



Together We Can

**Attendance to date this term
94.9%**

Dates for your Diary

1st March—World Book Day

13th March - Yr 5 to Norton College - info to follow.

22nd March - Parent Forum 2.30pm.

29th March—Break up for Easter.

18th April - Swimming starts for years 3,4,5, info to follow.

19th April - Beaumont Recycling.

The next collection is on 19th April, bags will come out a couple of weeks beforehand.



Attendance by year group to date this academic year -

Rec - 87.2%

Year 1 - 97.6%

Year 2 - 95%

Year 3 - 99.1%

Year 4 - 93.8%

Year 5 - 97.1%

Year 6 - 94.2%

Newsletter

Thursday 22nd February 2018

A word from Mrs Ray.....

Welcome back after the half term break. I know we are all looking forward to seeing some more signs of spring but in the meantime we shall continue on with the term and make the best of the weather!

All three new topics in Acorns, Conkers and Oak Trees have elements of warmth about them! I will let you read more about what your children will be doing this term in their class newsletters, which will be coming out this week.

I would like to extend a very warm welcome to Mrs Elaine Ramli who is now the teacher in Acorns class. As I mentioned at the end of last term, Mrs Ramli had spent time with Miss Evely ensuring that she was fully informed as to the children's progress and she is using that information to plan the work she is doing with the children this term. I know Mrs Ramli has enjoyed her first few days at Leavening and is particularly enjoying getting to know the children. Mrs Ramli is using her expertise to consider how she would like to organise the classroom and I am really grateful that Mrs Cuthbertson, Mrs Farnhill, Mrs Ramli and one of our governors, Carolyn Childs came into school for the day in half term to get ready for the children's return.

It was disappointing at the end of last half term not to be able to say our official goodbyes to Miss Evely, who has informed us that she is now recovering from her illness, which we are pleased about. We are hopeful that at some stage she may come into school to say goodbye. It goes without saying that we wish her all the very best for the future and thank her for her dedication to the school over the past three years.

This term staff will be working closely alongside specialists from the LA to help us as a school continue to develop our practice. All teachers are excited about this opportunity and have already incorporated some new ideas into their planning. Exciting times!

Next week is World Book Week. We are marking this in two different ways. On Wednesday Conkers will be spending the day at Langton and some children from Langton will be spending the day here with us. **For all children going to Langton, please remember to send them with a packed lunch.** The children will return in time for the close of the day. On Thursday it is the official World Book Day and we will mark this by asking children to come into school dressed as their favourite book character.

This Friday is our first DVD exchange at lunchtime, more details over the page. My thanks to the Ockendens for the idea and for organising the first session.

I had a very useful conversation with some parents on Wednesday morning. Through this conversation, we were able to come up with a suggestion to help ease congestion in Acorns class in the mornings. I do really value comments and suggestions from parents; this is your children's school and I am always happy to listen to any thoughts you may have. There will be more information about this in the Acorns newsletter.

Best wishes,

Rachel Ray

Forest School

Forest School will start this half term on Monday 26th February and the last session will be on Monday 19th March. The field is still rather muddy so it is important that children have the correct clothing and footwear. All children will have access to the sessions as it is part of our curriculum.

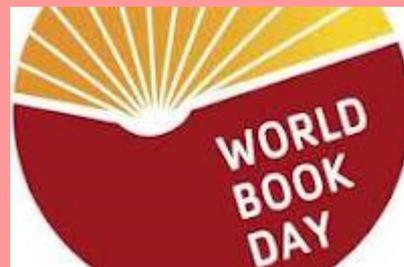
Contact Details

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.

World book day—1st March

On Thursday 1st March we will be marking the official world book day; all children are invited to come to school dressed up as their favourite book character. We will also be sending the children home with a voucher they will be able to spend in their local book shops – look out for this in their book bags.



On 28th February Conkers will spend the day at Langton and Class 1 (Reception, Year 1 & 2) & Class 3 (Year 5 & 6) from Langton will spend the day at Leavening with Acorns and Oak Trees classes.

Teachers across both schools will be planning the activities together and we hope the children will really enjoy working with one another.

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.

The key responsibilities are:-

Communicate effectively with all children and staff.

Provide support and encouragement to all children.

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

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

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

Participate in training and other learning activities and performance development as required.

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

Friday Film Exchange Reminder

Philippa and Lucy Ockenden will be running the DVD library this Friday 23rd February at 12.30pm in the Learning Zone, for children to swap or buy DVDs.

Children will be able to either buy a DVD for £1 or swap one of theirs for one of Pippa and Lucy's for 50p. Pippa and Lucy's mum has kindly offered to help out at the first sessions. If your child would like to take part in this, please can they bring either their DVD to swap, or £1 into school on Friday 23rd February. The next sessions will be 23rd March and 27th April.

DVDs must be U or PG rated only.

If you are able to donate any DVDs to help us to get started, please send them in to the school office.



Thank you.

Scampston Scramble

I will be taking part in the first Scampston Scramble on 13th May this year (no, I don't know what I have let myself in for!!) in aid of St Catherine's Hospice. It is 5k obstacle course that you have to wriggle under, dive over and splash through! If you would like to sponsor me for this event, I would be very grateful. All monies raised will be split equally between St Catherine's Hospice and Leavening School Fund. I have a sponsor form in the office.

Thank you, C Mortimer

