



*Together We Can*

**Attendance to date this term  
96%**

## Dates for your Diary

- 23rd May - Oak Trees to Ampleforth
- 24th May - Leavening/Langton Maths Day
- 25th May - Mrs Ray's Leaving Assembly 9.30am
- 25th May - End of Term.
- Monday 4th June - Return to School.
- 5th June - Oak Trees Countryside Day
- 25th June - KS2 Cross Country
- 27th June - Warriors/World Cup Day
- 28th June - Yr 5 to Malton Secondary
- 29th June - Sports Day
- 3rd July - Jumble Sale 2pm/Peat Rigg KS2 Parent Meeting
- 4th July - Beaumont's Recycling
- 6th July - Reserve Sports Day
- 13th July - Swimming Gala at Ampleforth
- 17th July - End of year production
- 20th July - last day of term/leavers assembly/leavers lunch/Yr 6 V Parents rounders match
- 1st August - Warriors 2pm—4pm.

### Attendance by year group to date this academic year -

- Rec - 87.9%
- Year 1 - 96.6%
- Year 2 - 94.4%
- Year 3 - 96.3%
- Year 4 - 92.3%
- Year 5 - 96.2%
- Year 6 - 93.3%

# Newsletter

Thursday 17th May 2018

## A final word from Mrs Ray.....

As I write my last piece for the Leavening newsletter it has given me an opportunity to reflect on my brief time at Leavening since September. I have loved getting to know all the children and working with all the staff. Memories of the Christmas nativity play still makes me smile and the Leavening dog show will most definitely make it into my headteacher memoirs if I ever get round to putting pen to paper!

On top of that I have been impressed with how hard the children have worked, topped off with a fantastic attitude from Yr 6 this week for the SATS.

We are all looking forward to the Royal tea party tomorrow and the Maths swap day next week.

Thanks to the Leavening team of staff, who have all really worked together and, despite me only being around half of the week, their team spirit has meant this shared headship arrangement has worked out very well.

Thank you all for having me. I wish the school all the very best for the future and I know that Mrs Mitchell and the dedicated board of governors will continue to work hard to ensure that Leavening children get the best out of their primary years.

Best wishes, Rachel Ray

## A word from Mrs Mitchell.....

Hello!

The summer is upon us and soon my Mondays to Fridays will no longer consist of nappies, teething and toddler tantrums as I'll be back at Leavening full time from Monday 4th June.

I have absolutely loved my maternity leave with Beatrix and Felicity and, despite being full-on, it has allowed me time to step back and reflect on my career and my other passion in life; my job, my school and the pupils of Leavening.

I am looking forward to returning at an exciting point in the year. A time full of promise, challenge and opportunities.

This week, as I was in school administering SATS with Mrs Milson, I proudly sat scanning the room and looking at the concentration and determination on the faces of the Y6 pupils; the same pupils who were in Y1 during my first year of headship at Leavening. Seeing what remarkable, confident and happy children they all are gives me a real sense of pride (and a lump in my throat!) at what we've achieved over the last six years. That is what primary school is all about and I believe Leavening Primary School really does fulfil its vision of 'Together We Can'. I am so proud of, and thankful to, all my staff who have kept the school's vision at the forefront of their work this year. They have continued to ensure the best education and opportunities for all pupils under the committed leadership of Mrs Ray.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a heartfelt thank you to Mrs Ray for doing such a fabulous job since September. Mrs Ray and I have a strong working relationship and I look forward to continuing the links between both schools.

Particular thanks to Mrs Mortimer who, as always, keeps things running.

Finally, thanks to the wonderful pupils at Leavening who genuinely are the loveliest children I have ever taught. I look forward to seeing you all in June.

Happy half term! Sian Mitchell

## 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](mailto:admin@leavening.n-yorks.sch.uk) with any comments about this newsletter.

## Royal Tea Party Tomorrow

On Friday 18th May at 9.30am—10.45am we will be holding a tea party to celebrate the Royal Wedding. Oak Trees will be organising the event themselves with refreshments, decorations etc and would really appreciate donations of cakes, biscuits and sandwiches.

Children will be able to come to school dressed in red, white or blue if they wish.

All parents, grandparents and other family members are invited to join us for this special event.

Tickets will be available on the day at a cost of £2 each—all money raised will go towards buying books and other resources for the school.

### **Acklam Sports and Gymkhana**

**Saturday 2nd June 2018**

Equestrian events, terrier racing, sheep sheering, stalls, sheaf throwing, bake off and many more exciting attractions to be announced.

There is an art competition. The theme is sports and the age groups are: nursery, year 1,2 & 3 and year 4,5 & 6 and secondary. Mrs Marshall is working with all the classes in their art lessons to enter this competition. Their work will be on display at the show.

Follow us on Facebook: Acklam Sports and Gymkhana

### **Mrs Ray's Leaving Assembly**

On Friday 25th May at 9.30am we will be holding a special assembly to say goodbye to Mrs Ray and to thank her for all her hard work and dedication. All the staff agree that it has been a pleasure to work with Mrs Ray over the last nine months and, while we are all excited to see the return of Mrs Mitchell, it will be very sad to see her go.

We would like to invite all parents to the assembly on 25th May to join us in saying thank you and goodbye. The assembly will last approx. 30 minutes then coffee and cake will be served afterwards until approx. 10.30am. Please can you let me know if you intend to come so that we have some idea of numbers. Donations of cake would be most welcome too.

Thank you

### **MSA Vacancy**

We have a vacancy for an MSA (midday supervisory assistant) to start immediately.

The post would be 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. Please speak to Mrs Mortimer at Leavening School (01653 658313) if you are interested in either of the above posts.

### **Jumble Sale**

Oak Trees will be hosting a jumble sale in school on Tuesday 3rd July at 2pm to raise funds for school. All friends and family members are welcome. Prices will be from 20p—£1. Oak Trees would really appreciate any donations you have of clothes, toys, books, games, bric-a-brac etc in a clean saleable condition.

This is a great opportunity to have a good clear out over half term.

I would appreciate it if these items could be brought into school as close to 3rd July as possible so my office doesn't fill up!

Any leftover clothing items will be donated to Beaumont's Recycling the following day but we would appreciate some volunteers to take any other leftover items to one of the charity shops in Malton.

Thank you.