



LEVENS CE SCHOOL

Loving to Learn, Growing Together, Caring for All

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our monthly update at the end of a very busy half term. Thanks to Eco Team who have been very busy over the course of this term organising our Pre-loved Uniform sale and supporting the development of the community garden. They are also looking forward to leading the school in activities related to The Great Big Green Week starting on Saturday 10th June. More news to follow soon!



Congratulations to our amazing ski team! Rosie (y6) Rona, Koby, Florence (y4); and Hector and Ed (y3) made up two teams taking part in Kendal Ski Club's Annual Schools Competition competing against fifteen other schools in our local area. The children made up two teams, The Levens' Flying Youngsters came second overall, and our second team (with three children competing in an older category) were fourth overall – what an incredible achievement! They showed determination and resilience in a series of very competitive and challenging events; and were of course amazing ambassadors for our school. Huge thanks to Rachael Kitchen for organising the teams. We are already looking forward to further success next year!



Pupils across school have enjoyed an opportunity to deepen their understanding of other faiths through their recent visits to sacred places. Reception and Class 2 visited the Buddhist Temple earlier this term and the junior pupils enjoyed a fascinating trip to The Grand Mosque in Bradford yesterday. They have also enjoyed another live link up with our friend

Mohammad, a pupil in Year 6 at Christchurch in Lancaster, to find out more about his faith and why the mosque is special to him.





The building project continues to progress very well and it has been wonderful to see some windows and doors installed over the last few days. The interior is starting to take shape too, with partitions in place for new bathroom facilities, a cloakroom, a new children's entrance and a small multi-purpose meeting room. Last week, children and staff enjoyed writing their names, doodles and messages on the interior walls of the building, but don't worry we all gave very clear instructions not to do this at home!!



We have also had a lovely visit from Harold the Giraffe who is our SCARF curriculum mascot. Harold and Steve visited every class to talk about a range of issues including friendships and an opportunity to explore our amazing bodies.



Uniform

In order to be able to return jumpers and cardigans to their rightful owners swiftly, please ensure all uniform is clearly named, particularly if you recently purchased preloved uniform at our sale earlier this week.

Don't forget to order any new uniform directly from Coniston Corporate to have the best chance of delivery before the end of the summer term.

Online Payments

If you have not yet taken part, please cast your vote in our online parental consultation on our consideration of introducing online payments from September 2023. You can do this by following this [link](#). Please do read our letter with some additional information that you may find useful too. This has been emailed out again this week and please ensure you only vote once!

Class 4 Residential July 2024

A reminder to all parents of children in years 4 and 5 to please forward payment and the reply slip to secure our booking with Patterdale Hall by the end of today. The providers are now requesting that we pay a deposit to confirm this booking and therefore parental contributions of £60 per child are now urgent.

Reminder about 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.

Save the Date:

Please make a note of some important dates coming up later this term:

Year 6 Leavers' Service at St. John's Church – Monday 17th July at 9.30am.

FOLS Summer Fair on the playing Fields – Saturday 1st July 10am-1pm.

Sports Day for all pupils – Friday 20th June. Details to follow.

School photographer visit – whole Class and Leavers photos – Thursday 8th June.

Information Meeting for new Reception Starters – Thursday 8th June at 5pm.

Please keep an eye on further forthcoming events by keeping an eye on our website calendar that is updated regularly and can be found by following this [link](#).

Wishing you all a wonderful half term break in the sunshine!

With my very best wishes

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jane Farraday".

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