



LEVENS CE SCHOOL

Loving to Learn, Growing Together, Caring for All

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Dear Parents and Carers,

An enormous thank you to you all for your amazing generosity and support at the end of a very busy term. We are so grateful for the lovely gifts that have arrived this week – you are all so very kind and incredibly generous.

Thank you for supporting all our Christmas events over the last few weeks. Our wonderful Christmas Fair has raised just over £1000 again this year and will go towards supporting our outdoor adventure days in the summer term: without this support from FOLS we would not be able to continue with these incredible experiences due to the ever-increasing costs of coaches and outdoor centres.

Last week's nativity, 'Fleece Force' was such a magical evening's entertainment. As usual the children were so confident and enthusiastic throughout their performances and rose to the challenge of performing for parents, carers and family members without even a hint of nerves.



Our film night was very well attended by pupils from across school who returned in their pjs and onesies to get comfy and cosy for a Christmas movie. The event raised over £400 towards the development of our new 'Rainbow Room' which will be a calm, safe and quiet space for our children to access when they need to. Due to the success of this new addition to our annual calendar, we are already planning to repeat movie night next year!



Good Bye to Mrs Craggs:

On Monday, Mrs Craggs came into school to teach her last PE lessons to Class 3 and Class 2. We held a surprise assembly for her in the hall with some cards and gifts from staff and children. She will be greatly missed and I am sure that you will want to join with us in thanking her for the incredible contribution she has made to sport over the many years that she has been a valuable and well-respected member of the Levens team. We wish her well as she takes time to enjoy some quality family time.

Christmas Shopping fundraising reminder:

Just a reminder in case you still have some last minute shopping to do that a link to Easyfundraising can be found [here](#) and on our website.

External Lights:

Please be aware that to avoid causing disturbance to our neighbours, our external lights are timed to go off at 7pm every evening. If we have an event taking place at school beyond this time, please can we request that you bring torches in order to ensure safe travel down the main pathway up to the green gate. Thank you for your understanding.

Online Payments:

Thank you so very much for registering with ParentPay as this will be the most efficient method for you to pay your invoices promptly, to book places for clubs and to grant permission for trips. From the start of the spring term, school meals will be uploaded to ParentPay so that parents and carers have the flexibility to pay in regular smaller instalments. We hope that you are finding the system manageable and a more effective system for payments to school.

Christmas Service at St. John's on Thursday 19th December at 9.30am:

Please come along to our special Christmas Service at St. John's on Thursday if you can. It is always a very special event at the end of this term and is usually very well attended by parents and wider family members. The children have been voting for their charity of choice for our collection in church and have selected The World Wildlife Fund! If you are coming along we would appreciate a small donation to this important cause at the end of our service.

Attendance and Punctuality:

During a review with the Attendance team from Westmorland and Furness Council, it was made clear that the council are taking steps to sanction parents and carers when children are taken out of school for term time holidays without authorisation.

Please can I remind everyone to ensure you refer to our website where term dates for the remainder of this year and next academic year are now published. It is really important that your child regularly attends school and does not accumulate unauthorised sessions that could result in fines and prosecution.

Punctuality was also reviewed and has been identified as an area for improvement as we have a small number of children who are persistently late in the mornings. Our morning 'settling-in' routines work well to support our children to feel safe, calm and ready to learn each morning. Missing this vital time can cause children to feel unsettled for the remainder of the day. Over seven hours of learning time has been lost this term to lateness.

On a more positive note, at the end of this week, over 40 children will be receiving a special certificate and prize for attending school every day this term.

After school Clubs:

In the new year, some of our clubs will be restarting for the spring term. Chess Club, Running Club, Young Voices, Gym club and Art Club all restart in January; look out for notification.

Spring Calendar:

The spring calendar will be populated with events very soon, so please check back regularly so that you are able to keep in touch with what's coming up in our school diary.

Please note that school ends this Friday at 2pm for all learners and that all pupils need to be collected from school promptly.

Wishing everyone a very happy, healthy and enjoyable Christmas and a super start to the new year. We look forward to welcoming you back to school on Monday 6th January from 8.35am.

Yours sincerely



Jane Farraday
Headteacher