



Together We Can

**Attendance to date this term
95.2%**

Dates for your Diary

10th February - Dads & Lads Day
13th & 14th February - Parent Evenings
14th & 15th February - Bikeability Yr 5/6
14th February - Ugly Bug Ball/Valentine lunch
16th February - Valentine Disco
20th February - Half term
2nd March - World Book Day/Cross Country
7th March - Yr 5 taster day at Norton College
9th March - Seeing is Believing Morning
17th March - Dads & Lads Day/Last Forest School
22nd March - Easter Experience for Y2&3
23rd March - FoLS Pamper Evening
24th March - Mothers day lunch
6th April - Easter Lunch
7th April - End of Term.

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Newsletter

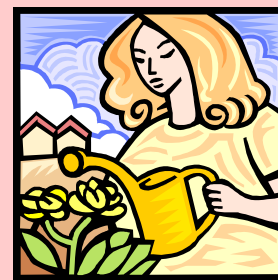
Thursday 9th February 2017

Landing Party of our topic 'How does your garden grow' - Ugly Bug Valentine Ball on Tuesday 14th February.

Pupils are invited to come to school dressed as mini beasts/creepy crawlies or a garden themed object.

There will be prizes for the pupils who have put the most effort into their costumes. We would also ask if

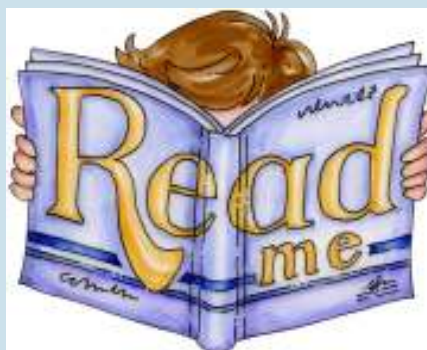
girls could bring savoury party treats and boys bring sweet for the party. If we could have donations of small items for our garden project as well, that would be brilliant. Anything garden based—a small plant, a plant pot, packet of seeds, a trowel etc.



World Book Day

To celebrate World Book Day this year (**THURSDAY 2ND MARCH**) we will be having a day of 'booky' fun. Children are being invited to 'bring your favourite book character alive' in fancy dress for a £1 donation. For every £2 donated, Book Aid International will send a book to a school in South Africa.

There will also be parent assembly at 2.45pm which will be hosted by Conkers (all parents are welcome, though).



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SAINSBURYS VOUCHER SCHEME

We are collecting the Sainsburys vouchers again this year—there is a box in reception.



Please can we be clear that if your child is absent from school due to diarrhoea and/or sickness they must be clear for **48 hours** before returning to school. This is to minimise the spread of infection around school.

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.

Growth Mindset

Following the success of the original parent session on growth mindset on 1st February, I will be offering the same workshop to parents on **Monday 27th February at 9am - 10am** for those parents who find a morning easier to attend.

This workshop will show you how we are working to ensure that our pupils all go about their day to day learning with an open mindset and how we are developing and promoting the culture of growth mindset versus fixed mindset in our pupils. The session will give you the theory behind growth mindset in children, as well as it's benefits. In addition to this, we will offer you practical ways that we do this in school and ways you can support this at home.

If you would like to attend this workshop, please let us know by Friday 17th February - remember to put in your diaries as it is the first Monday back after half term! If there are less that 5 interested parents the workshop will not go ahead.

Thank you

Wrap around care

Last term I sent out a survey with the aim of gathering your views and details on potential interest and your family requirements for wrap around care at school; more specifically a breakfast club and an after school club. The deadline for responses was extended and several reminders were given for parents to provide us with your views.

We received 14 responses out of a possible 45 and within these 14 responses, 3 parents said they would require after school club provision (occasionally) and 1 parent indicated they would use the breakfast provision. As you can appreciate, these numbers are not representative of a significant interest in wrap around care in order for it to be cost effective, therefore, at the moment we will not be pursuing this any further. That is not to say that in the future we would not review this and look into this provision again. Sian Mitchell

Well done to our brilliant team who took part in the swimming gala this week—we came a very respectable 7th out of 10. We all enjoyed the games and the gala atmosphere at the pool. Thank you to Norton Primary School for organising the event.

Lateness

National statistics show that poor time keeping seriously affects a young person's chance of achieving their full potential. Arriving late may mean that your child misses important instructions for the day and can lead to feelings of isolation and disengagement from learning. In addition to this, the first ten minutes of the school day (9am – 9.10am) is a crucial learning time slot, where pupils respond to feedback from teachers and are told their next steps in learning for the day.

