable strength of our school; securing us a superb reputation within our local community and making Levens the school of choice for many

local families applying for Reception places. Mrs Haslam will be in charge of School when I am offsite for short periods or absent. She will also continue in her role as leader of SEND across our School.

Mrs Wadey is also a valued member of the Levens' leadership team. Her extensive skills and wide-ranging contributions over many years of service to our School community are hugely appreciated.

Healthy Snacks:

Just a gentle reminder to all parents about what constitutes a healthy snack for our KS2 pupils. Children are permitted to bring in a snack to enjoy during morning break. This can be rice cakes, breadsticks, raisins or fruit. Please ensure snacks (and lunchboxes) are completely nut-free and that if your child likes to bring grapes, that these are cut in half to eliminate potential choking. Crisps, biscuits and cakes are not a suitable morning snack, so please don't send your child with these items next term.

Children in EYFS and Class 2 are provided with fruit every morning, so do not require snacks brought from home.

Our School build:

I have no further updates for you in relation to our building project currently, but plans will continue to progress behind the scenes over the summer as we await the appointment of the successful contractor. I anticipate that there will be news to share early in the autumn term. No building or demolition work will be undertaken during the summer holidays.

School site over the summer:

Unfortunately, in previous years our site has been vandalised. All our perimeter gates will be locked and the school grounds must not be entered during the holidays or at weekends. Entering our school grounds is trespass and insurances for injury are invalidated. Please spread the word!

Bag to School:

Thank you for all the donations we received last week raising a mighty £124 for our School Fund.

Class 4 Residential:

I had hoped to be able to write to parents with plans for our three day residential to Edinburgh in the spring term. However, we are still trying to secure alternative accommodation as our usual hostel is no longer taking school bookings.

I will continue to try to secure arrangements over the summer holidays and hope to be in a position to write to you very early in the autumn term with our initial plans and approximate costings.

School Day from September:

Just a reminder that the school day officially starts at 8.45am and ends at 3.15pm for all pupils (except nursery pupils) from the beginning of the autumn term. Families are able to enter our site anytime from 8.30am where staff will continue to greet you each morning from 8.35am when our doors open. Arrival gates will be shut at 8.45am and learning begins as soon as your child arrives, so we encourage you to be as prompt as possible.

The school day for our nursery children ends at 3pm. Our Class 1 team will bring Nursery to the green gate to meet parents and carers for handover and open the gate for parents

arriving to collect older children at 3.15pm. The exception to this is any children attending YoYo After School Club that day.

Dates for your diary:

We do already have some dates in the calendar for the start of the autumn term and our term dates for the next academic year are also published online. Please ensure you refer back to the website as it is continually updated with new information and events.

Please remember that School is closed on Thursday 8th September to enable families to attend The Westmorland County Show and all staff to attend essential training.

A link to our website calendar can be found [here](#).

And finally:

Before we finish for the summer holidays, I would like to pause to thank some of the amazing teams of people that have supported our School in so many different ways over the last academic year.

Our staff team are an incredible group of dedicated and highly skilled professionals who put your children at the centre of all that they do each and every day. I cannot thank them enough for all that they do to support our pupils, our families and each other every day in School. Our governing body are so involved in ensuring our school systems and procedures are efficient and every child at Levens gets a good deal. Thank you to our very active FOLS team who have organised so many fun and worthwhile events for us to enjoy; alongside raising funds to support a range of projects and enhance our school resources. It has been wonderful to have volunteers returning to school this year – whether to hear readers or to accompany our class visits offsite. Thank you also to all our parents and wider family members who support our school and your child's learning and progress in so many different ways!

Next week, we say 'Bon Voyage' to our twelve year six leavers! After two years of significant disruption, it will be wonderful to return to St. John's for our Leavers' Service on Monday. To celebrate their Levens' journey they have already enjoyed an exciting visit to Treetop Nets at Brockhole and a beautiful party feast prepared, cooked and served by our Year 5 pupils. Huge thanks to Mrs Mason and Mrs Coker for leading this very special event for our leavers each year. Wishing all our Year 6 pupils the very best for their start at secondary school; you have been the most wonderful buddies to all our Reception pupils this year; and we wish you happiness and success now and in the future.

On behalf of everyone at Levens, I wish you and your families; and our staff and governors, a happy, healthy and relaxing summer. We look forward to welcoming you back to school on **Tuesday 6th September from 8.35am**.

With my very best wishes



Jane Farraday