



Newsletter

Thursday 2nd March 2017

Together We Can

**Attendance to date this term
93.7%**

A word from Mrs Mitchell

Welcome back to what is shaping up to be a busy and exciting half term. Here's hoping spring has sprung!

Well done to Graci, Brianna and Rufus for being our first 'shining examples' - see page two!

I would like to start giving out 'headteacher' awards to our lovely staff for displaying exceptional commitment to our values ~ if you have any nominations or comments you would like to make about our staff for whatever reason that may be; showing passion, going above and beyond, showing exceptional kindness, commitment, dedication, hard work etc. then please drop me or Mrs Mortimer a line. Staff love to feel valued too!

Please can I remind you that we are still looking for volunteers, especially to listen to children read.

Our Viking day is only a week away - please let Mrs Mortimer know if you would like to join us for lunch. Dressing up is optional - but more fun!!

Finally, we are having an Easter Concert on Friday 31st March at 10am until approx. 10.45am- all parents welcome.

We are all having a fantastic World Book Day - some pictures will be on our website soon.

Thanks
Sian Mitchell



Dates for your Diary

7th March - Yr 5 taster day at Norton College

8th March - Viking Day/Lunch

9th March - Seeing is Believing Morning

10th March - Dodgeball

17th March - Dads & Lads Day

22nd March - Easter Experience for Y2&3

23rd March - FoLS Pamper Evening

24th March - Mothers day lunch

31st March - Easter Concert

6th April - Easter Lunch

7th April - End of Term.

This half term our theme is 'Who were the Vikings?' and to launch this topic we are holding a VIKING DAY on Wednesday 8th March.

The day will be organised into a range of writing, drama, sport and art and design based activities that the children will all take part in. We would like to invite children to come dressed up as Vikings if they wish. However, there is no obligation to do so as we appreciate we have just had the ugly bug ball and world book day is the week before.

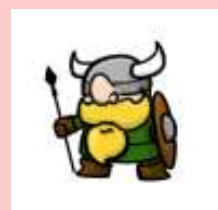
At lunchtime we will be hosting a Viking Feast and would like to invite parents along to this. The cost for parents is £2.76. Please book your meal in advance with Mrs Mortimer and pay through ParentPay.

The feast will consist of:

Thick Beef Stew with Dumplings
Veggies
Crusty Bread to dip

Oaty Flapjack
Cheese and Grapes

We are looking forward to a fun packed day of Viking antics.



Contact Details

It is imperative that I have correct email and mobile numbers for you - please ensure any changes to your details are given to the office as soon as possible.

Please email admin@leavening.n-yorks.sch.uk with any comments about this newsletter.

Well done to everyone who came dressed up for our Ugly Bug Ball last term.

The winners were - Lydia England, George Stone and Riley Tinson.



Shining Examples!



We want to acknowledge and highlight how our pupils show qualities of our 3 values so our 'Shining examples' will be a regular feature on our newsletters.

Aim high so everyone can shine + Live and learn beyond the classroom + Care, share and belong.

This week's shining examples are :- **Graci Wood, Brianna Renn and Rufus Pegrum.**



Graci and Brianna spent half term baking and selling cakes in their community to raise money for charity. Such kind and thoughtful acts highlight our value of '**care, share and belong**'.

Rufus embodies our value of '**aim high so everyone can shine**'. He competes for City of York Athletics Club in their U11 boys cross country team. He trains twice a week at the athletics track at the University of York and is currently U11 Boys 'Most Improved Athlete'. He is aiming to win the 'City of York Summer League' event this year, and will be competing in 3 events over 4 meetings: 600 metres, 70m and shot put. He also plays football for U10s York City Academy team with a 2 hour training session twice a week and a match every Sunday! Wow!

Please encourage your children to share more examples of things they may have done at home that links in with our values so we can share their wonderful achievements with you all.

Vacancy for MSA & Relief MSA

As you all know, Mrs Spencer is leaving us at Easter. This means we have a vacancy for an MSA (midday supervisory assistant). The role would be for 5 hours a week (12noon - 1pm each day). We also require a relief MSA who could be called upon at short notice to cover for absence or sickness. The purpose of an MSA is to work alongside all members of the staff team to secure a caring and safe environment during the midday break.

The key responsibilities are:-

Communicate effectively with all children and staff.

Know that communication is a two way process.

To assist with the service of the meal, including distribution of food, clearing spills, supervising eating of packed lunches.

To help with the removal of food and equipment.

To help children play well together

Participate in the school's appraisal scheme. and in training and other learning activities and performance development as required.

Provide support and encouragement to all children.

Resolve minor disputes between pupils.

To supervise the playground area, playing fields, cloakrooms, classrooms etc,

Dealing with minor first aid incidents, following appropriate procedures for recording and reporting.

Please contact Mrs Mortimer or Mrs Mitchell if you are interested in either of the above posts.

Friends of Leavening School Pamper Evening

Ladies and lasses, you are all invited to our newly launched pamper evening at Leavening school. Come and be treated to a relaxing evening where you can indulge in wine and nibbles, new nails, new hair, and a massage to end the evening with a slice of calm. It is all provided by local professionals and businesses at very reasonable prices to help raise money for our school.

You all deserve it, so ring up your best pal, mum, sister, mother-in-law, auntie and granny and bring them along

7pm - 10pm 23rd March 2017

In Leavening School Hall

Put the date in your diary—more info to follow

Valentine Disco

Thank you to everyone who attended/helped at the disco — we had an amazing turn out. 50 children attended and we raised £150 for school.

