



Levendale Primary School

Mount Leven Road,

Yarm

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School Times:

8.45am—3.15pm

Nursery:

Morning: 9.00-
12.00am

Afternoon: 12.00—
3.00pm

Term Dates:

Tues 3rd Sept—Fri
20th Dec

Spring Term Dates:

Mon 6th Jan—
Friday 11th April.

Feb Half Term:

Mon 24th Feb—Fri
28th Feb

Remaining PD Days:

Thurs 20th Feb

Fri 21st Feb

Mon 21st July

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NEWSLETTER: 14

13th December 2024

Dear parents and carers,

A huge thank you to parents and families this week for supporting our many festive activities. It was a pleasure to have the children at the church on Monday evening, our Year 6's were fabulous and the singing was very special!



Thank you to our amazing PTA who have organised both the Secret Santa shop and Family night in the last week. A lot of hard work went into the planning and organising of these events and we are truly grateful for their efforts.

Some of our children handed over out sponsorship money from the Reindeer Run to Julie, from Teesside Hospice on Thursday.

Thank you so much for your donations.

Lunch Time Supervisor Vacancy



Come and join our caring team!

We have a vacancy for a lunch time supervisor, daily from Monday to Friday, from 12.00 to 1.00pm, term time only. Please contact the office for more details. All vacancies are subject to recruitment procedures and safeguarding checks. Please spread the word!

Christmas Parties

Children will have Christmas Parties next week.

They may bring in their own party tea (no nuts please) and come in non-uniform on the day. Please make sure they have suitable clothing and shoes for outdoor play.



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| Nursery and Reception | Tuesday 17th December a.m. |
| Year 1 and 2 | Thursday 19th December p.m. |
| Year 3 and 4 | Monday 16th December p.m. |
| Year 5 and 6 | Wednesday 18th December p.m. |

Non-uniform Day—Fri 20th

Friday 20th December is the last day of term children are invited to come in non-uniform. They don't need to make a donation for this. Christmas jumpers and attire welcome!

Reminder of August 2024 Attendance Legislation Changes

New legislation came into force on August 19th 2024. These changes affect all unauthorised absence. **Please note that we cannot authorise holidays during term time.**

The following applies:

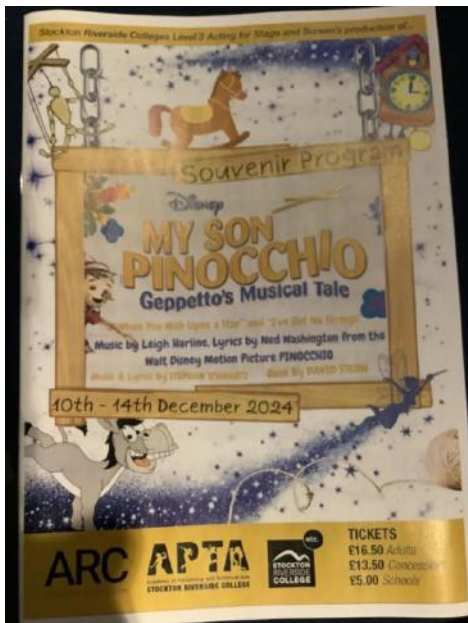
- 10 sessions (equivalent of 5 days) of unauthorised absence within a 10 week period, is referred to the Local Authority
- Only two penalty notices can be issued to a parent, in respect of the same child within a 3-year period, before proceeding for prosecution.
- Schools can refer to the Local Authority, even when parents have not requested Leave of Absence, where there is knowledge of a 10 session holiday taken in term time.
- The first penalty notice fine is £160 (if paid within 28 days) or £80 (if paid within 21 days) per child, per parent. Schools does not receive any of this money.
- If a second penalty notice is issued within the next three years, the fine is £160 to be paid within 28 days. No discount is offered. This is per child, per parent.
- Further absences will proceed for prosecution in the Magistrate Court for the same parent in respect of the same child within 3 years of the date the first penalty was issued.
- There is a system to transfer notice of penalties between schools and local authorities.
- Further information can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-improve-school-attendance?scrybrkr=a3339ffc>

Christmas Dinner

Thank you to Nicola, our lovely cook, and our fabulous lunch time staff who made Christmas Dinner for children and staff this week!

