



# LEVENS CE SCHOOL

Loving to Learn, Growing Together, Caring for All

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you all so very much for the amazing gifts that have arrived in school this week. Our staffroom hamper will keep us energy-fuelled well into the new term and I wouldn't be surprised if some corks have already been removed from some of those gorgeous bottles of wine!

I know I speak for us all when I tell you how much we feel so blessed to be part of an amazing school community and your incredible generosity at Christmas is massively appreciated.

Thank you so very much!



**Still to come:** We are hoping that many of you might be able to join us for our special service at St. John's tomorrow (Thursday) at 9.30am attended by all our pupils, with the exception of nursery who will remain in school.

### **Staff News:**

Mrs Mason's retirement is approaching and we are all still wondering how the school can stay afloat without her! We have plans in full swing to ensure she leaves on a high and knows how much she has been valued, appreciated, respected and loved by us all.

In case you haven't heard, she has amazing plans for the spring with an incredible voyage overseas with her husband Jonathan.

Eileen, on behalf of us all, thank you for being the most inspirational, committed, passionate and thoughtful colleague and friend to our children, staff, governors and families. School will be very different indeed without you.

### **Christmas Fair News:**

Thank you to everyone involved in our Christmas events over the last few weeks, most particularly all those who supported our fair, volunteered their time to run a stall or organised some part of it. We raised just over £1000 again this year, a relatively huge chunk of which was raised by our young entrepreneurs in Class 4 who designed, made and operated such fun games and activities for all ages! Well done everyone!

Thanks also to Bob Sutcliffe who gave up an evening to lead a creative craft workshop for parents, family members and our local community. This event, and our very popular movie night, has raised further funds to subsidise school trips; purchase specialist resources for

school; and will soon be providing some exciting new materials for the children to enjoy at social times.



We hope those of you who were lucky enough to get a ticket for 'Midwife Crisis' last week enjoyed our special evening of music, dancing and acting. It is always such a magical event to get us feeling Christmassy. We have shared some photographs on our website and hope you were able to get some great photographs of your own as we are limited to what we can publish due to photographic permissions.



### **Attendance and reporting absence:**

Before we finish for the Christmas break, may I remind parents of our procedures for reporting absence. Please either email or call the office on the first day of your child's absence to report the absence and the reason. We request that parents/carers follow this up with further updates on each subsequent day of absence so that we are fulfilling our statutory responsibilities and implementing any pastoral support if required.

Holidays are not considered to be exceptional circumstances and in all cases these are referred to the W+F Council attendance officer to determine further action. Information about how to request leave of absence in term time can be found on the attendance page of our website.

So far this term, we have an incredible 31 pupils who have attended school every day since the start of September. These children will be provided with a certificate and a small prize at the start of the spring term.

### **Emergency Closure of School:**

In the unlikely event that we would need to close the school, we would inform you via email and text as promptly as possible. This might be due to a problem with our heating

or electricity supply, but could also be due to extreme weather. Staff at Levens travel in from various remote areas within and beyond Cumbria, therefore regardless of the conditions in Levens, staff may be unable to get into work due to treacherous road conditions. If sufficient staffing levels in school cannot be guaranteed, a decision to close may be unavoidable.

In these circumstances, class teachers would be in touch via email to offer suggestions of work that can be completed at home. Further information about our remote learning offer can be found on our website.



Huge thanks to our two music teachers, Mrs Hurley and Mrs Wood, and of course all who performed at our Musical Extravaganza last Friday. What a talented group of musicians we have in our school.

#### **Clubs for the spring term:**

Arrangements for our spring term schedule of clubs is already underway and information has been shared for art, two multi-skills clubs and dance club.

Further information regarding any additional clubs will be shared in the spring term.

**School closes at 2pm this Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December and we look forward to welcoming you back in the new year from Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January from 8.35am for all our pupils.**

Wishing you all a very long, happy and peaceful festive time; full of laughter and love.

With my very best wishes,

Jane Farraday