



Together We Can

Attendance to date this term
97.6%

Bug Club

When our current subscription for Bug Club ends early next year we will be trialling a new programme called TES iBoard, which we feel will be more useful for our children. Watch this space.

Starlight Recycling Collection



You child should have brought home a collection bag last week. If you have any unwanted clothing, bags or shoes please can you fill the bag and bring it to school for collection first thing on Monday 10th October (or Friday 7th but no earlier please). Spare bags are available from the office. This is an easy way to raise funds for your child's school and support a worthwhile charity at the same time.

Halloween Lunch

On Monday 31st October, we will be inviting all children to join us for a Halloween lunch.

Hot Dog & Chips

Beans & Peas

Gingerbread Man & Fruit

Please make sure your child knows what they are having that day so we can record it on the dinner register (or let me know via email, please). Please pay on ParentPay if you would like your child to join us. Thank you.



Newsletter

Thursday 22nd September 2016

A word from Mrs Mitchell

We are well in to the new school year now and expectations, routines and curriculum plans have been established across school. We have had a busy few weeks and the rest of the term is about to get even busier. Please can I ask that you jot down dates for the diary so that you don't miss out on all of the events we are offering, such as curriculum sessions for parents, parent forums, seeing is believing days and dads and lads days. We really do try our best to ensure communication with parents is the best it can be within our limitations of a demanding school day and teachers' many and varied after-school administrative tasks. Working together is very much part of our school purpose of 'Together We Can'.

We are hoping to offer our pupils as many curricular and extra curricular opportunities as possible and we understand that these do come at a cost to parents. I apologise if this causes issues; please do feel free to come and chat to me at any point if you have any concerns or queries. The FoLS team work really hard to arrange events to subsidise many of these visits and the rest of the money goes on specific school improvements. This year we are going to spend some of the raised money on a mud kitchen in Conkers outside area, as well as a new online library system.

Hopefully we will see you at some of our planned events. The first parent forum is on Thursday 29th September at 9am. It will last 30 minutes maximum and will focus on your views about all aspects of school lunches. If you are unable to make it this time please send me your thoughts in an email if you like.

Thank you, S Mitchell

Ryedale Book Festival P Factor

Poetry Competition

Year 5 & 6 had a visit from local author Andy Seed this week to discuss poetry ideas and they will be representing Leavening School in the grand final of the poetry competition held at the Milton Rooms on Friday 7th October.

The two winning teams will perform their poem as part of the main book festival on Saturday 8th October in St Michael's Church.



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.

Parent Forums for the Autumn term 2016

This term I would like to introduce regular parent forums. The aim is for parents to attend on an informal basis; we will meet in the staffroom or my office with a cuppa and biscuit and discuss school issues. There will be an open, honest and respectful ethos to these meetings. The aim is to involve parents more heavily in all areas of school life and development.

Date and Time

Specific focus

Thursday 29th September at 9am

School lunches

Friday 14th October at 9am

Reporting to parents/communication

Tuesday 1st November at 9am

Wrap around care/after school clubs

Wednesday 23rd November at 9am

Curriculum ideas/ Outdoor learning and Forest Schools

Thursday 15th December at 9am

Parental involvement

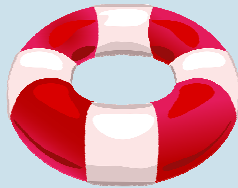
In addition to the main focus, there will also be the opportunity to discuss any other issues/questions/suggestions you may have at each meeting. I hope that many of you will be able to pop along. No need to say you are coming, just turn up and hopefully these meetings will be productive and give parents a voice. Obviously, if you have any serious or personal child concerns, this will not be the forum to express these, therefore a private meeting with myself or the class teacher would be more suitable, so please do not hesitate to ask if you would like to arrange this.

Thanks, Sian Mitchell

WATER SAFETY TALK

On Monday 26th Sept at 9.10am Laura Adams and Rebecca Briggs from Pickering Pool will be coming in to do a whole school talk for pupils and parents on water safety. All parents are invited to this talk. It will last approx. 1 hour.

Please let us know if you intend to come to this talk. Thank you.



School hours

School starts at 9am and finishes at 3.15pm. Please can you ensure your child arrives between 8.45am and 8.55am, ready to start school at 9am. Please also ensure you are here in good time to collect your child from school at 3.15pm. Please remember that you can use the Jolly Farmers car park when dropping off and collecting your child from school, as York Road can get rather congested at these times.

Ukulele Lessons

Judith Wilson, from the local Ukulele group, has spaces during her lunchtime sessions, in school on a Tuesday, if your child is interested in learning the ukulele, please let us know. Lessons are free.



Pantomime

The pantomime has now been booked—we will be going to the Grand Opera House in York on Wednesday 14th December. Letters will be coming out as soon as I have finalised the costs. Thank you to everyone who volunteered to help us. As usual, we have had far more volunteers than spaces. I will be contacting the lucky volunteers individually.



Dates for your Diary

26th Sept - Water safety talk for all,
27th Sept - Spelling info day for parents
29th Sept - Parent Forum
30th Sept - McMillan Coffee Morning
30th Sept - Cross Country Event - **PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE**
6th Oct - Harvest Festival 9.15am
7th Oct - P Factor final at Milton Rooms.
10th Oct - Beaumont Recycling
10th, 11th & 12th Oct - Parents' evenings **NOTE SLIGHT CHANGE OF DATES**
14th Oct - Dads & Lads day
14th Oct - Parent Forum
18th Oct - Landing of 'What is computing' theme
1st Nov - Parent Forum
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

Dads + Lads Days 14th Oct + 9th Dec

For our new 'dads + lads' days, we are inviting any male member of the family to come along, join in the fun Friday lessons (art, sport or music) and join us for lunch if they wish. You are welcome to dip in and out of the day as you please. Please let us know if you intend staying for lunch, and make sure it is paid for on ParentPay beforehand.

Seeing is Believing Day & Parent and Child Craft Day - 1st Dec.

Everyone is invited to come along, at any time of the day to join your child in their lessons and have a good look at what they do in school. If you wish to join us for lunch, please let us know beforehand and pay on ParentPay.

Please do come along and take part in our fun Christmas craft sessions with your child.

Parents' Evening Sessions

Parents evening for Acorns and Oak Trees will be on Tuesday 11th & Wednesday 12th October.

Parents evening for Conkers will be on Monday 10th October and Wednesday 12th October. This change is due to Mrs Peers attending training.

Appointment times will be sent out via email next week—please look out for them; appointments will be made on a first come, first served basis.

Children are welcome to attend the appointment if they wish but we will also have a member of staff on hand to look after them if they do not want to attend.

Phonics, Spelling and Maths Information Sessions for Parents. See dates above.

These sessions are to give parents a better understanding of how we teach these subjects and to enable parents to support their children at home. We have a new spelling scheme this term, too.



The sessions will take place on the dates mentioned above - Nursery, Reception and Year 1 sessions will be at 9am in Acorns and Yr2—Yr6 sessions will be at 3.15pm in Oak Trees.



There will be a crèche available if you need to bring children with you.