

The end of a Spring Term that has been largely taken over by further disruption due to COVID! I must thank you all once more for the great way you rallied around when we were placed into the position of having to close to all but critical worker children back at the start of the term – the children do seem to be settling in really well and I have been privileged to see some extraordinary work across school over the past few weeks. We now head into the Easter break with the hope that we will have an uninterrupted Summer Term: Headteachers across Stockton South and the wider Tees Valley have met with local MPs to request a more specific school-oriented roadmap out of the current restrictions that we are working to: it would be lovely to think that the country would be in a position to allow us a little more freedom in school before we break up for Summer. As ever, I will let you know if anything alters in terms of our current systems.

Golden Awards (March 12th and 19th)

- Year 1: Jayati / Esme
- Year 2: Thomas / Harry
- Year 3: Oliver / Alexander
- Year 4: Imogen-Rose / Thomas G-M
- Year 5: Camila / Junior
- Year 6: Cara / Alex W

Well done everyone!

Parent consultations

As outlined in my previous Newsletter, we will be holding video parent consultation meetings (using our existing online booking system) on Tuesday 20th and Thursday 22nd April 2021. The booking system will go live on the morning of Monday 12th April, the first day back after the Easter break. A separate letter has been sent out to parents on this matter. Please get in touch with Mrs Dearlove in the School Office if you experience any issues with the online booking system.

Around the classes

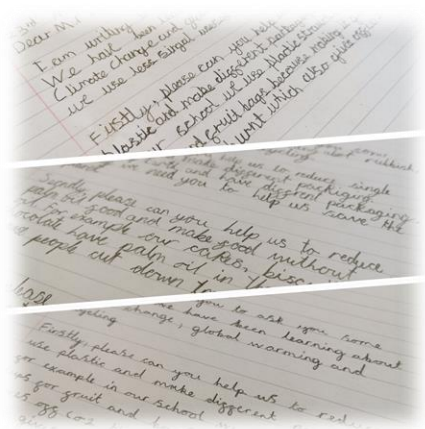
I have had the pleasure of seeing so much amazing work in school over the last couple of weeks. A small selection is shown below:



'Levendale' by Holly in Reception



Moving Easter cards by Y1



Letters to our local MP from Y2

I've also seen fabulous volcano artwork and diary entries from Y3; stunning information texts from Y4 and very detailed perspective drawings from Y6. If you follow us on Facebook or Twitter, you will know what I mean!

Levendale PTA

The PTA have been hard at work organising several great Easter fundraising events and there has been a great take-up of these from you all. Thank you for continuing to support the invaluable work that that PTA do to fund additional resources and experiences for the children that the school would otherwise be unable to afford. I must also thank all the members of the PTA Committee and those who are able to attend meetings for their amazing work.

COVID update

Another Newsletter, another repeated reminder. **Please do not send your children in to school if they display any of the three official symptoms of COVID**, even if you believe the symptoms are indicative of an unrelated ailment. The three symptoms are: an elevated temperature (Government define this as where the chest/back feel hot to the touch, although a temperature of 37.8°C or above remains a useful benchmark), a new persistent cough and/or a loss of taste/smell. A test should be sought at the earliest opportunity. **This also applies to any other member of the household if symptoms are evident: children should not be sent into school where a member of the household is symptomatic until a negative test result has been obtained for that household member.**

Reporting of symptoms/test results can be done either by calling the School Office (01642 783684) or by emailing the dedicated email address that was set up last year: covid@levendale.org.uk.

Over the Easter period, I am obliged to act as an official representative of the national Track and Trace system and therefore must request that any symptoms and/or positive test results for children are reported to my using the dedicated email address as set out above: symptoms and/or positive tests arising over the weekend or into the beginning of next week could, in theory, require me to contact all members of that bubble to request self-isolation; it is therefore crucial that any such symptoms or test results are communicated to me at the earliest opportunity. Thank you.

Mrs Edemenson

Yesterday, we bade farewell to a long-standing member of the Levendale family: Mrs Edemenson has been a member of staff here at Levendale for sixteen years and a parent for even longer. She has been a lunchtime supervisor as well as a very capable swimming assistant during her time here and is now intending to enjoy a very well-earned retirement. I would like to place on record my sincere gratitude to Mrs Edemenson for the commitment and dedication she has offered to Levendale over many many years. We will miss you!

Dates for your diary

March	26	Break up for Easter
April	12	Start of Summer Term 1
	15	Mr Thoburn (Conyers) in school for a Science lesson with Y5.
May	3	May Bank Holiday – school closed
	17-19	Y6 residential at Robinwood
	28	Break up for half-term
June	7	Start of Summer Term
July	16	Break up for summer

Thank you for all your phenomenal support this term – it has been a tough one for all concerned but the Levendale family came good once more!

Have a lovely Easter break, enjoying however you can the slight relaxation of COVID restrictions. We'll see you all back at school on Monday April 12th. Take care of yourselves and each other.



Give your children the very best start to their education: secure a place in our fantastic Early Years provision (Nursery or Reception) for September 2021.
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