

Staffing for September

Our interviews for the Nursery teacher post are taking place today and therefore we are not in a position to announce the newest member of the Levendale family just yet! However, I would like to make you aware of the teaching staff deployment for September elsewhere in school and we will announce the Nursery staffing at a later date.

Nursery:	to be confirmed
Reception:	Mrs Stonehouse
Year 1:	Mrs McMullen & Mrs Whincup
Year 2:	Mrs McFarlane & Mrs Kirk
Year 3:	Miss Waring
Year 4:	Miss Markham
Year 5:	Mrs Butterfield & Mrs Page
Year 6:	Mrs Carnelly

Mrs Butterfield and Mrs Page both submitted flexible working requests to me earlier this year and we have agreed a job-share arrangement for a year in the first instance. This, combined with redeployment elsewhere in school has resulted in the Nursery vacancy arising.

You may have noticed that we are currently advertising for a Level 3 Teaching Assistant post for September as well: this has arisen due to Miss Kerwin taking up the offer of another position at a school elsewhere in Stockton. Miss Kerwin has been with us for nearly five years and has worked incredibly hard in that time, making a huge difference to the children with whom she has worked. Although Miss Kerwin will be with us until early July, I would like to take this opportunity to formally thank her on behalf of everyone involved at Levendale for her incredible work, commitment and good humour during her time with us. She will be very much missed by us all and we wish her well in her new role. THANK YOU!

COVID update

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. **Where a household member has symptoms, all members of the household must isolate in line with Government guidance until a negative result has been obtained.**

Please do not use a lateral flow device test kit for someone who is displaying any of the symptoms of COVID; in these cases, a PCR test must be booked via 119 or the website. Lateral flow tests are only for asymptomatic testing.

As we are about to break up for half-term, I am obliged to remind parents that any symptomatic children should still be reported to me during that period as I act as a representative of the Track and Trace system. Please use the dedicated email address (covid@levendale.org.uk) to make me aware of symptoms and/or positive tests results as I would then have to take the appropriate action after consultation with Public Health.

Y6 and Y4 trips

It has been fantastic to see a little slice of normality coming back into school over the past few weeks: firstly, our Y6s enjoyed a fantastic three days at Robinwood in Cumbria and participated in a range of adventurous activities – everyone thoroughly enjoyed their time there, although there were some tired faces when they returned to school on the Wednesday afternoon!

On Wednesday this week, our Y4s had a trip to Jarrow Hall Museum in South Tyneside and, again, had a great time learning a little more on a trip geared around their Topic work in school.

A Y1 trip to Saltburn is in the offing next half-term and it really is nice to get trips going again after more than a year of being unable to run them!

Dates for your diary

June	7	Start of Summer Term
	18	School Health visits (Reception/Y6)
July	9	Annual reports sent to parents
	10	PTA Summer Festival
	16	Break up for summer
Sept	3	Return to school for Autumn Term



Fantastic quilt patterns from Reception children after reading "Grandpa's Quilt" by Betsy Franco.



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