



# Newsletter

Thursday 20th October 2016

## Together We Can

Attendance to date this term  
97.6%

### McMillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who donated cakes, bottles and books for our coffee morning. We raised over £110.00 for McMillan.



### *A word from Mrs Mitchell*

Thank you to all the dads who came in last week for our first 'dads and lads' day. I know the children all enjoyed having you here.

Congratulations to the Leavening A football team on making it to the final and coming 2nd out of 12 teams - we lost in the end to Langton 2-0. Man of the match was Rufus Pegrum. Ones to watch in the future – Lewis Drabble and Riley Tinson!!

Our theme next half term is... 'Why is faith and spirituality significant to some?' Our visit to the meditation centre in Pocklington will be a great place to start exploring this theme.

Our last parent forum was on communication with parents and ironically no one showed. That tells me that we are either doing things very right...or very wrong! Please email me or Claire if you have any comments to make on this subject.

### Parent forum on 29th September 2016

Focus: School lunches. Key points of discussion were:

#### POSITIVES

- \* The tuck shop. Pupils like this.
- \* Introduction of jacket potatoes is good.
- \* Children eating off plates rather than trays.
- \* Tailoring the menu to the children's tastes. This has been appreciated.

#### THINGS TO CONSIDER

- \* More choice of healthy options at the tuck shop.
- \* Could the jacket potatoes be served with a choice of salad rather than veg?
- \* Could the 3 fillings on offer (tuna, cheese and beans) be offered each day rather than just one filling? This is quite limiting.
- \* Uptake of lunch could possibly increase if the food was cooked to a higher quality( examples given, hard potatoes and chips, mushy veg)
- \* Simple choices on the menu such as beans on toast.
- \* Quite a lot of carbohydrates on offer which makes the children feel sluggish. Substitute the bread with some raw veggie sticks?

This feedback will be passed on to the schools catering manager. The next **parent forum** will be on **Tuesday 1st November** and the focus will be 'wrap around care/after school clubs'.

#### 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.

## P Factor Winners!

Huge congratulations to India, Elecia, Millie and Fliss for winning the P Factor competition at the Milton Rooms last week. Their performance saw them beat off competition from 16 other schools - WELL DONE GIRLS!!



### Starlight Recycling Collection

Thank you to everyone who donated clothing etc for our collection. We raised £50.50 for school and £12.62 for Starlight.

The next collection is booked for Tuesday 17th January 2017.



### Friends of Leavening School

FoLS has been an important part of school life here at Leavening for many years. The volunteers, mostly parents, have worked tirelessly to raise funds for many different extra curricular activities over the years including visits, educational play equipment, Christmas treats and transport for many school trips.

**Now FoLS needs you!** FoLS committee currently consists of just three parents; Alison Gaskell (Chair), Karen Drabble (treasurer) and Lisa Rowe (secretary) and unless more willing volunteers come forward to support them, FoLS will fold.

FoLS needs a new Chair, as Alison is stepping down, and at least four other members of the committee to enable them to carry on, as well as plenty of willing volunteers to help out at the various events they organise. PLEASE come forward if you can spare a little time to help raise funds for your child's school. The more members they have, the less each person will have to do!

If you are interested, please speak to any member of FoLS or email [admin@leavening.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@leavening.n-yorks.sch.uk). Thank you.

### School start times and Parking

School starts at 9am. The morning bell will sound at 8.55am to give pupils time to hang their coats, bags etc and get to class at 9am. Morning registers are taken at 9am; any child arriving after 9am will be marked as late (authorised). Any child arriving after 9.10am will be marked as late (unauthorised). Please ensure your children are in school and ready to learn for 9am. The middle double doors will shut at 9am and all pupils must go through the office after this time so Mrs Mortimer can mark them in the register.

Please can I remind parents and grandparents that parking is available in the Jolly Farmers car park. For the safety of all our pupils, we would ask that you refrain from parking on, or driving up, Back Lane even if your child is late for school or you are late collecting your child.

Please encourage your children to collect all their possessions on their way out of school at 3.15pm. The entrance will be locked after school as this is a time when staff have meetings. Pupils will not be able to get back in to retrieve forgotten items.

### Dates for your Diary

- 31st Oct - Whole school trip to Pocklington
- 1st Nov - Parent Forum
- 4th Nov - Halloween Lunch
- 17th Nov - Cross Country
- 18th Nov - Children in Need Day
- 23rd Nov - Parent Forum
- 24th Nov - Maths info day for parents
- 1st Dec - Seeing is Believing day (craft day)
- 9th Dec - Dads & Lads day
- 9th Dec - Nativity 10am
- 12th Dec - Community Carol Singing 4.30pm
- 14th Dec - Pantomime
- 15th Dec - Christmas Lunch, Christmas Parties, Christmas Jumper Day