



Together We Can

**Attendance to date this term
95%**

Parent Evenings Spring 2017

Monday 13th February & Tuesday
14th February.

Thank you to everyone who requested an appointment. Your chosen appointment times have been sent home with your child this week. Please check your child's bag!

Parent Forums.

Monday 30th January at 9am

Friday 31st March at 9am

We now have topics for the 30th Jan, but if you have any specific things you think would be important to discuss on 31st March, please let us know. I would also like these forums to be open so that there is no fixed agenda. Basically a coffee, biccie and chat about all things school. My ears are always open to suggestions, queries, woes and thoughts so please come along. No need to let me know you are coming, just turn up. We will hold the forums in the staffroom. If you are unable to make these dates then please feel free to chat to me at any point/make a meeting/email me your thoughts.

Thanks for your support. Sian Mitchell

Please check your emails regularly

We will be phasing out paper copies of letters over the following year. This is to save precious time (mine & teaching staff), money (schools) and frustration (mine & yours) at letters going astray between school and home. We do have other methods of communication such as the notice board, website and Facebook (when appropriate) however email communication is the most convenient method for a busy school office in the 21st Century!

10 minutes spent every other day responding to the emails we send and recording the dates in your diary is all it takes to maintain productive and efficient communication between school and home.

Thank you for your continued support. Claire Mortimer.

Newsletter

Thursday 26th January 2017

A word from Mrs Mitchell

During the parent forum on Monday 30th January we will be discussing, as requested by parents,

1. Punctuality of pupils
2. Increased opportunities for exercise and sport
3. Reinstating the parents and tots group at school.

If you cannot attend but you have some thoughts on the above, please email me your comments so I can bring them to the forum.

Parents evening appointments have gone out this week. Teachers will be explaining in detail where your child is in relation to the new curriculum and what their targets are so it is important that you attend if possible.

Thank you, Sian Mitchell

Dates for your Diary

30th January - Seeing is Believing Morning

30th Jan - Parent Forum

1st February - Developing Growth Mindset for Parents

7th February - Swimming Gala at Norton College

8th February - Warriors 3.15pm—4.45pm

8th & 9th February - Bikeability Yr 5/6

10th February - Dads & Lads Day

13th & 14th February - Parent Evenings

14th & 15th February - Bikeability Yr 5/6

14th February - Ugly Bug Ball/Valentine lunch

20th February - Half term

7th March - Yr 5 taster day at Norton College

9th March - Seeing is Believing Morning

17th March - Dads & Lads Day

24th March - Mothers day lunch

6th April - Easter Lunch

7th April - End of Term.

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.

REMINDERS

Seeing is Believing Mornings on 30th Jan & 9th March—parents are warmly encouraged to come and see our new ways of teaching English and Maths during the morning (mornings only). Please let Claire know if and when you are intending to pop in during the morning.

Dads and Lads Days — 10th Feb & 17th March (this isn't just for dads and their sons (lads). It is named dads and lads day as we welcome into school any male member of the family such as step dads, partners, grandads, god fathers, uncles close family friends etc

Landing Party of our topic- Ugly Bug Valentine Ball on Tuesday 14th February. Pupils are invited to come to school dressed as mini beasts/creepy crawlies or a garden themed object. There will be prizes for the pupils who have put the most effort into their costumes. We would also ask if girls could bring savoury party treats and boys bring sweet for the party.

Developing Growth Mindset in children – Wednesday 1st Feb from 3.15–4pm

Come along and see how we are working hard to ensure that our pupils all go about their day to day learning with an open mindset and how we are developing and promoting the culture of growth mindset versus fixed mindset in our pupils. This session will give you the theory behind growth mindset in children, as well as its benefits. In addition to this, we will offer you practical ways that we do this in school and ways you can support this at home.

Parent Survey

Your views are very important to us—please ensure the surveys are returned to school by Thursday 2nd February marked 'School survey- confidential'. Your answers are completely confidential and will be used by the school to help better meet the needs of our pupils and their families.

Forest School finishes in the week leading up to half term.

Toys from home – please can we ask that children do not bring in their own toys (including build-a-bear) from home. These can all too easily get lost or damaged. School has plenty of toys and games for children to play with at break times. Thank you.

Headlice

Please check your child's hair regularly. Children are not required to stay away from school if they show signs of lice but please ensure the condition is treated appropriately. More advice can be found at <http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice/Pages/Introduction.aspx>

Pupil Eye Tests

As a school, we have the resources to check pupils eyes for short or long sighted issues that may impact on their learning. If you are concerned about your child's eye sight in any way and would like to us to test your child, please have a word with Mrs Mitchell. Quite often eye problems can manifest themselves in different ways such as lack of engagement in lessons, not contributing or a lack of progress, all because it is an issue with eyesight rather than difficulty with the learning. Please take a look at this link to find out more information about the trial we took part in in July 2015.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l82xujG2LpU>

Beaumont Recycling

Thank you to everyone who donated to our collection last week. We raised £16.50 for school funds.

As Beaumont does not accept items such as household linens, bedding, old uniforms (with or without logos) and textiles, I am looking for another service we could use (we would continue to use Beaumonts for clothing so our donations to Starlight continue). If anyone can recommend another service, I would be grateful.

The next dates for recycling collections are **Tuesday 9th May** and **Wednesday 27th September**.



Young Voices 2017

Well done to each and every one of the children who performed at Young Voices this year. Myself, Miss Evely and Miss Skelton had a wonderful time, it was a pleasure to take such well behaved children to such an amazing event!!

We sang and danced with over 5000 children from other schools from Sheffield and beyond at the Sheffield Arena. Opportunities to perform with professional musicians are provided by the Young Voices team and once again the line-up was brilliant. Andy and Urban Strides performed their street dance sets and even got the audience up and moving. We also rocked with Tabby Callaghan, an X-factor finalist, and sang with Natalie Williams a jazz singer who has 7 albums under her belt. The Beatbox Collective were awesome and we were all gripped by their performance and just loved performing 'Sing!' with just them providing the accompaniment, even trying to beatbox ourselves. I must say I have a lot of practise needed in this area!

I must add that my favourite parts were performing 'Stronger Together' - just magical, a real goose bump moment and also, watching Miss Evely dance to the Tina Turner cover!

Sheer hard work from the children has culminated in creating an everlasting memory - well done everybody and thank you. Mrs Stockill



A HUGE thank you must go to Mrs Stockill for organising this event— it is not an easy task, especially as she organised two schools this year—

WELL DONE MRS STOCKILL!!