



Together We Can

**Attendance to date this term
94.7%**

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 20th July- leavers lunch 12noon

- Yr 6 to Florios

- FoLS Disco 6pm—8pm

Friday 21st July- end of year celebration 9.30am

- 11am, coffee served from 9am.

Rounders parents V Pupils (y5 & 6) 11am.

END OF TERM—

Enjoy the summer!

Tuesday 5th Sept - Back to School

Saturday 9th Sept - Village Show

Wed 13th Sept - Impressions Photographer

Thursday 21st Sept - Open Day

25th - 27th Sept - Yr 6 to Whitby

27th Sept - Beaumont Recycling

Mon 30th Oct - Half Term

Forest School Party

Thank you to everyone who came and helped out at our Forest School party yesterday.



Newsletter

Wednesday 19th July 2017

A word from Mrs Mitchell.....

As I prepare to head off into the abyss of life with baby number 2, may I take this opportunity to thank parents and family members for your continued support over this last year. I have sent out a parent friendly version of the school improvement journey we have been on this year (as all schools are every year) and an overview of what will be developed next year. I have every confidence that Mrs Ray will do a solid job in ensuring the school continues on it's improvement journey as well as maintaining the special features of our school that make it unique.

I would like to extend a special 'thank you' to the following people:

Mr Neil Audsley is stepping down as Chair of Governors after almost 15 long and fruitful years in the role. Mr Audsley will remain on the governing body with all of his experience and wisdom and Mr Alan Ockenden (Pippa and Lucy's Dad) will be stepping into Neil's boots as our new chair of governors. I would like to say a heartfelt thank you to Neil for all of his support and commitment as chair of governors over the years. Certainly since I was appointed, nearly 5 years ago, he has seen the school go through many changes and developments and has given his upmost support at all times. Neil, on behalf of the staff and children, we would like to express our deepest thanks.

In addition to this, **Mrs Juliette Stone** (George's Mum) will also be stepping down as parent governor and lead governor for the development of English across the school as her son George begins KS2 at another school, with his siblings. Again, Juliette has been a significant member of the governing body during my time here at Leavening and Juliette's passion for education and the children's well being and happiness has permeated through all of her work and decisions made as a governor. Thank you Juliette- it has been a pleasure to work with you.

We are also saying goodbye to the Pegrums who are moving onto pastures new in Malton. Hilary Pegrum has also played a key role in Leavening School as a parent governor of many years. Hilary was actually part of the governing body who appointed me and for a number of years we worked closely on making some significant changes to school life and opportunities for our pupils at Leavening. Hilary is also one of the school's biggest advocates and in times of confidence crisis has offered supportive and encouraging words to all.

I would like to thank Ruth Stacey and Fiona Kettlestring, who's daughters Millie and Fliss are moving on to secondary school. These ladies see their youngest children leaving the school and therefore are also saying goodbye to Leavening themselves. Both ladies have been a key part of the parent community in supporting school with fundraising events, visits and helping out on trips. We will particularly miss Ruth's baking!

Thanks to all of the parent volunteers who have given up their time to come into school and make a difference to the staff and pupils. Particularly Mrs Renn for her dedication every single Friday afternoon without fail. Thanks to the parents who have come in to school to share special occasions such as 'Dads and Lads, Mums and Lasses and Seeing is believing'. I am aware that the frequency of our open door policy is quite exceptional compared to other schools and I am grateful that we have such accommodating staff who relish such opportunities- I do feel parents and staff are developing firm partnerships over time.

Do not forget to join us this Friday from 9.30-11am (coffee served from 9am) for our end of year celebration where you can hear more about all of the wonderful achievements we have shared this year.

I wish you all a restful summer and trust that the new school year will bring lots of learning, laughter and further special memories.

See you next June!

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.

Last day of term

Please can we ask that **all** your children's belongings go home with them on Friday, including instruments! Please send a carrier bag into school on Friday so children can bring their work home. Please also remember to check the lost property box.

ParentPay FINAL PLEA!!

Thank you to everyone who continues to check their ParentPay account on a regular basis. Please can I ask you all to check ParentPay regularly and clear any debts as soon as possible. School lunches must be paid for in advance.

Please can all debts be cleared before the end of the school year, especially if your child is leaving us at the end of term. It also makes it much easier to reconcile for year-end. Thank you.

Wildlife Area

It has been brought to our attention that the recently developed wildlife area has been damaged over the course of last week. Some items have been thrown into the fire pit (old pond) and the bird feeders that the children spent time making have been thrown around the site. Please could we ask everyone to be vigilant and report any further incidents to us. This area is going to be further developed this year, with time and money being spent on it. Thank you for your support.

Thank you.....

Oak Trees would like to thank Mrs Tindall and Mrs Tindall-Richardson, Mr Skelton, Dr Audsley, Mr Sharpe and Mrs Ashworth for coming into school and talking to us about the history of Leavening School and village.

Also, thank you to Mrs Spencer and Mr & Mrs Langton for accompanying KS2 round the village on our history walk. They gave us loads of information about how the mill was used and where the petrol station used to be.



Dalby Forest

Thank you to everyone who helped to make our trip to Dalby Forest so much fun. The weather was kind to us and the children all enjoyed themselves. Pippa told me that she enjoyed using the app around the Gruffalo trail, then playing on the play area.

FoLS News

The Scarecrow Trail and Café raised £218.20. Thank you to everyone who took part and for all the donations of cakes.

The trophy was won by Gemma Thwaites from Leavening with her piggy! We also had a prize draw from the completed scarecrow trails— congratulations to Poppy Pinder who wins a £10 book token.

We will be launching the FoLS website in September.

FoLS have recently paid for a bird bath and a bench for the wildlife area, transport for the trip to Whitby in September and new waterproofs for Forest Schools.

After 4 years of dedication and hard work, Karen Drabble has decided to step down as treasurer from September. We would like to invite any other parents to join FoLS and take on this role—please see Lisa Rowe, Emma Cansick or Anna Rose-Adams. Thank you to Karen for her time.



Fund Raising/Sponsors

Your fundraising efforts this term have raised £30.45 for Comic Relief and £220.00 for British Heart Foundation. We also raised £8.40 for school funds through our regular recycling collections with Beaumonts. Thank you.

The next recycling collection is on 27th September. Bags will be available from school early next term.

FoLS End of Term Disco

Thursday 20th July

6pm—8pm

£4 per child, £7 for 2 children, £10 for 3 and £12 for 4. to include a hot dog, an ice lolly & a glitter tattoo!

All children welcome— there will be party games as well as a disco.

Parents must stay with younger children (Y2 and below)