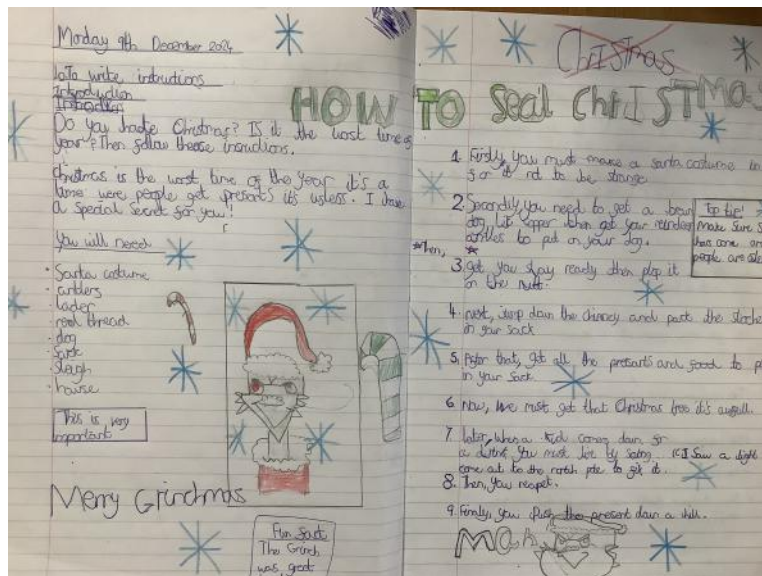
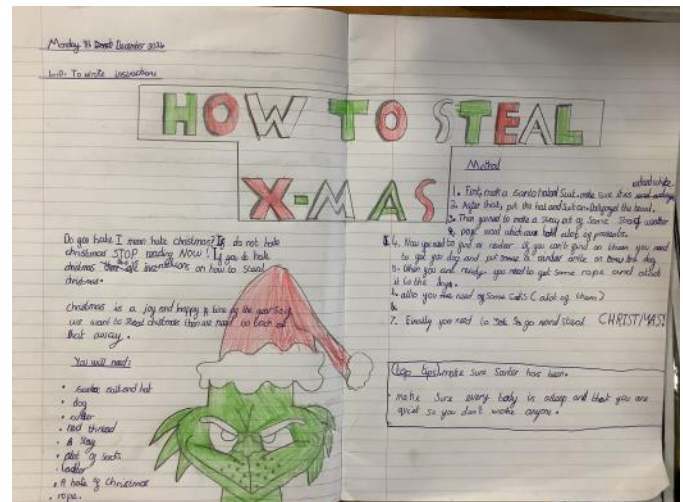
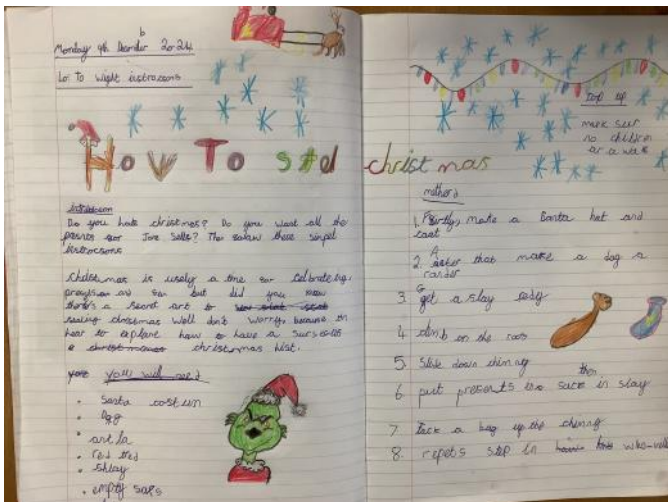
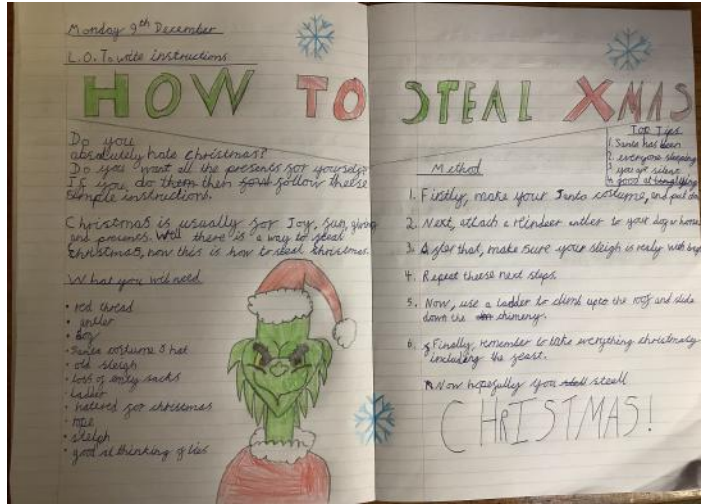
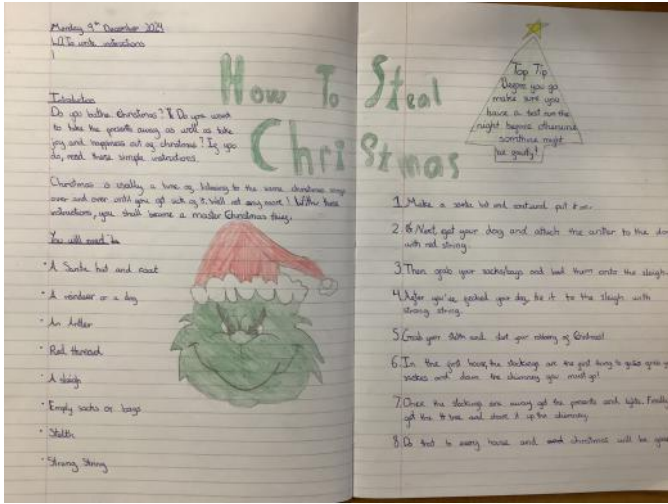


Y1 and Y2 enjoyed watching 'My son Pinocchio!'



