



# LEVENS CE SCHOOL

Loving to Learn, Growing Together, Caring for All

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This newsletter has some lovely news that will no doubt bring you a little cheer to start your weekend.

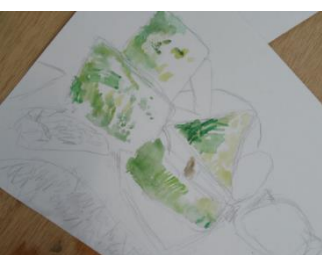
I've been lucky enough to accompany and lead so many trips this half term and have been overwhelmed by the children's enthusiasm, determination and genuine care and consideration for everyone. Huge thanks to all the staff involved who always have so much to do in order to organise such worthwhile activities offsite. Thanks too, to all our volunteers who have accompanied this year with our trips!



Most of our pupils enjoyed amazing adventures at Kepplewrey last week where they spent the day ghyll scrambling, scavenger hunting, climbing and canoeing.

School Council spent a morning at Waterstones Bookshop in Lancaster last week too. They represented their peers so well by making sure they considered everyone when selecting a range of non-fiction books. These will be added to our library stocks very soon.

Each class has enjoyed the opportunity to work with Bob Sutcliffe this term; with our work coming to an end last week when Class 4 spent an entire day painting and sketching in the grounds of Levens Hall. We learnt lots about how to improve our techniques when working in watercolour and loved the opportunity to explore the garden to create more abstract interpretations just by looking at the trees from unusual viewpoints.



There are still places available at our workshop next Thursday if you would like to come along and have a dabble with some watercolours whilst enjoying a glass of wine! Tickets for this event can now be bought directly from Bob's website -

<https://www.bobonpaintings.com/buy-my-work?category=Courses>



Just yesterday, Class 4 visited Fellfoot park for the 'Waterwise' session learning about how to stay safe when swimming in open water. The weather was perfect!



Recently, Ted's grandpa Mark, kindly gave up his own time to mount our beautiful clay tiles in the hall to remain in place for years to come. Nigel Edmondson has visited school this week to see them in place – he was overwhelmed by how



amazing they look. If you've been to one of our Celebration Assemblies recently, I have no doubt that you will have been really impressed by their creations. The children have loved trying to spot their own work within the large rectangle compiled of 84 tiles.

There are so many more events still due before we finish for the summer so keep your eye on our calendar, including: Class 2's transport visit, Class 1's visit to the Butterfly House; our Key Stage 2 play; our leavers' service; our Summer Fair..... The list is endless!

### **Staff News:**

I am pleased to share that Mrs Court is back at home recovering gradually following her surgery last week. We are all keeping in touch with her and have passed on all your lovely messages of goodwill to her too. You may have noticed that there are some not so familiar faces around school as we try to ensure support for individuals with additional needs and in-class support is not compromised in her absence.

### **Uniform Reminder:**

All new uniform can be ordered directly from our suppliers, Coniston Cooperate, who now have the black PE shorts back in stock. Here you can also order your child's PE drawstring bag which is compulsory from September for all pupils in years 1-5. Due to restricted space in our cloakrooms, we also now request that all pupils have a blue bookbag and do not bring rucksacks into school. Again this is an exception for year 6 and for next academic year only.

[https://www.conistonshop.com/Levens-C-E--School\\_272/school/index.php](https://www.conistonshop.com/Levens-C-E--School_272/school/index.php)

From September, pencil cases will be permitted for year six pupils only and should contain basic items such as pencils, rubbers and colouring crayons.

### **Earrings:**

We have an increasing number of pupils with pierced ears. If you do want to get your child's ears pierced, we recommend that this is done at the start of the summer holidays so that they have chance to heal. After six weeks, children should be able to remove their own earrings for PE lessons or take them out before coming to school. Ears can not be taped for physical activity after this six week period. Swimming lessons restart for years 4,5 and 6 in September and earrings must be removed for these lessons.

### **Transition Morning for all pupils:**

Very soon, all our pupils will be moving up to meet their new teachers/peers for a morning of learning. Arrangements for classes remain unchanged for September with each class teacher remaining in their current role. Some children will have further visits as part of an enhanced transition if we feel this would be beneficial to them; and teachers conduct in-depth transition meetings where vital information about wellbeing; behaviours for learning; pastoral care and academic attainment and progress are shared.

### **Sports Events:**

Our infant and junior school sports events take place next Friday on the playing fields. The children have now been organised into a team; either red, green, blue or yellow and should wear something of that colour – a cap, socks, t-shirt, shorts, scarf etc. We will also provide coloured wrist bands.

Parents and family members are very welcome to spectate from the side of the field and should bring blankets, rugs and deckchairs for your comfort. All pupils may come to school in the kit that they will be wearing for their events – infants from 9.15am/juniors from 1.15pm. Running times do vary from year to year but we do anticipate the events lasting no longer than 90 minutes. Pupils need to have their water bottle in school; and be ready for the weather – waterproofs, sunscreen, hats etc!

Your participation may be required for an event at some point and everyone is welcome to join in the fun!

### **End of Year Reports:**

All parents/carers will receive your child's/children's end of year report early in July. This will be a summary of their learning and progress throughout the year and across the curriculum; as well as teacher assessment and statutory test outcomes (if relevant) enclosed.

There is the opportunity for you to comment on the report and we hope that all parents/carers will take the time to reflect on your child's year. You will also be offered the opportunity to discuss your child's report with their teacher before the end of term if you feel this is necessary.

### **Headlice in School:**

Parents do contact us concerned that they are having to repeatedly treat their child/children's hair for headlice. We recommend that you check your child's hair weekly; treat immediately if lice or eggs are found; and share with school and via your class Whatsapp groups. Thanks for your cooperation.

**School finishes at 2pm on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July and the final YoYo session of the year is available on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July until 5.15pm.**

From everyone in school, we wish you a lovely weekend.

With my very best wishes



Jane Farraday