



LEVENS CE SCHOOL

Loving to Learn, Growing Together, Caring for All

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As always, there is lots to celebrate already this term.



Reception visit Martin Mere

Reception recently enjoyed their very first trip out of school to Martin Mere Wetland Centre following postponement from the autumn term. They had a wonderful trip out with Mrs Haslam and Mrs Dawson, who kindly drove the Kendal Community minibus.



Art Club Creations - Y6 and their Reception Buddies

Young Voices:

Our Young voices singers enjoyed a magical evening at the Co-op Live Arena last night, singing their hearts out with thousands of other young people from all over the north west.

What a fabulous experience for everyone involved!



Team Young Voices just before departure!

After School Clubs and YoYo:

We know that our after-school provision offer enables our pupils to be active and be social with other pupils; clubs also enable pupils to develop skills and learn new things. Some of our clubs are currently being led by external professionals who are such positive, enthusiastic and caring people to have in school. The clubs they offer are always very popular and well attended. We have also just started our Dance Club ready for the Brewery Dance Festival in March with our dance coach Ashleigh, pictured here.



Dance Club begin to plan their dance theme this week!

Special thanks also, to all the staff who are currently offering after-school clubs in their own time as a very generous gesture

of good will. Mrs Coker, Mrs Mason, Mr Dean, Miss Heaton, Ms Chapman and Mrs Haslam are all offering weekly clubs and their dedication to providing super experiences beyond the school day are hugely appreciated. I am sure, like me, you are extremely grateful to them for their commitment which goes way beyond their contractual hours and responsibilities.

Huge thanks also to all our staff who are willing to stay beyond the school day to support YoYo, after a busy day in school. We are currently working hard to ensure parents/families are supported with regular and reliable after school provision and thank you for your patience during a time of increased demand with limited resources.



Instagram:

We have very recently set up a School Instagram account where we are starting to post news. Just scan the code to follow. Coming up, our posts will include stories from our residential in Edinburgh at the end of February. Please be reassured, that we will not be posting recognisable images of any pupils on Instagram so will not be contacting you regarding permissions.

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Lunchtime and YoYo Support:

We will soon be advertising a position to support lunchtime supervision and our after-school care at YoYo. If you are interested in joining the Levens team, or know someone who might be, in either or both of these positions, please do get in touch to arrange a meeting with me to learn more.

Uniform Expectations:

This is just a very polite, but important reminder about our expectations on uniform, particularly on Fridays where we are seeing an increased number of children coming to school in their own clothes. On Fridays, every child in school should be wearing their PE kits – this includes plain black or navy blue leggings, joggers or shorts; a plain or Levens pale blue or white t-shirt; and light blue PE Levens Hoodie. Branded, patterned, striped or coloured sportswear of any other description is not permitted. If your child does not wear the correct kit, they may be required to get changed into spare kit kept in school.

Parking Outside School and Road Safety:

We have been recently been contacted again by local residents. One resident this week narrowly missed some children who came running out onto Church Lane on Tuesday afternoon after Art Club at 4.15pm. If your child is permitted to leave our school gates unaccompanied, or ahead of whoever is supervising them, please do remind them of being extremely vigilant to traffic on both Church Road and Levens Lane. We have been reinforcing these messages in school too.

We are also really keen to remain on very positive terms with our neighbours so please park with consideration to our local residents and ensure your vehicle does not block pedestrian access by parking on pavements or obstructing driveways.

Staff News:

We are delighted to be welcoming Leah Manderson to our Class 1 team after half term in a teaching assistant capacity. Leah is already a mum at school and knows us all very well. We know that she will become such a valued colleague, a great asset to the team and popular with children and families. I am sure you will want to join me in wishing her well in her new role.

Mrs Haslam will not be in school from Friday 28th February as she undergoes some scheduled surgery. She will be away from school for the remainder of the spring term, possibly longer. News about arrangements for teaching and learning in Class 1 for parents and carers will follow after the half term break. I am sure you will want to wish Mrs Haslam all the very best for a speedy recovery. Mrs Haslam's parent-teacher appointments will therefore be brought forward to the first week back after the half term break – details will follow very soon.

Fife/Flute Lessons:

I am keen to share that Sara Heath, a really super flute teacher, who has taught at Levens in the past, has been in touch to advise that she has some teaching capacity to offer us again, should there be an appropriate level of demand. She takes pupils from Year 3 and delivers tuition initially in shared small group lessons where costs range from £5.50 per week to £8 depending on participants and time allocated. Parents would initially need to purchase a fife which would cost around £11.

If you are interested, please email the office by Thursday 13th February, after which time we will be able to ascertain if the provision would be viable.

Calendar Dates and Events:

Please note that our next ***Celebration Assembly*** is on Friday 14th February for family members of children in Class 3 only please.

Further important dates include ***Safer Internet Day*** on Tuesday 11th February where every child in school will be learning about how to stay digitally safe in their classrooms following a whole school message from Mr Dean in assembly on Monday.

Our ***World Book Day*** is coming up at the beginning of March – Mrs Haslam will be in touch soon regarding our plans for this day!

Our three-day residential in ***Edinburgh*** is coming up in the last few days of February and those that are lucky enough to go are getting very excited.

Appointments to meet with your child's teacher are scheduled to take place on the 10th and 12th March (with the exception of Nursery and Reception). Please look out for letters coming home after the half term break to request your meeting.

Our ***Easter Service*** is at the end of this term – Friday 4th April at 9.30am in St. John's.

Please note that we close at the usual time of 3.15pm next Friday 14th February.

With my very best wishes



Jane Farraday