

# LEVENS CE SCHOOL

Loving to Learn, Growing Together, Caring for All

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Congratulations to our Class 4 Lego League Champions who took part in this national competition for the first time this year. This was the final stage of several weeks of hard work at an event held in Barrow alongside many other local schools. The children demonstrated the knowledge and skills they had learnt, solving problems together to code a robot and find energy solutions using cow poo!!

Class 4 came away with a medal each and a Lego trophy for Best Newcomer of 2023! Huge thanks to Mr Dean for enabling Levens School to be involved in this event for the first time, but certainly not the last!



## **School Building Project**

The school extension continues to progress well and some work started inside school over the Easter holidays. The internal scaffolding to the extension will be dismantled in the next few days and we are hoping to invite all the children to have their first tour of the extension, once it has been carefully assessed for safe access. Whilst in the new build, the children will have the opportunity to leave their mark by signing the vertical steel structures – photographs to follow!

Unfortunately, full completion of the project is now likely to take us into the early stages of the summer holidays. Despite this, we are still hoping that Class 4 will be able to move into their new classroom before the end of this term.



### **Strep A/Scarlet Fever Infection**

Could I please encourage families to share and carefully read the information circulated earlier this week following confirmation of two cases in school. The number of confirmed and suspected cases has risen over the week and we are really keen that families are alert to the symptoms and take appropriate action in a timely way. Please can you also keep school updated with absence as soon as possible so that we can monitor the situation as we are required to do. We also need to know if any children develop flu or chicken pox over this next period.

### **Our Christian Value: Service**

This term we are exploring the Christian Value, Service. The Parable of the Good Samaritan shows us that we should serve those who are in need regardless of who they are. This is not offered to gain some kind of reward or advantage for ourselves. Going the extra mile for someone can sometimes involve sacrifice – you first, me second – it's about putting ourselves out for someone else's benefit.

We have already started to explore this in our assemblies and everyone in school is looking for ways in which we can serve others and each other both at home and in school. Please do get in touch, if you have any examples of service in action that your child/children demonstrate over this term – we would love to celebrate this in school too!

We are also looking at inspirational Christian leaders this term, who have dedicated their lives to serving others; starting with Mother Theresa and Queen Elizabeth II.

*'Whoever brings blessing is enriched; and one who waters will himself be watered'* Proverbs 11:25

### **Year Six SATS tests**

Over the next few weeks, children across school will be involved in national statutory assessments. In the most part, our pupils are not necessarily aware that they are undertaking tests as we make it an integral part of normal classroom practice. However, pupils in year 6 sit a week of examinations that follow extremely specific arrangements set out by central government. These tests occur during the week beginning Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May and will take place every morning in our school dining room starting at 9am. We will ensure there is as little disruption as possible so that our pupils have the best opportunity to do very well; they are certainly very well prepared.

### **Celebration Assemblies**

Please make a note of our forthcoming Celebration Assemblies at 9am on the following dates. Everyone is welcome!

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May – Class 3

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May – Class 4

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May – Class 1

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June – Class 2

## **Uniform**

As the weather gets warmer, our pupils tend to take off their cardigans and jumpers, discarding them in random places around school and on the playground. In order to be able to return these to their rightful owners swiftly, please ensure all uniform is clearly named.

If you need new uniform for the autumn term, we advise that you get ordering directly from Coniston Corporate soon to guarantee delivery before the end of the summer term.

We will be holding another pre-loved uniform sale soon, so look out for this date appearing on our website calendar.



## **Class 4 Residential 2024**

Years 5 + 6 will be visiting Patterdale Hall on the shores of Ullswater for three days adventurous activity in the outdoors between Monday 1<sup>st</sup> and Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2024.

We look forward to sharing further details with parents and children very soon.

## **Our School Rabbits**

Meet Lottie and Lola, our School rabbits who live happily in Class 1's outdoor area and are enjoyed by everyone. Thank you to Darren and Rona, who have been busy cleaning out their quarters and treating them to some healthy vegetables this week; pictured here!



## **Sun hats and Sun cream:**

We strongly advise that all pupils apply sun cream before coming to school and bring a hat on sunny days. Every child in school should also have a water bottle which they can use throughout the day to keep hydrated and feeling healthy. This should always only contain water!

For more information, please refer to our Sun Safety policy located on our website.

Wishing you all a wonderful extended Bank Holiday weekend and let's hope the sunshine continues long into the summer term.

With my very best wishes

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