



LEVENS CE SCHOOL

Loving to Learn, Growing Together, Caring for All

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Dear Parents and Carers,

There have been a huge range of wonderful events taking place, and still to take place before we finish for the Easter holidays. Our amazing dancers are due to take part in a very special performance at the Brewery Dance Festival next week; Class 2 are off to Dallam School for the Indoor Athletics Competition; Class 3 are off to Bowness as part of their learning in geography; Class 2 will be sharing their learning at their special assembly next Friday 28th March; and we have our Easter Service on the last day of term at St. John's at 9.30am.



Taking in the views on Colton Hill



A world of illusions at Camera Obscura

A Day at the Scottish Museum!

Earlier this term, Class 4 enjoyed a wonderful experience in Edinburgh for three days. The exemplarity conduct of everyone in our group was commented on by museum staff and members of the public throughout the visit. During our time there, we visited Edinburgh Zoo, Camera Obscura, The National Gallery of Scotland and much much more; and it was lovely to hear how much they enjoyed the experience at Class 4's recent Celebration Assembly.



Writing postcards home!



Some of our amazing swimming team celebrating with chocolate!

Huge congratulations to all our amazing athletes at the 'Swimathon' recently. Twenty three pupils from across school made up this year's team and swam an incredible 876 lengths in total. FOLS provided them each with a very well-deserved Easter Egg and we look forward to hearing how much they raised – we anticipate this to have been another successful fundraising event for school so thank you everyone for your incredible efforts and your support.

Don't forget to support FOLs 'Pig Racing Event' this weekend, a night not to be missed!

Our Lego League team of 10 children from Class 4 also competed at the South Lakes Area Lego League Championships at Dowdales School in Dalton recently. Their innovation project and presentation were judged in an 'Apprentice'-style gruelling interview; and they took part in several challenges against other schools completing an obstacle course with their self-designed and constructed robotic model. We did not quite make the national finals; but did come away with medals and a trophy, made of Lego of course, for demonstrating the Lego League Core Values throughout the day. It was an incredible team effort and they have all developed so many important core skills for the future.



Class 2 recently enjoyed a fantastic day outdoors at Castle Head site exploring the natural environment with a great team of experts from the centre. Their day included identifying owls from their pellets and dissecting them to determine their last meal; leading a blindfolded partner around the woods; and hunting down and identifying different types of vertebrates.



Mrs Mason's School Quiz:

Huge thanks to Mrs Mason for organising and writing a very challenging animal quiz to get us thinking over the last few months. We have had incredible support from so many in our school and from the wider community; thank you to everyone who distributed the quiz, collected money and completed the quiz. It has raised a staggering £745.80 for our school fund which is used to buy additional resources in school to support all sorts of activities for the children. A great big thank you from all of us!

Staff News:

I am very sorry to share that Mrs Crowder will be leaving us at the end of this term to spend more quality time with family. Over almost two years, Mrs Crowder has been such an invaluable asset to our teaching assistant team, supporting supervision at break and lunch times; serving lunches; and also providing much needed additional support in our classrooms. We are going to miss her very much and I am sure you will want to join with me in wishing her well for a long, healthy and happy retirement.

Mrs Haslam is recovering well and we look forward to welcoming her back at some point in the summer term. In the meantime, if you have any questions or concerns regarding Mrs Haslam's responsibility for SEND, then please speak to your child's class teacher or contact me directly.

Sickness and Diarrhoea:

This is just a little reminder to all our families that when children have incidents of sickness or diarrhoea we have to ensure that we are reducing the risk of infecting others by following guidance from the NHS which clearly states that children should not attend school following the last incident of either diarrhoea or vomiting for 48 hours.

Please follow this link to read some good advice about a range of illnesses and conditions when considering if your child should be in school or stay at home.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>.

School Meals:

I am sorry to share that the price of our school meals will rise from the very start of April due to an increase in costs from our school meals providers Orian. The price of a school meal for all junior and Nursery children will increase to £3.75 per meal. Universal free school meals continue to be available to all Reception and children in Class 2; and of course qualifying older children in the juniors.

Please take a look at the information provided by W+F Council by following this link. You may be entitled to support with school meals and clothing vouchers so it is definitely worth a look:

<https://www.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk/schools-and-education/free-school-meals-and-clothing-vouchers>

School Uniform:

We are really keen to find out how affordable our school uniform expectations are for all our families and will soon be distributing a short survey to you that should take no longer than 10minutes to complete. Your opinions are really valuable to us and we would love to hear your feedback.

Please note, next Pre-loved Uniform will available to take on Wednesday 2nd April from 3pm under the shelter, if you have donations please do bring these in any time from Monday 31st March.

Sports Kit in School:

Please note that from the start of the summer term, pupils are expected to wear their usual PE kit for all sports clubs taking place after school. Thank you for your cooperation.



Don't forget to follow us on Instagram if you haven't already!

Lots of news, including lovely photographs of learning and experiences both in and out of school can also be found on our website blog by following this link:

<https://www.levens.cumbria.sch.uk/school-blog/>

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Please note that we close at 2pm on Friday 4th April and reopen our gates at 8.35am on Tuesday 22nd April after the Easter Bank Holiday weekend.

Wishing everyone a very happy and healthy Easter break when we get there!

With my very best wishes

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jane Farraday".

Jane Farraday

