



Together We Can

**Attendance to date this term
95%**

Dates for your Diary

6th April - Easter Lunch. Mrs Spencer's do.

7th April - Easter Assembly - end of Term.

24th April - Training Day

25th April - Swimming Starts

1st May - Bank Holiday

8th May - SATS week

9th May - Beaumont Recycling

16th May - Y5 at Norton College

18th May - RNLI Water Safety Talk

12th June - Kingswood Residential

16th June - Fathers' Day Lunch

27th June - Yr 5 to Malton School

28th June - London Residential

Red Nose Day

Thank you to everyone for the overwhelmingly kind donations of cakes and buns which we sold for Red Nose Day - thank you to everyone who bought cakes, dressed up, painted faces etc etc. **You raised nearly £95! Well done.**

NITS IN SCHOOL

Please remember to check your child's hair regularly for lice and nits. More information can be found on the NHS website or our website.

Newsletter

Thursday 30th March 2017

A word from Mrs Mitchell

As we near the end of our second term, it is as good a time as any to reflect on the tremendous term we have had: this term's highlights have been our sporting successes at the cross country competition, dodge ball tournament and multiskills event; impressive attendance and engagement at our regular 'Dads and Lads' days we hold on a Friday; numerous parent and child lunch events; Year 5 and 6 representing the school in a county debate competition; Rocket Car Challenge; the Ugly Bug Ball, Viking and World Book Day to name a few.

Next half term our theme is looking at famous and prominent book characters (fiction and non-fiction) and exploring where they are from and their culture and heritage. This is a geography and literacy based theme. The class teachers will send more information out about this in their curriculum newsletters.

I would like to take this opportunity to share my good news- All being well, Tom, Beatrix and I are expecting family member number 4 into the Mitchell family this September! Once the governors are in a position to inform you of details of my maternity cover, they will do so.

Don't forget that we will be saying farewell to Mrs Spencer on Thursday (6th) from 3.30pm in the school playground. We hope to see as many of you as possible there and the Easter Assembly is now NEXT Friday 7th April at 10am.

Thank you to all you Mummies who came along to the mothers day lunch on Friday- it is so lovely to see so many of you at these events. I am aware that some mums had asked if they could stay for the afternoon in light of the 'dads and lads' days we hold regularly. Unfortunately I was not in a position to allow parents to stay on an impromptu basis as correct risk assessments were not in place and also the staff had not had chance to adequately prepare. However we will certainly take this into consideration when we plan our dates and events for the summer term and include Mums and Ladies days into the school calendar.

Thank you, Sian Mitchell



Musical Instruments in School.

All musical instruments (ukulele, guitar, trumpet, etc) should be going home with children immediately after their lesson every week, not only so children can practice at home, but also to prevent the instruments getting damaged or lost in school. Thank you.

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.

Mrs Spencer's Leaving Do.

This will take place in the school yard (or hall if weather is inclement) between 3.30pm—4.30pm on Thursday 6th April. We really hope to see as many of you there as possible. Mrs Spencer has been a familiar face at Leavening School for nearly twenty years!

We will be serving afternoon tea style refreshments. We will provide teas and coffees and some cakes/scones but would really appreciate it if we could have donations of cakes, scones (with cream and jam?!) etc on the day.



Lunch Promotions

When we invite family members to our lunch promotions, we need to know numbers well in advance as our food orders need to be ordered sometimes a month in advance. It is for this reason that we ask for as much notice as possible when we invite you all to lunch.

We realise that you all lead busy lives and cannot always book so far in advance. Please be assured that we will do everything we can to accommodate a late booking but we will, on occasion, have to say no!

If this is the case, you will always be welcome to bring a packed lunch so that you do not miss out on sharing a meal with your child.

Our next sharing lunch is Father's Day on 16th June. Easter lunch is fully booked.

Thank you.

Vacancy for MSA & Relief MSA

We have a vacancy for two MSAs (midday supervisory assistants) from September 2017. The role would be for 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.
Know that communication is a two way process.

Provide support and encouragement to all children.
Resolve minor disputes between pupils.

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

To help with the removal of food and equipment.

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

To help children play well together

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

Participate in the school's appraisal scheme. and in training and other learning activities and performance development as required.

Please contact Mrs Mortimer or Mrs Mitchell if you are interested in either of the above posts. Please spread the word if you know anyone in the immediate area who you think may be interested in the role.

The mental health and emotional and physical wellbeing of our pupils is so important to us. We believe that positive, fulfilled, balanced and active pupils are happy pupils... and happy pupils achieve better at school (in whatever remit they enjoy and succeed in- let's remember, not all children are academic!) With this in mind, after Easter we will be investing in encouraging pupils to be more active throughout the school day in the following ways:

1. Morning Mile on a Friday

After Easter, each Friday morning we will hold a 'Morning mile' from 8.40am on the school field. Mr Clarke will lead this and it will encourage children to start the day with some fitness activities. Parents are to bring children to the school playground as usual and wait for Mr Clarke to gather the children and take them over to the field. Please note, you are responsible for your child until Mr Clarke takes over, however you do not have to stay with them to do the morning mile. That said, you are more than welcome to join in!

2. Active Maths

Mrs Peers will be leading on a new initiative to make maths more active (particularly important for those kinaesthetic learners)

3. Yoga

Each week each class will participate in 15-20 minutes of yoga to support them in focussing and remaining calm when feeling under pressure or overwhelmed. It also develops relaxation techniques. The yoga sessions will be led by the teachers.

4. Active recreation times

We will continue to ensure our lunchtimes are active and that children go over to the MUGA and school field and have the opportunity to partake in active sports if they so wish.

5. Quick fit bursts

All pupils will have the chance to regularly take part in short, sharp bursts of exercise throughout the school day to prevent lethargy and tiredness during lessons. We are aware that the demands of the national curriculum sees pupils bound to their desks for a hefty proportion of the day and we will endeavour to work creatively with this.

6. Forest school sessions will continue next term.

Thanks

Sian Mitchell



Friends of Leavening School Easter Egg Hunt.



Saturday 1st April 10 am–2pm.

Starts from Leavening Primary School.

£2 per trail

All those who complete the egg hunt will be rewarded with a chocolate treat. There will be a children's Easter Craft table and our famous FoLS cafe selling tea, coffee, hot chocolate and amazing home baking. Donations of cakes, buns and tray bakes will be very much appreciated.

Come along and join in the fun!!

‘Decorate a boiled egg’ competition—Completed eggs to be brought to school on Saturday to be judged. Best decorated egg will win a special prize. 50p per entry



FoLS Pamper Evening

Thank you to FoLS for organising this brilliant evening, and for everyone who attended. A great time was had by all and FoLS raised £152.30 for school funds.



Cross country at Dalby Forest

Lewis came 40th out of 69 and Rufus came 8th out of about 80—well done to both of you!



Rocket Car Challenge!

Winners of our car racing competition. Well done to everyone and a big thank you to Mr England, Mr Cansick and Mr Ockenden for taking the time to support school in this fabulous activity.



Furniture Plea

If anyone has a small bookcase or cupboard they no longer need we would really appreciate it if you would donate it to school, please. We will be having a good clear out in the Easter hols, and we really need a new bookcase for the reception area under the display case. Thank you.

