



# LEVENS CE SCHOOL

Loving to Learn, Growing Together, Caring for All

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Our pupils are certainly enjoying being back in school; they are engaged and enthusiastic in their learning; and happy playing with their friends at social times. Our Nursery and Reception pupils are also settling so well into new routines and enjoying their learning environment – in the classroom, their outdoor space and our playground!

It was lovely to see so many of you in school for our Class Drop-Ins earlier this week. Thank you to the FOLS team for the lovely refreshments served at this event and at our 'Welcome Breakfast' for all our new starters in Class 1. Face-to-face appointments with your child's class teacher are coming up next week and you should now have received notice of your appointment time. Appointments for our Nursery children will follow later this term.



Class 4 have already enjoyed a sunny day of sailing on Lake Windermere with RWYC and Class 3 were out at Kendal Climbing Wall today.



### **Staff News:**

Mrs Wadey is still poorly and I have now received confirmation that she will not be returning to work before the half term holidays. On behalf of everyone at school, we send her our best wishes for a speedy recovery. Thank you to all Class 3's parents and carers for your understanding and support whilst we try to manage staff absence. Arrangements for longer term cover is already underway and I am pleased to inform you that Ms Chapman will be joining me in Class 3's classroom on Monday morning to meet the class and get to know the children. Parent-teacher interviews for parents in Class 3 will be postponed until later this term, however, I am available to see parents on both Monday and Wednesday afternoon (after 4pm) if you want to pop in for a chat – no appointment required.

Mrs Mason is returning to school on a phased return as she continues her recovery from a rather difficult period of ill health due to Covid. We are all so glad to have her back in school – even if only on a part-time basis for now – and we are doing our very best to look after her as she continues her recovery to full health.

Over the coming weeks and months, you are likely to see some unfamiliar faces as you bring and collect your children to and from school. This is because we are relying on supply agencies to support our depleted team. Thanks for your understanding – the staff remain committed to ensuring the very best for all our pupils and could not be working any harder.

### **Harvest Festival and Celebration Assemblies:**

Our Harvest festival is taking place at St. John's next Friday morning at 9.30am. Everyone is welcome to join us for songs, prayers and thanksgiving.

The following two Fridays are our Celebration Assemblies at 9am in our school hall. The first one, on the 14th October, is for parents of children in Reception and Class 2 only.

### **Parent Survey:**

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete our online survey at the start of term. We received 41 responses, equivalent to 65% of our families were therefore represented.

We are pleased to receive so many positive outcomes:

*Number of parents who would recommend Levens CE School to another parent - 100%*

*My child is happy at school - 100%*

*Pupils at Levens School are well behaved - 90% (10% didn't know)*

*The school has a good range of subjects available to my child - 95% (5% didn't know)*

We also understand that a very small number of parents feel that they do not know how their child is doing or necessarily believe that the school has high expectations for their child. Although this was just 4.8% of parents, I would urge all parents to use the opportunity to meet with your child's class teacher to discuss your concerns or answer your queries. We would not wish any parent to feel that they do not have a very good understanding of their child's strengths; as well as the areas where they may need more practice.

We also received comments relating to wider school issues. We will be taking on board all your feedback and looking at whether we need to evaluate some of our systems or the provision we provide in light of these responses.

### **This term's Christian Value – LOVE:**

This term we are exploring our Christian Value of love, both in our assemblies and through discussion in our classrooms. We have been considering how God's love is there for each and everyone of us; we will also be talking about how we can show love for one another: 'Love your neighbour as yourself,' Mark, Chapter 12.

### **FOLS:**

Our 'Friends of Levens School' are a very enthusiastic, friendly and committed group of parents who have been arranging fundraising events for our school and the wider community over very many years. Their efforts subsidise the cost of trips for parents, they purchase resources for school and recently raised money to re-stock and re-furbish our school library. The team are always looking for new recruits! It's a great way to meet other parents and to be more involved in the life of our school. If this is something you might be interested in why not look up their Facebook page by following this link:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/324998432292686/?ref=share>

### **Diary Dates:**

Just a reminder to keep your eye on our website calendar which is regularly updated and gives you early notification of forthcoming events!! You can find this online calendar [here](#).

With my sincere good wishes



Jane Farraday