



## Levendale Primary School

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NEWSLETTER: 1

8th September 2023

### School Times:

8.55am—3.15pm

### Nursery:

Morning: 8.45-  
11.45am

Afternoon: 12.15—  
3.15pm

### Term Dates:

Tues 5th Septem-  
ber to Tues 19th  
December

### Half Term:

30th October to 3rd  
November

### Remaining PD Days:

Fri 27th October

Fri 16th Feb

Mon 22nd July

Tues 23rd July

## Dear parents and carers,

### Welcome to the new academic year!

It's been wonderful to have the children back at school this week—the place is once again buzzing with enthusiasm and excitement! The children have loved the opportunity to meet up with their friends and settle into their new classrooms.

Our Reception children have come into school brilliantly this week and are settling well.

A big welcome to our new families, I hope that you find this weekly newsletter a useful source of information.

Please take a moment to mark your calendar with important dates, you will find new dates appear weekly on the back page of our newsletter.

We are really looking forward to the opportunities our new school year will bring and staff are already busy planning events for the term.

If you do have any questions or concerns please speak to class teachers or contact our school office: [levendale@levendale.org.uk](mailto:levendale@levendale.org.uk)

Kind regards,

Mrs Lewis

## SEND update—Mrs Lewis will take over as SENDCO

As Mrs Henderson prepares to go on maternity leave in a few weeks, I will be acting SENDCO during her absence. I have experience as a SENDCO and Mrs Henderson and I are working together to ensure a smooth transition sharing knowledge about children who are on the register.

Class teachers will be in touch with all parents, during this half term for parents evening, where children with support plans will have a review.





