



LEVENS CE SCHOOL

Loving to Learn, Growing Together, Caring for All

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been such a positive start to the new year and lovely to be catching up with everyone over the first few weeks of term. We've already had our first Celebration Assembly for family members thanks to Class 4 who shared their learning on digital wellbeing following a workshop with Sophie Martin last Monday. Class 2 have enjoyed their first trip offsite to Levens Hall. Coming up, we have the juniors' adventure day at Tower Wood, Vindolanda for Class 3 and Reception are off to Woodmatters in Windermere tomorrow. Look out for posts on our Instagram page and our website blog.



Class 4 discuss their digital wellbeing and create posters to guide others on how to protect yourself online.

Clubs are also off to a good start, with Robbie offering gymnastics and archery this half term; Bob is nurturing creative minds at Art club; and we have some lunchtime clubs run by staff during the week. Still to come this year is our Chess Club, Lego League and a wide range of sporting opportunities with Robbie.

Class 2 walk across the fields to Levens Hall!



We are so grateful to the volunteers who are currently supporting our children both in school with their reading and on our visits off site. Huge thanks

to Liz Brown, Jan Davinson and Marjorie Helme who have returned to support our pupils' reading this term. We are also very grateful to all our parents and wider family members who have volunteered to come along to support some of our trips taking place over the next few weeks.

FOLS:

Thanks to everyone who supported the FOLS and Playing fields Fun Run at the start of term. So very well attended by so many running enthusiasts and it raised over £1000. As you might expect, there are many more events being planned behind the scenes and FOLS are always looking for anyone who might be able to offer some kind of support this year.

Why not come along to the FOLS AGM on 9th October at 6.30pm in school to find out more about the work of FOLS, or get in touch directly with one of the committee members.

So far this academic year, FOLS have committed to paying for the school bus to the swimming baths in Kendal for the majority of our KS2 pupils and the coaches up to Keswick for our annual whole-school visit to the theatre. This makes such a difference to our families by reducing further financial burdens on the school day.

ParentPay:

You may have noticed that we are now accepting payments for YoYo and Nursery via ParentPay and are so grateful to all our parents for paying July invoices so promptly using this option.

You may have also seen that we are trying to reduce the amount of permission slip returns and general paper-based communication. Letters for trips and clubs are now distributed via our non-reply emailing software, with the consents and payments all possible to action via your online ParentPay account.

We are hoping this is proving more manageable and efficient for all our parents now that all payments can be made this way.

School Council and Eco Team:

Our newly elected representatives are already busy in school taking up their new responsibilities with energy and enthusiasm. School Council will be organising our fundraising events this term including our goal to raise £200 for Guide Dogs this year and Children in Need on Friday 14th November. They will also be in charge of sorting our Harvest Gifts for the foodbanks in Milnthorpe and Kendal. Our Harvest Festival takes place in St. John's church on Friday 10th October at 9.30am.



Meet our new School Councillors!

Eco team also have plans to clean up our local area by undertaking some litter picks and taking the lead in ensuring that we all act more responsibly around school to support the protection of our environment. This morning, they were in action sorting all our pre-loved clothing collection – thank you for all your donations.



Eco Team have been busy sorting all our pre-loved clothes

Events:

Please keep an eye on our website calendar for future dates. The calendar is updated regularly and there are already dates scheduled for your attention including parent-teacher appointments, Harvest Festival, Remembrance Service, dates of trips off site e.g. Vindolanda for Class 3 etc. Please follow this [link](#) to keep updated.

Staff News:

I am pleased to be able to share that our newly appointed clerk to the governors started her new role last Thursday evening at our Full Governing Board Meeting. We are so pleased that Mrs Joanne Gardner-Barlow has joined us and it is already evident that she is going to be such an invaluable asset to the team.

Newly appointed parent governor, David Keen (father of Olivia, Evie and William) and staff governor Helen Haslam, joined our meeting last Thursday too. Welcome to you all.

For more information about our governing body, please take a look at our website governor page. Following each meeting, one of our members writes a report for

our website so that you are able to see some of the business being conducted by governors.

Attendance:

A reminder to all our parents and wider family members that holidays in term time will not be authorised and may incur a fixed penalty notice of £80 per child per parent. When requests are made for absence in term time, other than for exceptional circumstances such as a family funeral or wedding, the register is marked 'unauthorised' and the absence referred to the attendance team at county.

Dental and doctor appointments should also be scheduled out of school time as much as possible. Thank you for your anticipated support and understanding.

We look forward to seeing you at some of our forthcoming events, in particular, please look out for news on our Guide Dog fundraising and Harvest festival.

With my very best wishes,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading 'Jane Farraday'.

Jane Farraday