Year 5 Writers!

Children in Year 5 have been writing fantastic Grinch-themed instructions of how to steal Christmas, this week!



Levendale Goals

We plan specific opportunities for children to develop key life skills as part of their personal development. We have these displayed around school, celebrate and talk about them with children and teachers plan activities to promote opportunities within lessons.



Levendale Goals

Independence

We try new things, make decisions and learn to do things for ourselves

Aspirations

We set goals, aim high and put effort into everything we do

Respect

We treat others as we want to be treated and celebrate differences

BE THE BEST YOU CAN BE!

Positive Mind-set

We try our best, we learn from mistakes and are proud of our achievements

Healthy and Safe

We care about our physical and mental health and know ways to keep ourselves safe

Pupil Voice

We are involved in decision making and share our ideas in a polite and kind way



HOLIDAYS ARE


FUN

**Free, fun activities for
school age children from
Reception to Year 11.**

To be eligible, families must
be in receipt of benefits-related
free school meals, in receipt of
Universal Credit or experiencing
financial difficulties.

Scan to register:

 www.stockton.gov.uk/haf

 01642 527752

 HAF@stockton.gov.uk





LEVENDALE SCHOOL

Attendance

'Class of the week' celebrates the class with the best attendance each week. The winning class, across the term, will get a treat they can negotiate with their teacher! **Well done to Year 1 this week!**

We will announce the winners next week!

| Attendance | Winners |
|------------|---------|
| Reception | 2 |
| Year 1 | 3 |
| Year 2 | 3 |
| Year 3 | 1 |
| Year 4 | 3 |
| Year 5 | 4 |
| Year 6 | 1 |

RIGHTS RESPECTING READ

ARTICLE OF THE WEEK

As part of our work on being a Silver Rights Respecting School, we would like to share with you our 'Article of the Week'. Each week in school, we discuss an article from the Convention on the Rights of the Child with the children and what this means to them. This week, we have looked at three articles: Article 19, 20 and 21.



Article 19, 20 and 21

Governments must protect children from violence.

When children can't be looked after by their own family, they deserve the right to be looked after properly by other people who respect them.



Achievements

We love to celebrate children’s achievements, including those outside of school. Please let us know at Levendale@levendale.org.uk if your child does something that makes you proud!

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| Evelyn in Y1 | Completed 5m at swimming—Fabulous! |
| Izzy R in Y1 | Was Star of the Week at Starlight Dance Academy—Well done! |
| Anna K in Y2 | Achieved Star of the Week at Diva Dance—Excellent! |
| Evie S in Y6 | Got her Brown Belt at Martial Arts—Super job! |
| Hannah B in Y1 | Was Star of the Week at her dance class—Brilliant! |

Children chosen for Mrs. Lewis’ Advent Calendar for having excellent behaviour this week!



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| 7th December | Priya T in Y2 |
| 8th | Will C in Y3 |
| 9th | Norman R in Y4 |
| 10th | Ethan S in Rec |
| 11th | Jack B in Y2 |
| 12th | Christie D in Y4 |
| 13th | Sienna T in Y5 |



December Birthdays

Happy Birthday month to: Emme B, Esme B, Olivia B, Frankie B, Ali C, Ava C, Alfie C, Oliver C, Noreen E, Grace G, Lucas G-M, Freya H, Amelia K, Holly K, Sophia M, Aoife P, Christopher R, Adriana R-C, and Alisha S.



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 |
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| 16/12/24 | Y3/4 Christmas Party |
| 17/12/24 | EY Christmas Party |
| 17/12/24 | Whole School Pantomime |
| 18/12/24 | Y5 visit to the Care home for carols. |
| 18/12/24 | Y5/6 Christmas Party |
| 19/12/24 | Y1/2 Christmas Party |
| 20/12/24 | Last Day before Christmas Break—non-uniform (Christmas Jumper optional) |
| Mon 6th Jan | Return to school—wraparound open as normal |



Winter Gritting Plan



In the event of icy or snowy conditions, the following routes will be gritted, in order of priority.

In extreme conditions, such as a lot of snow, it may be that only priority one and two would be open for access to school.

Please stick to the gritted paths only, in icy conditions.

As the school day starts at 8.45am, children should not arrive at school before 8.40am, particularly on rainy or icy days, as we are unable to bring them inside of the building, due to Early Bird Wraparound using the main areas in school.

