



# THE LATEST FROM LEAVENING

Friday 3rd July 2020



## A WORD FROM MRS MITCHELL...

I hope this Newsletter finds you well on this drizzly day.

You may have heard that the Government have released their latest guidance on all schools returning in September. I will be writing to you on Monday with more details of what this looks like for our school, so please look out for this.

Another busy week comes to an end and the children are truly enjoying being back at school. It has been lovely to hear many members of our local community comment on the reassurance and normality of hearing the buzz of learning and laughter from school. A day of administrative tasks in the office on Thursday was brightened by the singing from Mrs Milson and Group 1 through the wall 😊

As usual, if you have any questions or concerns regarding any matter in this newsletter, then please contact me directly at my Headteacher email address:

[headteacher@leavening.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@leavening.n-yorks.sch.uk)

Very best wishes and I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Sian Mitchell

## Farewell to staff

You will already be aware that we are saying farewell to Mrs Peers and Miss Marshall at the end of the summer. We are also going to be saying farewell to Mrs Marshall who will be moving on to ventures new. Mrs Marshall is a true gem of a lady and we will all miss her very much. Mrs Marshall has been at Leavening School for 14 years and in that time she has turned her hand to every possible task you can imagine in a school. Mrs Marshall has been a hard-working, reliable, trustworthy and committed member of the team for as long as I have been at Leavening, always going above and beyond for the good of all. She is caring, kind and has excellent relationships with our pupils. She is a friend to all and a valued member of the community and I am sure many of you will stay in touch. I would like to thank Mrs Marshall for her years of dedication, support and friendship to myself and our school. We will truly miss her.

Vicky Cuthbertson is also moving on to a new role at another school. Vicky has been key in setting up our nursery this year, along with Miss Marshall, and she has provided a warm and caring environment for our little ones with lots of fun opportunities through her enthusiasm. I would like to thank Mrs Cuthbertson for her admirable work ethic, dedication to the development of our nursery and for getting stuck into everything with a willing heart and gusto! We know the children and parents will miss all these staff members and will take away fond memories.

## **Hello to new staff**

When familiar staff move on, it naturally creates a sense of unrest among some as the unknown can be naturally unsettling. Be assured that our new team members we have recruited have all been appointed as we believe they can bring new and exciting experiences and opportunities to our school; having key roles in ensuring continuous school improvements, contributing to our unique curriculum and having the right experiences, skills and attributes to make a difference.

### **New teacher in Oak Trees: Mrs Price**

Mrs Price will be taking over the role of Oak Trees class teacher from September until December 2020. Shortly into the new school year we will begin the exciting process of finding a permanent teacher for this class from January 2021. With this being a key role in school we want to ensure we dedicated the right level of time and effort into the process. We are delighted to have Mrs Price join us. She is an experienced Key Stage 2 teacher with particular skills and proven success in teaching in a mixed age class. Mrs Price has significant leadership experience and has been rated as an outstanding teacher. We know she will be perfect for ensuring the transition back into school for our pupils is positive with an emphasis on creativity and fun and her teaching credentials will ensure any lost learning due to school closures will be addressed.

*"Hi, my name is Jane Price.*

*I have worked in primary schools for twenty-four years, mainly in Bedfordshire.*

*I moved to Yorkshire with my family last year and we wish we had done it years ago! I love walking with my dog around the beautiful Wolds countryside; I also enjoy doing Yoga and Pilates in my spare time.*

*I am passionate about books and reading, hence teaching English is something I particularly love, although Maths and Science come a close second! I am very excited about joining Leavening Primary School in September and I really look forward to meeting you all. "*



### **New teacher assistant in Oak Trees: Mr Bentley**

We are delighted to be welcoming Mr Doug Bentley into the team in Oak Trees alongside Mrs Price. Mr Bentley is an outdoor educational specialist with vast experience in coaching sports. He has worked in schools in the UK and in Japan supporting learning with primary aged children. We believe he will have a great impact on our pupils. Mr Bentley will also run our Breakfast and After School Clubs when they resume.

### **Nursery teaching assistant: Mrs D'Arcy**

We warmly welcome Mrs Holly D'Arcy to our school. She has had experience working across the Early Years and primary age range, specialising in expressive art and design, particularly art, dance and drama. Holly impressed us immediately with her open mind, enthusiasm and can-do attitude. She is extremely excited to join our school family and I know the children are going to love her!



***"Hello everyone,  
My name is Holly D'Arcy, I'm a mum of three  
who loves finding new and inspiring ways to  
teach children. Before joining Leavening  
School, I ran a children's entertainment  
business and worked for Richard Branson's  
Virgin group. I feel honoured to be joining  
your school and I look forward to beginning  
our new adventure of learning together in  
September."***

We are currently recruiting for the exciting opportunity of Nursery lead practitioner. In the recruitment of Mrs D'Arcy in nursery, we had many other excellent and suited candidates, and we are in the process of arranging this appointment.

We are very proud of our nursery setting and look forward to its future success under a new team.

We appreciate a full change in staffing may cause unrest among some but please be assured, as always, we have our children's best interests at the heart of every school decision. School leaders will ensure that the care and education of your child is exceptional. 2020 has been a very strange year indeed so far but remember...after each storm comes a rainbow ☐

We are very much looking forward to September and beyond...