THANK YOU FOLS!!

FoLS will be organising an Easter Egg trail on Saturday 1st April 10am - 12noon. More info to follow.

Please familiarise yourselves with our governors—

<p>Headteacher - Mrs Sian Mitchell</p> <p>I have been headteacher at Leavening since September 2012. This was my first headship and I was adamant that I wanted to start this vocation in a small school where I had a flexible teaching role so I could lead by example and instil a culture of 'teaching with passion' throughout the school! Every day brings a new challenge that I embrace and I feel very fortunate to be headteacher of such a thriving school. My</p>	
<p>Chair of Governors - Dr Neil Audsley</p> <p>I have been Chair of Governors for 12 years now and a member of the Governing Body for even longer. My two teenage sons attended Leavening School.</p>	
<p>Staff Governor - Mrs Anoushka Farnhill</p> <p>I have been a staff governor since 2014. I represent the staff team in this role.</p>	
<p>Co opted Governor - Mr Peter Whittell</p> <p>A retired national newspaper journalist, living in Birdsall. Two of his grandchildren were educated at Leavening school. A founder member of Leavening Community Sport, the body set up by governors to create the school MUGA.</p>	
<p>Co opted Governor - Mrs Lindsay Harrison</p> <p>I have been a governor for two and a half years. At present, I sit on the finance committee. I currently work in adult education teaching English to GCSE. 30 years ago my own children enjoyed the benefits of a small village school education. That school was threatened with closure but the parents fought to keep it open and I am keen to see Leavening school continue to thrive.</p>	
<p>Co opted Governor - Mrs Anna Rose-Adams</p> <p>I am a mother of three children at the school. I am the link governor for both Early Years and Special Educational needs. I joined the governing body in June 2016.</p>	
<p>LA Governor - Mr David Sharpe</p> <p>I have been a Local Authority governor at Leavening School for 10 years. For the current year, I am a member of the Tracking and Head teacher's Performance Management committees</p>	
<p>Parent Governor - Mrs Juliette Stone</p> <p>I have been a parent governor for almost three years now. I have found it a very rewarding and valuable experience. It is a pleasure to be a part of this vibrant and successful primary school. I am currently on the Curriculum and Tracking Committee. I work in an Architects Practice in Malton.</p>	
<p>Parent Governor - Ms Rebecca Lee</p> <p>I'm a Mum of 4 children and have been a Parent Governor for 2 years and I'm also Maths Link Governor. I'm a qualified Primary School Teacher.</p>	
<p>Parent Governor/Vice Chair - Mr Alan Ockenden</p> <p>With two children at Leavening school I joined the Governing Body in Feb 2016 as a parent governor, I currently sit on the Finance and Health & Safety sub committees as well as being the Safeguarding link governor.</p>	
<p>Parent Governor - Mr James Robinson</p> <p>I have been a parent governor for 2 years and have 3 children at the school. I live in Norton. At work I am a barrister based in York.</p>	

IMPORTANT Parent E-Safety Information

We take children's safety very seriously, especially when it comes to using various technological devices that are linked to the internet. We would like to remind you again about the recommended advice to follow.

Some issues related to primary pupils using the internet are;

- Using mature social networking sites such as Facebook and Instagram.
- Using technology such as mobile phones and webcams appropriately.
- Sharing personal information with others they don't know.
- Accessing inappropriate content.
- Being cyberbullied by others on the internet.

Playing video games that have an adult rating such as Call of Duty and Grand Theft Auto.

YouTube Guidance

We would like to make you aware of some guidelines regarding YouTube to ensure you are involved in keeping your child safe online. Our Advice:

- **LOOK AT YOUR CHILD'S PHONE/TABLET/DEVICE REGULARLY**
- **VIEW EVERY VLOG (ONLINE VIDEO DIARY) THAT YOUR CHILD POSTS**
- **YOUTUBE CHANNELS ARE FOR CHILDREN AGED 13 AND OVER.**

Considerations:

If your child has a YouTube channel is it open for anyone to view? We actively discourage replying to comments from unknown people.

If your child is posting vlogs online ask: Have I seen it? Do I approve of it?

Make sure that you are aware of what your child is saying: No full names should be mentioned in the vlog (especially of friends, they might not have given permission).

Make sure your child doesn't give out the name of the school (or even post a vlog when wearing school uniform).

Make sure that your child does not talk about their home address or show images which could lead to someone finding out where they live.

When watching YouTube channels:

YouTube is a wonderful source of information and we use it at school in our teaching. We do not discourage use of watching channels and finding information.

Encourage subscription to vloggers (that you approve of) rather than allowing your child to randomly search through all YouTube has on offer.

Check your child's account regularly. Chat about what they are viewing.

Keep asking the question 'Do I approve of this?'

Discourage your child from commenting on unknown sites.

The vital message we would like to highlight is that primary aged children need to know they should speak to a responsible adult if they feel worried about something relating to the internet. The resources below are to help pupils and parents know and understand how to ensure devices are safer to use.

Please click the following link to show you how important it is to keep personal information to yourself and to put privacy settings on internet sites.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_o8auwnJtqE

Thinkyouknow- <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

Childline- <https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abusesafety/online-mobile-safety/staying-safe-online/>

CBBC Stay Safe- <http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/shows/stay-safe>