



LEVENS CE SCHOOL

Loving to Learn, Growing Together, Caring for All

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you have all enjoyed a lovely, if not wet, festive period and that the new year has started well for you and your families.

The children have returned to school smiling, full of enthusiasm and ready to learn! What a fantastic start to the new term and a very special welcome to all our new families joining us in Nursery this week.

As you can see, the school building project is getting well underway with external ground works in the footprint of the new classroom being the immediate priority. It has been a rather noisy week, but the digging up of the playground area is nearing completion and we are promised a more calm and quieter period to follow. The activity on the playground has certainly caused some interest and excitement for the children to observe as the work develops each day.



The project is still due to be fully complete well before the end of the summer term, but it is early days!

Class Information on the website:

Our class pages are now up to date with newsletters, curriculum maps and timetables. Please do take a look to check details around your child's homework; expectations around reading at home, and of course information about your child's learning this term.

PE Days and Barrow Raiders:

Please check the class newsletters, that have gone out already this week, to ensure you are up to date with any changes to your child's PE days. Pupils in Classes 2, 3 and 4 are expected to get changed in school for PE, except on Fridays when they can now come to school ready to engage in active lunchtimes or in their rugby session during the afternoon.

Lunchtime Clubs:

During this term, we are introducing some clubs at lunchtime supported by some Class 4 leaders. These include badminton, Lego and colouring club. Details will be shared with children during the school day and there is no need for any letters or reply slips to be returned from parents. Running club returns today (Friday 6th January) and gymnastics begins again on Monday for children in years 1+2.

Christian Value:

This term we will be exploring the Christian value of koinonia which comes from the Greek word meaning community or fellowship. This shows the special relationship we have with one another; that we look after one another; and accept and welcome everyone for who they are. Together we grow in our relationships with one another and with God.

Thessalonians 5:11 'Encourage one another to build one another up, just as you are doing.'

Celebration Assemblies:

During the spring term, we will be inviting the parents and families of each class to a separate Celebration Assembly in our school hall. Please arrive for a prompt start at 9am.

Class 1 – Friday 20th January

Class 2 – Friday 3rd February

Class 4 – Friday 17th February

Class 3 – Friday 10th February

Bag2School:

Thank you for everyone for bagging up old clothes and bedding etc. Your efforts have raised £116 for our school fund. We plan to repeat this offer again after Easter.

Eco-team:

Thanks to our newly elected Eco team for organising another pre-loved uniform sale at the end of last term.

The new recruits will be planting some trees in the community garden next week and are looking forward to evaluating the children's ideas and designs very soon.

Edinburgh Residential - Class 4 Monday 6th February until Wednesday 8th February:

The plans for our 2 night stay in the fabulous city of Edinburgh are nearing completion and we are in the process of making final payments for the train, the museums and the accommodation. Any final payments towards the cost of the trip (£225), is therefore now due and must be paid in full by Friday 27th January.

Please make a note of our meeting for parents and pupils in Class 4 on Monday 16th January in the hall to find out more about the visit.

Parent-Teacher appointments:

This is early notification that your next opportunity to meet with class teachers is on Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th March for all pupils. Please save the dates!

World Faith Week:

During the week beginning Monday 23rd January, we will be holding our very first 'World Faith Week'. Our theme for the week is 'prayer' and on each morning we will begin the day with an assembly focusing on a different faith. Then every class will be taught by each of the classteachers in turn, who will plan and deliver lessons on one of the four major faiths of the world: Islam, Judaism, Buddhism and Hinduism. We look forward to sharing more news about our week via our website blog in due course.

Diary Dates:

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

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend,

With my very best wishes



Jane Farraday