

# Lever House Newsletter

Updating you with our school news

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## School News

We cannot believe we are at the end of Spring Term already! It has been an incredibly busy term in school and we have so much to share with you. As I handover to Mrs Dawson for the summer term, I will look forward to keeping up with school through these newsletters and social media and the occasions visits! I hope everyone has a lovely summer term and I look forward to seeing you in September.

Miss Cooper

## Art Week

The new half term began with an exciting Art Week. Each key phase across the school explored a different artist and artistic style, learning about their work, its historical context, and conducting their own research inspired by these approaches.

To round off the week, the children created their very own masterpieces, showcasing everything they had learned. It was a thoroughly enjoyable week for everyone and a fantastic way to kick off the Spring 2 term!

## What our pupils had to say....

*"I enjoyed drawing animals in my sketchbook and using cotton buds to make a dot painting. Mine looked amazing." Lexi in Maple.*



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## Medical Records

Please make sure you inform school of any changes to your child's medical records, including, taking things off like, asthma (no longer needs an inhaler in school)

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LEARNING

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CREATIVITY

3

FUN!

*“We made pots. It was fun and hard at the same time. We used grass, clay and sticks to decorate them.” Fletcher in Horse Chestnut.*

*“I really loved mixing the colours for dot painting. I created a toucan. I wish we could do art week every week as it was very fun.” Ethan in Pine.*



## Y6 Tower Wood

Year 6 had another successful trip to Tower Wood. The weather was better than expected and thankfully, there was no snow this year—just lots of learning and fun!

The trip began with raft building, which required teamwork, listening, resilience and bravery. Of course, this was followed by many of the children throwing themselves into Lake Windermere—brrrr! For the rest of the week, a range of activities took place both on and off site, including tree climbing, kayaking and orienteering and exploring the beautiful Lake District.

Despite the tiredness, the adults assisting on the trip always come back full of praise for our pupils. This year was no different and we are super proud of all they achieved on their final residential with us. Well done Year 6s and a special thank you to all the staff involved.



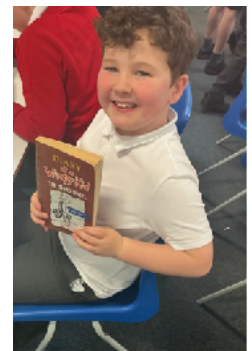
## Fire, Fire!

To kickstart our Spring 2 History topic, “Fire, Fire,” KS1 enjoyed an exciting visit from a historian. She helped us travel back in time to discover what London was like in 1666.

The children learned how the Great Fire of London began and how it spread so quickly through the narrow streets and wooden houses. We also explored key events and people from the time, including the use of fire breaks to help stop the flames spreading and how Samuel Pepys recorded the events in his famous diary. It was a fantastic way to begin our topic and the children thoroughly enjoyed bringing history to life!



## World Book Week



What a fantastic Book Week we had! As always, our World Book costumes were absolutely brilliant. A huge thank you to all of our families for going that extra mile – the children looked incredible.

Crayons even took over our staff in UKS2... it was a very strange (but fun!) day!

Our book swap was a great success and everyone thoroughly enjoyed solving the character clue doors. 📖 ✨

## Hothersall Lodge

Despite the interesting weather, Year 4 have just returned from another hugely successful residential at Hothersall Lodge. What a brilliant few days they had showing a whole lot of determination, resilience (and boy did they need it with the climate), kindness, positivity and buckets full of enthusiasm. The children took part in a range of team building activities, caving, climbing, gorge walking and the quite scary zip-line! They also had the pleasure of some super delicious meals along the way.



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## Year 5 Outdoor Day

In *Kensuke's Kingdom*, written by Michael Morpurgo, Michael must learn to survive on a deserted island. One of the most important things he needs is a shelter to protect him from the wind and rain.

Year 5 took on the challenge of building their own shelters in wet and muddy conditions – just like he might have experienced! It was a fun and memorable way to bring their learning to life.



## Leo's Fundraising

We are very proud to share that a pupil of ours, Leo in Year 1, is taking currently fundraising for Alder Hey following some recent surgery. Leo says he wants to help other children have things like teddies, treats and something to make them smile while they're in hospital.

Leo is a very keen little 'mountain climber'. He climbed England's highest mountain at 4, Scotland's at 5, and is now planning to take on Wales' highest, Snowdonia, during the May half term. You can support Leo by following this link to his Just Giving page - [https://www.justgiving.com/page/leo-dempster-5?utm\\_medium=FR&utm\\_source=CL&utm\\_campaign=020](https://www.justgiving.com/page/leo-dempster-5?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL&utm_campaign=020)



# Sports News

## South Ribble Active Health - Cheerleading

Well done to Rabia, Lilly, Peggy, Neve, Willow and Scarlett who took part in the cheer event at 'Infinity Cheer' this week. They watched and observed lots of cheerleading, took part in a workshop where they learned new skills and then learnt a routine which they performed. All the children had a fantastic time and represented Lever House Primary School brilliantly. Well done!



