

LEVENS CE SCHOOL

Loving to Learn, Growing Together, Caring for All

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We've enjoyed a wonderful start to the new term and there is so much to report on!

Class 4 had an amazing time at Patterdale Hall on their three-day residential. Activities included: ghyll scrambling, climbing, survival skills and canoeing. Not only was this a wonderful experience with their peers, away from home enjoying the outdoors; it was also an extension of their learning in geography beyond the classroom. Thank you everyone who came along to hear all about their trip at Class 4's celebration assembly last Friday.



Also last week, our intrepid ski teams took part in the Kendal Ski Club Inter-schools Competition. Koby, Rona, Florence, Ed and Hector competed with determination, agility and impressive skills against some of the much larger schools in Kendal with some super-amazing skiers. We are incredibly proud of their efforts. Our older team from year five, came an amazing third place, just narrowly missing second after the ski-offs and our younger team came an incredible fourth. Huge thanks to Rachael Kitchen for organising our involvement in the event again this year.



We are also so grateful to Joey's, Robin's and Jake's grandad, who with help from wider family members, has spent the last few months of his own time sourcing materials and building the most incredible mud kitchen; the children are looking forward getting stuck in to developing concoctions and potions in their imaginative play in their outdoor area. Look out for photographs coming soon on our website.

Class Updates:

Each class page on the website has been updated with information about the summer term including timetables, our year planners known as 'curriculum maps' and our newsletters. Please do take time to read this valuable information created for you by your child's classteacher and remember to check back to our calendar and website blog regularly to keep in touch with everything that is going on in our busy little school.

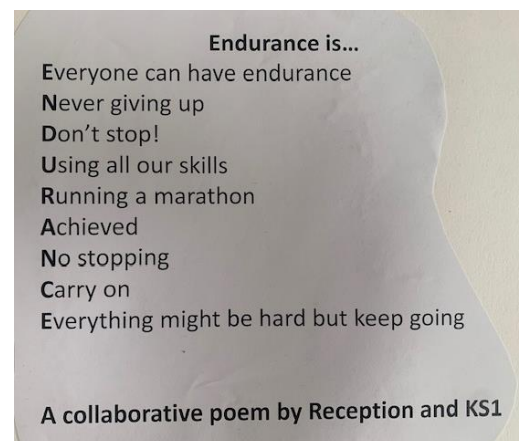
Christian Value – Endurance:

This term we will be exploring our Christian Value of Endurance in every Wednesday Worship time, as well as through our wider curriculum and our daily lives. Charlotte, in year six, opened our thoughts and discussions about what it means to have endurance by sharing one of her most challenging cross-country races. We have been reflecting on times in our lives that have been difficult and giving thanks for the people who have supported us and encouraged us throughout those times.

This week, in Worship time, our infants created this collaborative acrostic poem...

Endurance is recognition that life is sometimes difficult and painful; and that it is important not to give up in the face of adversity. Enduring and persevering are only possible where there is hope and hope that is based on the enduring nature of God's love and faithfulness.

'You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised.'
Hebrews 10:36



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 and as the weather (hopefully) gets a bit warmer and brighter. 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.

Uniform:

From September, a black gysac priced at £5.50 will become part of our required uniform for children in years 1-5. (We do not expect year six to purchase these bags just for one year.) These will be personalised with your child's name at no extra cost. Please order directly using this link with Coniston Corporate to guarantee delivery before the end of this term.

[uniform shop](#)



Often pupils will discard jumpers and cardigans 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.

Thank you to everyone who supported our pre-loved uniform sale last week; we will be holding another one before the end of term so please keep an eye on our calendar.

FOLS:

We are really very grateful for all the work that everyone at FOLS does to support our school. Very soon, our children will be enjoying their adventure days at Kepplewrey, Class 4's residential to Ullswater was also subsidised by funds raised by FOLS and each class has had an additional £10 per child to reduce costs of trips to parents and carers this academic year.

Our new mobile kitchen has been ordered thanks to the amazing funds raised at our swimathon earlier this spring and the Pig Racing Night was not only a memorable and fun night, but another great fundraiser.

If you would like to get more involved in supporting our school through FOLS, then please do get in touch with anyone in the FOLS team and do look for more information on their Facebook page. News of our summer fair is coming your way very soon!

Celebration Assemblies:

Our next few special assemblies for parents, carers and family members are in the diary. Class 1's is this Friday 3rd May and on Friday 17th May, Class 2 will be sharing their learning. Look out for more dates after the half term holidays.

Term Dates:

Please follow this link for dates for your calendar for the remainder of this year and into next academic year - [Levens School - Term dates.](#)

Wishing you all a wonderful extended Bank Holiday weekend and let's hope we see some much-needed spring sunshine.

With my very best wishes



Jane Farraday