



Levendale Primary School

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Dear All,

7th September 2018

The end of our first week back after the Summer break: I hope you all enjoyed some quality time with your children over the holidays – they have come back to school looking incredibly smart and seem very keen to get on with things! Some of the shoes I've seen are so shiny, it puts mine to shame. The atmosphere around school is very settled and I have already seen some fantastic examples of manners and effort, particularly from the young children – this is lovely to see and a testament to the work that you do with them at home, thank you. There is not a great deal else to mention at this point, other than make you aware of some dates for your diary and a couple of housekeeping issues. As ever, my door is always open for parents who would like to discuss anything with me, as are the doors of my teaching staff.

PD days

Please be aware that a further PD day has been confirmed for Friday 26th October, leaving one more day to be fixed for this academic year.

PTA

All parents of children in school are automatically members of our PTA, whether or not they attend meetings or get involved in the numerous fund-raising events across the year. One of the most important meetings of the year, the PTA AGM, is coming up on Wednesday 12th September: this meeting allows the PTA to fill the vital Committee roles without which the PTA cannot legally function. It is hugely important that we have a good attendance at the AGM to be quorate and also to fill those Committee roles – this year, Tam Laird (the current Chair) is stepping down and we stand to lose several key Committee members over the next year so some new faces who are keen to be involved in the PTA are desperately needed at the AGM! If you have even the slightest interest in being involved with fundraising for school, please do come along from 6pm to the AGM in school next Wednesday evening – it would be lovely to see you!

Book bus

Instead of a book fair in school this term, we are trialling a Book Bus from the Book People. This will park in the layby outside school on Thursday 20th September and classes will visit on a rota basis across the school day. It will be arriving at 7am and therefore parents can also go on board to buy books from around 8am.

Dates for Your Diary

These are the dates that we currently have on the school calendar. I will inform you as and when other dates are fixed.

September	3	PD DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO CHILDREN
	4	School open for Autumn 1 Crucial Crew trip for Y6
	19	Conyers cluster cross country tournament (Y3, 4, 5, 6)
	20	Book Bus on school grounds for whole day
	21	Jeans for Genes charity day
	26	Conyers cluster tag rugby tournament (Y5, 6)
October 23/25		Parent Consultations – children break up for half-term
	26	PD DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO CHILDREN
November	5	Return to school for Autumn 2
December	21	Break up for Christmas
January	7	Return to school for Spring 1
February	15	Break up for half-term
	25	Return to school for Spring 2
April	5	Break up for Easter
	23	Return to school for Summer 1
May	13-16	SATs for Y6
	24	Break up for half-term
June	3	Return to school for Summer 2
	10-14	Phonics screening checks (Y1 and Y2 resits)
July	19	Break up for Summer
	22/23	PD DAYS – SCHOOL CLOSED TO CHILDREN

Very best wishes,

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(Head Teacher)