



# LEVENS CE SCHOOL

Loving to Learn, Growing Together, Caring for All

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Please do take a look at our website blog to see what's been happening in school over the last few weeks since our last newsletter.



Class 3 enjoyed a wonderful day up at Heaves Farm exploring all the different learning areas!



Class 2 have been out exploring Lakeland Motor Museum, Haverthwaite Railway and Lakeside Steamers as part of their history project on transport.

Huge thanks to everyone who has been involved in making all our amazing trips off site a huge success this year – our staff, all our volunteers, and also all the financial support offered by FOLS.

Class 4 spent a day at Fellfoot park finding out how to stay safe out in our local lakes and rivers!



Class 1 visited The Butterfly House in Lancaster and then explored the beach at Arnside in the sunshine!



### **Music Extravaganza:**

Please come along and support our pupils performing in our musical performance this Friday morning at 9am. We expect that the show may continue until about 10.15am and request that parents and wider family members stay until all pupils have performed so that the final performers feel as valued as the first. Thank you for your understanding and support.

### **Summer Fair:**

It is our annual summer fair on Friday after school. Pupils need to come into school in a choice of PE kit rather than wearing 'School PE kit'. This will ensure that they are wearing the right clothes to be involved in physical education. In return, FOLS are hoping for your donations – these may include small toys/games (in good condition), small bottles, sweets, chocolate bars etc.

Some of our very committed, enthusiastic and dedicated FOLS committee are hoping to step down in the autumn term so they will soon be looking for willing volunteers to fill these roles. If you wish to know more, please talk to members of the FOLS team to find out what's involved. If you are not sure who to speak to, let us know and we will be happy to put you in touch.

### **Attendance Awards:**

We have five pupils who have achieved 100% attendance so far this year – we are hoping they can make it to the last day of term to receive a certificate and prize next Friday in our special final assembly. Many more pupils have achieved 100% during the summer term and will also be congratulated next week.

### **Leavers' Service at St. John's Church:**

One of the most special events of the year is our Leavers' Service. This year it will be held on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July at 9.30am and everyone is welcome.

### **Celebrating your holidays and outings over the summer:**

Ms Chapman is already looking ahead to organising a school display in our hall for the beginning of the autumn term. Wherever you travel or visit this summer, please encourage your child/children to send school a postcard or a photograph with some details about their adventures. Postcards can be addressed to their class and photographs emailed to the class email addresses. Thanks for your support!

### **Getting Ready for September:**

All our pupils have enjoyed at least one half-day session with their new class ready for September and all the teachers have conducted extensive hand-over meetings in order to be as prepared as possible for their new students moving up.

Here are just a few reminders of some important information for you and your child before we close next week and to ensure we are all ready for the new academic year:

- All reading books and library books need to be returned by Wednesday of next week please.
- Please ensure all invoices are paid up to date by the end of next week.
- Class newsletters will be distributed and our class pages on the website will be updated in the first week back in September. This will provide lots of valuable information about the curriculum, homework (if relevant) and PE days;
- All pupils should continue to come to school in their PE kits every Friday and ensure full kit is stored in school all other days – with exception of Reception.

- Please use this link to order any required uniform – this won't be delivered to us until the start of term unfortunately, but we will ensure this is distributed to families in the first week: [https://www.conistonshop.com/Levens-C-E--School\\_272/school/index.php](https://www.conistonshop.com/Levens-C-E--School_272/school/index.php)
- Only pupils in year 6 are permitted to bring in pencil cases from home containing some basic items. All required stationery is provided for all pupils in school.
- All pupils should bring a blue bookbag, a black PE bag, a water bottle and a lunchbox (if required). From September, children in years one up to year five are not permitted to bring rucksacks into school due to limited space in cloakrooms. For this year only, Year six are exempt from this arrangement.
- Please ensure that if your child is having their ears pierced during the holidays this is scheduled for as early as possible so that earrings can be removed for PE and for swimming lessons.
- All staff in school are in all-day training on both our Inset days on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September, therefore please email the office if you have anything urgent to share before the start of term, as staff are unlikely to be available on either day.

**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.**

**The new academic year starts on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September for all pupils from 8.35am. Nursery sessions re-start the following Monday.**

**Please note that school will be closed on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September to allow families to attend the Westmorland County Show. This will be a training day for staff.**

**Thank you:**

To close, I would like to celebrate the dedication, enthusiasm and care that every member of our staff team demonstrates every day in our school. I continue to feel totally humbled by their relentless efforts to make all our pupils feel safe, secure and valued in our school.

Thank you to all our parents, carers and wider family members for your incredible support for our school over the last twelve months. You all regularly share your appreciation of our efforts in a range of ways and your thoughtful words make such a difference to us all. Your extremely generous collection towards our staff outing and hampers is the most thoughtful gift and we are all genuinely overwhelmed.

Wishing everyone connected to our school in any way, a sunny, happy and healthy summer holiday. We look forward to welcoming you back to the start of a new year in September.

With my very best wishes



Jane Farraday