LEVENS CE SCHOOL
Loving to Learn, Growing Together, Caring for All
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Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been an amazing start to the new year! School feels such a positive, calm and happy place; the children are so very well settled by the time we are all in our classrooms; and we have enjoyed such a wide range of experiences already – with many more coming up very soon!

It was lovely to see so many of you in church yesterday at our Harvest festival service. Thank you to everyone for contributing something to our local foodbanks and to all the children for your super contributions to the service.

All Same – All Different:

In some of our assemblies this half term, we have been talking about how to be inclusive, respectful and understanding of everyone regardless of our differences through learning about disabilities and genetic conditions. So far we have learnt about: Down's Syndrome, Brittle Bone Disease, Hypohidrotic ectodermal dysplasia; visual impairments and ADHD. We hope that you are taking this opportunity to continue the conversations we are having in school at home.



Thank you for your support our Jeans4Genes day which has raised £115 to support families living with the condition to help with some respite, specialist equipment and nursing care.

Parent Governor Vacancy:
Today is the last chance to submit your nomination form to the office if you would like to volunteer to be a parent governor. If we only have one nomination, then there will be no need to go on to a ballot.

A further two vacancies are becoming available towards the end of this term, so look out for more information after half term.

FOLS:
A huge thank you to everyone who supported the fun run at the start of term with funds made from the event shared between school and the playing fields. The support from the FOLS committee, other volunteers and everyone attending their events through the year you are making such a difference to the breadth and quantity of experiences our children are able to enjoy.

With news that the funding from central government for primary school sports is changing and likely to be reduced significantly, many of our amazing experiences are just going to be unaffordable for our families. Therefore, the contribution to subsidising these trips from fOLS will be even more important going forward.



Jan Mason, Amy Barrington and Fiona Bond have been so committed to leading FOLS over the last three years and are due to be stepping down at the next AGM coming up next month. Please do get in touch with our current treasurer, chair and secretary, if you think you might be able to take one of these crucial roles on our FOLS committee.

Celebration Assemblies:
Please take a look at our website calendar to check the date of your child/children's autumn term family assemblies. The first one is being presented by Class 4 and takes place in our school hall at 9am.

Enriching playtimes and lunchtimes:
This term we have started with a commitment to improve the quality of our lunchtimes and playtimes for all our pupils in school so that our children get to be active; develop a range of skills including designing and making, team work and problem solving; whilst also being creative and imaginative in their play.





As you can see from our playground, we have created more space and introduced some new equipment which are already a bit hit with all the children. Each Wednesday morning, a small group of year six pupils are the first group to be trained to be 'playground play leaders' for our younger children; all our year six children are enjoying getting to know and playing with their Reception Buddies; and many of the junior children are venturing out onto the MUGA to make the most of the increased amount of space and the fabulous resources available for us to use.



This is just part one of some enhancements that will be taking place over the year and we need your support. We are interested in some donations of pipes, guttering, logs, tarpaulin, dressing up costumes, tubes, crates etc. It is amazing what you can build with a bit of imagination. Just this week we have already had huge sculptures, giant marble runs, shelters, obstacle courses and much, much more! I am sure the children are talking about it at home too – we have had some amazing feedback already.







After School Clubs:

All our clubs are now running well with many of them full to capacity. Thank you to all the teaching staffwho volunteering their own time to run a club this half term; and to Robbie and Bob too.

Mrs Garvey and Mrs Haslam – Young Voices on a Monday
Mrs Farraday – with special guest Mrs Mason Running Club on a Wednesday.
Bob – Art Club on a Thursday.
Robbie – Football Club on a Friday.

Throughout the year, our clubs will change to suit the weather, our interests and our staff expertise. Look out for Dance, Lego League, Chess, Art and more sport!

With my very best wishes

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