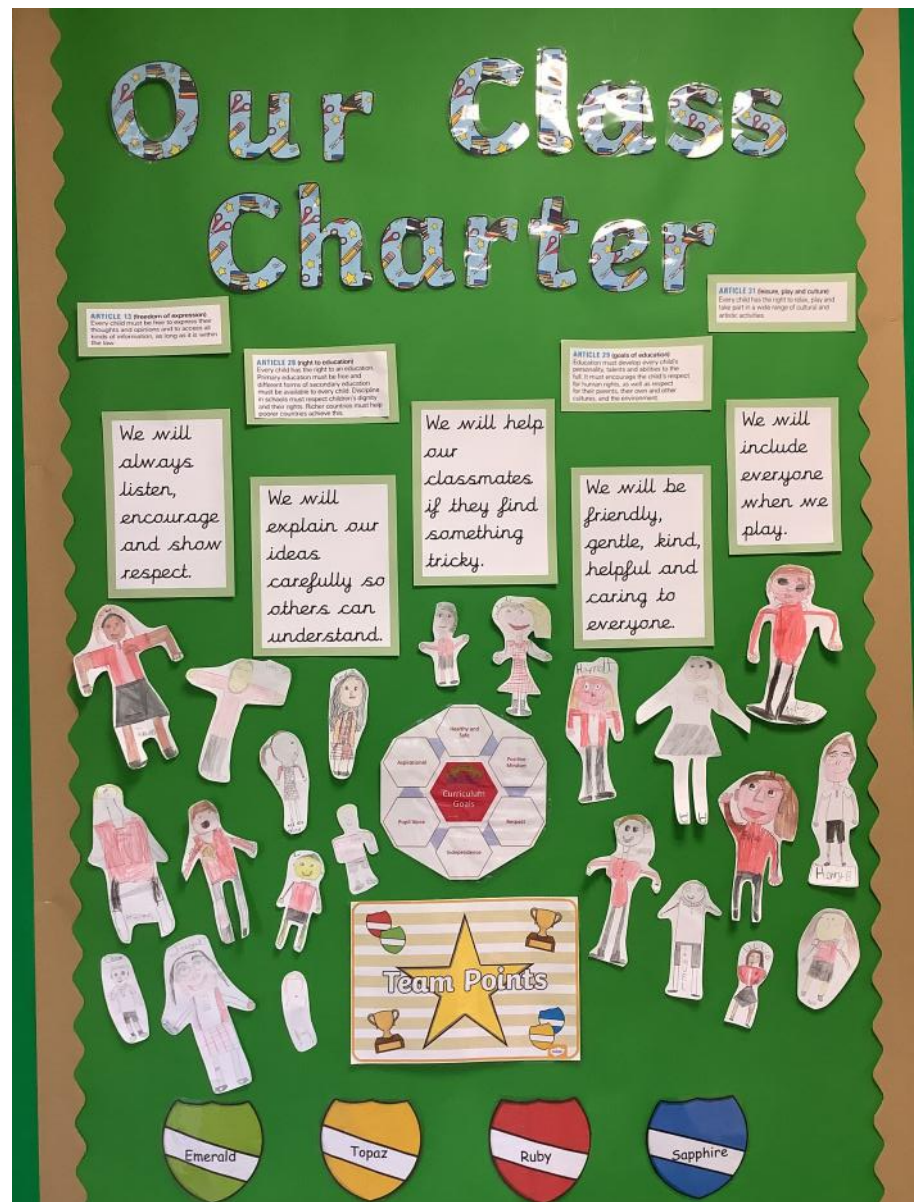
## Rights Respecting Children in Year 4

The children in year four have worked together to create a Class Charter. They looked at and discussed the UN children’s rights, specifically the ones relating to education.

They used these to come up with their own ideas to make sure everyone in Year 4 would be able to be ‘Ready, Respectful and Safe’.

Miss Williams has also been showing Year 4 how to meditate during their RE lesson.

**“Ready,  
Respectful,  
Safe”  
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## Attendance

Being around teachers and friends in school is the best way for a child to achieve their potential. Attendance is an important factor in your child's achievement, well-being and wider development. Evidence also shows that pupils with the highest attendance throughout their time in school, achieve highest results at GCSE and A-level.

If your child's attendance level is falling, we will contact you to explore the reasons and discuss what help can be put in place.

Levendale Primary follows The 1590 Trust attendance policy.

Please remember we cannot authorise holidays, unless they meet our exceptional criteria. For 10 unauthorised sessions (equal to one week) within a 6 week period, we will refer to Stockton Attendance team, which may result in a £60 fine, per child, per parent.

## Y3 Seed Hunt





## Y5 have been investigating letter shape and form for their art module 'Typography'.

Y5 children cut out random shapes from black paper and created their own letters in capitals and lower case, exploring different ways to make letters.

Over the coming weeks, they will explore text fonts and layouts and how these help us to communicate ideas and emotions.





## Year 1 have been busy!



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## Uniform Reminders for September—Please make sure all items are named!

### Nursery:

- Grey/Black trousers or skirt
- White polo-shirt
- Red sweatshirt or cardigan, without a hood
- School summer dresses and black/grey shorts
- Plain, sturdy shoes
- Coat or jacket is needed every day

As nursery often take part in messy activities such as play dough, paint, glue etc. we ask that children do not wear expensive clothing. If required, children may wear black or grey jogging bottoms, to assist independent toileting in nursery. A spare change of clothing is also welcome.

### Reception to Year 6:

- Grey/Black trousers or skirt
- White polo-shirt, shirt or blouse
- Red sweatshirt or cardigan, without a hood
- School summer dresses and black/grey shorts
- Plain black shoes
- Coat or jacket is needed every day
- A book bag and water bottle

### PE:

- Plain Red Shorts (not branded or lycra)
- White T-Shirt
- Plimsolls for indoor, Trainers for outdoor
- Navy or black jogging bottoms (not branded)
- Red sweatshirt/hoodie in case of cold weather

Items do not need to be branded with the school logo. We do have some pre-loved items, please enquire at the office.

### PE timetable

Year group	PE days for this half-term (Autumn 1)	
Nursery	Wednesday	Friday
Reception	Friday	
Year 1	Thursday	Friday
Year 2	Monday	Wednesday
Year 3	Monday	Tuesday
Year 4	Tuesday	Thursday
Year 5	Tuesday	Thursday
Year 6	Monday	Wednesday

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## Diary of Events

We are busy planning events for the children, our families and the local community. We will continue to update this list as the term progresses.

**More information will be provided, closer to the time of events.**

Date	Event
19/09/23	Reception Parents' information session about Phonics—2.30pm in school
20/09/23	Cross Country Trials
21/09/23	Y5&6 Teams only—TAG Rugby
27/09/23	Cross Country Finals
29/09/23	Y4 Rugby Skills at Conyers
W.B 23/10/23	Parents Evening Week in School appointments
W/B 30/10/23	HALF TERM

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