## Extra Curricular Clubs

EYFS children are thoroughly enjoying their craft club. Considering they have not yet completed a full year at school, they are fantastic at following instructions. Their enthusiasm shines through in every session, and they have already created some beautiful pieces of artwork. A special thank you to Aurora who has volunteered to support Mrs Dawson and Mrs Brindle with the club!



# Health and Wellbeing

Please click the link below to access the 'Family Lives Newsletter'. It contains a wealth of information, including free online courses for parents, as well as guidance and advice on a range of topics.

<https://mailchi.mp/familylives.org.uk/family-lives-newsletter-mar26?e=2b9dc395c7>

## What Parents & Carers Need to Know about GROUP CHATS

Occurring through messaging apps, on social media and in online games, group chats are among the most popular ways that young people engage with their peers online. Involving, by definition, three or more individuals, these groups allow users to send messages, images and videos to everyone in one place. While they are useful for helping friends, people with shared interests or members of a club to communicate and coordinate activities, they can also leave young people feeling excluded and bullied – as well as providing opportunities for inappropriate content to be shared and viewed.

### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

**BULLYING**  
Unkind comments or images which are purposely aimed at an individual can be shared freely in a group chat – allowing and often encouraging others to join in the bullying behaviour. If this content is shared in a group of their peers (especially a larger group), it serves to amplify the hurt, embarrassment, anxiety and isolation that the victim feels.

**SHARING GROUP CONTENT**  
It's important to remember that – while the content of the chat is private between those in the group – individual users can easily share a message, photo or video with others outside of the group or screenshot what's been posted. The risk of something your child intended as private becoming public (and potentially going viral) is higher if there are people they don't know well in the group.

**EXCLUSION AND ISOLATION**  
This common issue with group chats can happen in several ways: starting a new group, for instance, but deliberately excluding a certain child. Likewise, the chat may take place on an app which one child doesn't have access to, meaning they can't be involved. A child can also feel isolated when a group chat is used to discuss or share images from an event that everyone else but them attended.

**UNKNOWN MEMBERS**  
Within larger group chats, it's more likely your child will be communicating with people they don't really know. These strangers may be friends of the host, but not necessarily friendly toward your child. It's wise for young people not to share personal details and stay aware that they have no control over the messages and images they share after they've put them online.

**INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT**  
Some discussions in group chats may include inappropriate words, swearing and unsuitable images or videos. These could be viewed by your child if they are part of that group, whether they actively engage in it or not. Some chat apps have a disapprove, message function, so your child may be unable to report something they've seen because it can only be viewed once or for a short time.

**NOTIFICATIONS AND FOMO**  
A drawback of large group chats is the sheer number of notifications. Every time someone in the group messages, your child's device will be 'pinged' with an alert; potentially, this could mean hundreds of notifications a day. Not only is this highly distracting, but young people's fear of missing out on the latest conversation results in increased screen time as they try to keep up with the chat.

### Advice for Parents & Carers

**CONSIDER OTHERS' FEELINGS**  
Group chats are often an arena for young people to gain social status. This could cause them to do or say things on impulse, which could upset others in the group. Encourage your child to consider how other people might feel if they engaged in this behaviour. If your child does upset a member of their group chat, support them to reach out, show empathy and apologise for their mistake.

**GIVE SUPPORT, NOT JUDGEMENT**  
Remind your child that they can confide in you if they feel bullied or excluded in a group chat, instead of responding to the person who's upset them. Validate their hurt feelings and help to put them back in control by discussing how they'd like to handle the situation. On a related note, you could also empower your child to speak up if they're in a chat where others are being picked on.

**BLOCK, REPORT AND LEAVE**  
If your child is in a chat where inappropriate content is being shared, advise them to block the users sending the material, report them to the host app or platform and exit the group. If any of this content could be putting a minor at risk, contact the police. Emphasise to your child that it's OK for them to simply leave any group chat that they don't feel comfortable being a part of.

**PRACTISE SAFE SHARING**  
In any online communication, it's vital for young people to be aware of what they're sharing and who might potentially see it. Discuss the importance of not revealing identifiable details like their address, their school or photos that they wouldn't like to be seen widely. Remind them that once something is shared in a group, they lose control of where it may end up and how it might be used.

