

The Easter holidays are almost upon us at the time of writing and I'm sure everyone will be looking forward to some family time over the Easter period. I would like to thank my staff across school for their hard work this term (a very difficult one with COVID rates increasing significantly in school) and you as parents, relatives and carers for your continued support for all we do at Levendale.



Staffing updates

In some very exciting news, we have learned recently that Mrs Page is expecting her third child later this year and will therefore be starting her maternity leave at the end of the Summer break. This will have implications for staffing in the first two terms of the 2022-2023 academic year and preparations for this are in hand. I am sure you will share with me in wishing Mrs Page, her husband and their family all the very best!



Mrs Henderson, our incoming Deputy Headteacher, will be taking up post after Easter: current staffing in Y5/6 will continue until the end of the Robinwood week (school week ending May 20th), at which point Mrs Butterfield and Mrs Page will return to their job-share arrangement in Y5 and Mrs Henderson will take over the Y6 class, seeing them through their last couple of months at primary and their transition to secondary school. Mrs Henderson will not have a formal class teaching responsibility for the first four weeks of the Summer term to allow her to get to know the school a little better and to work with the Y6 children alongside Mrs Page for an effective handover.

Green Team updates

Now that things are starting to look a little more normal in school, our Green Team has been reconstituted and the members have been hard at work coming up with all kinds of amazing ideas to promote the 'green' theme throughout school.

Our Green Team members are:

- Y1 – Olivia, Norman
- Y2 – Sadie, Henry
- Y3 – Harry, Ella
- Y4 – Reece, Sam
- Y5 – Isaac, Sofia, Sophie
- Y6 – Hayley, Junior



As part of our Earth Day celebrations on Tuesday 26th April (Earth Day itself falls in the Easter break), the Green Team have asked for everyone in school to wear as much green as possible. They would also like to hold a cake sale in the afternoon and are asking for donations of cakes to be brought into school that morning (please send your children with some money – to be given to teachers that morning – if you would like them to buy cakes). The money raised from the cake sale will be used to sponsor an endangered animal for each class in school. When asked what they intend to do as part of the Green Team, the Y5 and Y6 members said: "We will help to cleanse the environment!", which is no bad thing!

Y3 swimming

In a minor change to dates from the last Newsletter, we will be ending the Y3 swimming block a day early in July to allow for the 'moving up morning' to take place in school on July 8th. This has been confirmed as the day when the majority of our Y6 children will have their Transition Day at Conyers.

Around the classes

Our Y5 children really enjoyed their trip to York a couple of weeks ago, visiting Dig and the Jorvik Centre. Some of our Y5s were also involved in the Stockton Book of the Year programme, with two of our children attending the awards ceremony to receive certificates for Best Book Review and Outstanding Effort.



Our Y2 children enjoyed a trip to the mandir as part of their R.E. work on Hinduism earlier this week.



Y3 did some phenomenal homework on volcanoes and shared their work with the Y2 children.



Science Week posters

We had a lot of fantastic Science Week posters submitted by children from Reception up to Y6 this week, in advance of the judging on Wednesday. The five 'national' winners whose entries will be sent forward to the next round were: Libby (Reception), Emma (Year 1), Hannah (Y2), Seth (Y4) and Isabela (Y5). Class winners were Evie (Reception), George (Y1), Oliver (Y2), Theo (Y2), Alice (Y3), Thomas G-M (Y5) and Francesca (Y6). Well done everyone; thank you to everyone who submitted a poster as they were absolutely amazing!

Dates for your diary

Apr	25	Start of Summer Term 1
	26	Earth Day celebration in school
	27	Y1 parents Phonics Screening Check meeting in school
May		Y2 test period during May
	2	May Day bank holiday
	5	PTA Committee Meeting
	9-12	Y6 SATs
	16-18	Y6 residential – Robinwood
	17	Y1 visit to St Mary Magdalene Church and Yarm Library
	18	Y5 athletics competition
	23	Reception Forest School
	27	Y3/4 Commonwealth Games Quaddkids event
		Break up for half-term
Jun	6	Start of Summer Term 2
	6-10	Y1/2 phonics check week
	6-24	Y4 multiplication check period
	13	School photographs
	17	PD Day – school closed to children
	20	PD Day – school closed to children
	21	Y2 Literacy Trail, Preston Park
	25	PTA Levenfest
	27-30	Y3 swimming
	Jul	1-7
7		PTA Committee Meeting
8		Y6 Conyers transition day 'Moving Up' morning in school
21		Break up for Summer

As new events are organised, these dates will be added to the calendar and parents informed as necessary.

Take care of yourselves and each other. Have a lovely Easter.

Mr Beadnall