Please can you ensure your child arrives at school in plenty of time to attend registration at 9am. Gates are open from 8.45am and the bell rings at 8.55am, giving children time to hang coats etc before registration at 9am. Please note that arrival after the close of registration (9.10am) is classed as an unauthorised absence. Under the Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2006 these absences could be used as evidence against you if legal action were to be considered by the Local Authority under Section 444 of the Education Act 1996. **If your child is late into school for whatever reason you must accompany them into school and sign the late register in reception.**

Our attendance policy can be viewed on our website.

On a similar note – our school day ends at 3.15pm. Please collect your child promptly at 3.15pm. We realise there will be the odd unavoidable occasion where you will be late collecting your child—if this is the case please telephone school to let us know. Thank you.

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 wonderful 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

Friends of

Leavening School

Valentine Disco

Thursday 16th February

6pm –8pm

The disco is for the whole school—FoLS would welcome and encourage parents of younger children to stay with their child.

£3.00 entry to include hotdog, drink and cake

A word from Mrs Mitchell

Lovely Volunteers Wanted!

We would be really keen to welcome parents/family/community members into our school to help out as little or as often as you can. We understand that you are all busy but if you do have an interest in getting more involved in school and seeing the learning opportunities that happen at Leavening, we would love to have you! Volunteer support is seen as a huge help and you can offer to volunteer in any of the following areas of learning:

- Listening to pupils **read**. Our pupils LOVE to read to adults. The older the pupils get, the less opportunity there is for teachers to listen to pupils 1:1 as regularly as we would like due to the demands of the national curriculum. All pupils are listened to read in various other ways throughout the school day/week but 1:1 reading really does make children feel special and is something they love. Could you spare even 1 hour a week to help us out with this?
- Helping out at **Forest School** sessions. Do not fear, the expectation is not for you to go into the depths of the forest whilst having responsibility for a large number of children but would simply be to assist the teacher and teaching assistant and act as 'another pair of hands' and enjoy the activities that are on offer.
- Helping out on a Funky Friday with either sport, music or art.

We would love volunteers to come and help out with any age group they feel most comfortable with! We would ensure that we spent adequate time with you having a chat about what is needed and giving you practical strategies to support pupils so you do not feel in the dark! Be assured that our school is a friendly and welcoming place and we even have posh coffee!

If this is something that you would be interested in, please come and have a chat with me. Like I said, there is no obligation to commit to certain days or times each week and this help could be on a flexible basis that suits you.

Please also feel free to pass on this 'plea' to the local community as it is lovely for our pupils to interact with them, especially older members of the community. Please be assured that all volunteers have to undergo a DBS check (which the school will arrange) and safeguarding remains our priority. If I don't get a sudden influx of parents, I will be hunting you out on the playground and smiling sweetly at you!

Thanks in anticipation,
Sian Mitchell

What is a classroom helper?

Classroom helpers volunteer to assist teachers on a regular basis, usually in primary schools. They help with tasks like listening to pupils read. Reading practice is very labour-intensive, and helpers can make a big difference to teachers and children.

Classroom helpers are often, but not always, parents of children at the school and are not the same as classroom assistants, who are paid staff.

The role of classroom helper

Classroom helpers usually commit to spending regular slots of time in school each week. This time can vary from half an hour to half a day at most.

Classroom helpers make a big difference in improving standards. Even if you're not helping in your child's class, research shows that having a parent who volunteers improves a child's experience of school. This may be because you're more 'plugged in' to school and know what goes on during their day. It's a great way to get behind the scenes.

TERM DATES FOR 2017-18

	Break up	Return
Summer	Friday 21 st July 17	Tuesday 5 th September 17
Half Term	Friday 20 th October 17	Monday 30 th October 17
Christmas	Friday 22 nd December 17	Tuesday 9 th January 2018
Half Term	Friday 9 th February 18	Monday 19 th February 18
Easter	Thursday 29 th March 18	Tuesday 17 th April 18
May Day	Monday 7 th May 18	
Half Term	Friday 25 th May 18	Monday 4 th June 18
Summer	Friday 20 th July 18	To be arranged.

Training days

Monday 4th September 17
Monday 8th January 18
Monday 16th April 18
Monday 23rd July 18
Tuesday 24th July 18

Bank Holidays

25th & 26th December 17
1st January 18
30th March 18
2nd April 18
7th & 28th May 18