**AVOID INVITING STRANGERS**  
Sadly, many individuals online hide their true identity to gain a child's trust – for example, to gather information on them, to exchange inappropriate content or to coax them into doing things they aren't comfortable with. Ensure your child understands why they shouldn't add people they don't know to a group chat – and, especially, to never accept a group chat invitation from a stranger.

**SILENCE NOTIFICATIONS**  
Having a phone or tablet bombarded with notifications from a group chat can be a massive irritation and distraction – especially if it's happening late in the evening. Explain to your child that they can still be part of the group chat, but that it would be healthier for them to turn off or mute the notifications and catch up with the conversation at a time which better suits them.

**Meet Our Expert**  
Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



## Office News



### Miss Hutchinson

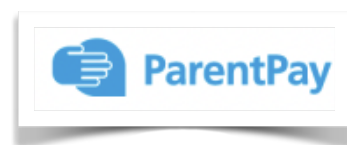
Goodbye to Miss Hutchinson who has left us this term to pursue a career outside of school. I am sure you will join us in wishing her all the best for the future!

## Welfare Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy on our welfare team. The post is for 1 hour everyday, Monday - Friday. Please speak to our school office if you are interested in applying.

## Parent Pay

Can all parents please ensure that they keep their ParentPay accounts up to date throughout the year. Please don't hesitate to contact the school office with any queries.



## Fundraising made Easy!

Please remember to use easyfundraising every time you shop online! Over 7,000 brands will donate, so you can raise FREE donations for us no matter what you're buying. These donations really help us out, so please sign up if you haven't yet. **It's easy and FREE!**



You can get started at [https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friends-of-leverhouse-primary-school/?utm\\_campaign=raise-more&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_content=rm-en-n2](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friends-of-leverhouse-primary-school/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_medium=email&utm_content=rm-en-n2)

## Pupil Premium/Free School Needs

Please have a read of our Pupil Premium page on our new website to see if your children are eligible for Free School Meals and Pupil Premium funding. All children in EYFS/Y1 and Y2 are entitled to Universal Free School Meals but they may be eligible for Pupil Premium funding as well (<https://www.leverhouse.net/page/?title=Pupil+Premium&pid=19>)

The link to apply is: [https://www21.apps.lancashire.gov.uk/w/webpage/2047GBLSM1?context\\_record\\_id=1839187&webpage\\_token=0d4327ceb6a7b04a99393221d0f6edb03a22a2f3c06284eb6c6190a495b3f070](https://www21.apps.lancashire.gov.uk/w/webpage/2047GBLSM1?context_record_id=1839187&webpage_token=0d4327ceb6a7b04a99393221d0f6edb03a22a2f3c06284eb6c6190a495b3f070)

## We are a Nut Free School

Like most schools, Lever House is a nut free school. We have several staff members and pupils who are allergic to nuts and could have a serious reaction if they came into contact with them. **Please remember not to send any nut products to school, including Nutella.**



## Key Dates:

*Details for any event will be sent by email - please contact the school office if you have any queries.*

### March:

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| Friday 27th: | EYFS Class Assembly                                                        |
| Friday 27th: | Chocolate Egg Raffle Draw                                                  |
| Friday 27th: | School closes for the Easter Holidays <b><u>(NO After School Club)</u></b> |

### April:

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| Monday 13th:    | School opens to all pupils         |
| Monday 13th:    | Y5 and Y6 Tennis Festival          |
| Friday 17th:    | Pine Class Assembly                |
| Wednesday 22nd: | Lancashire Sings @ Preston (choir) |
| Tuesday 28th:   | LKS2 Roman Day (in school)         |
| Tuesday 28th:   | Lancashire Hospitals Superhero Day |
| Thursday 30th:  | Mad Science Assembly               |

## May:

Friday 1st:	LKS2 Roman Day (in school)
Tuesday 5th:	EYFS Open Classroom
Monday 11th:	KS2 SATS Week
Friday 15th:	Maple Class Assembly
Mon 18th - Friday 22nd:	Sports Week
Monday 18th:	KS1 Open Classroom
Friday 22nd:	Cedar Class Assembly
Friday 22nd:	Break up for half term

## June:

Monday 1st June:	School reopens to pupils
Monday 1st - Friday 5th:	Y6 Charity Week
Wednesday 3rd:	Year 1 trip to the zoo
Thursday 4th:	Year 2 trip to the zoo
Friday 12th:	EYFS Beacon fell Trip
Thursday 18th:	Y6 STEM Day @ Preston College
Monday 22nd:	Dance from the Heart
Tuesday 23rd:	UKS2 Ancient Egypt Day (in school)
Wednesday 24th:	UKS2 Ancient Egypt Day (in school)
Friday 26th:	INSET Day - School closed to all pupils