



THE LATEST FROM LEAVENING



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A WORD FROM MRS MITCHELL...

Hello to all of our school family, I hope you have all managed to have a safe and happy Easter break together under your individual circumstances.

As we start the summer term in this unusual way, I would like to pass on my well wishes and thoughts to each of you. As parents I know you will all be doing a fantastic job of keeping your children safe and happy at this time. I know it is challenging and I know it is unsettling and I want you to be confident and secure in the knowledge that the staff team at Leavening are here to support you in the emotional health of your child as well as the educational side..

Those of us who use social media will be aware of the hundreds of plugs for educational sites and resources/famous people doing various challenges etc. These are fine and if you like to engage with them that is fine too. However my message is that I would not want any parent to feel under any pressure to try and do these things. You appreciate that guidance from the Government is that we continue to provide our pupils with access to our curriculum as best as we can. Staff are working hard to ensure that our pupils have a balance of activities that allow such and will continue to fulfill this requirement. However, with all of us speaking from first hand experience, it is not always possible to achieve or even attempt everything (even anything some days) with everything else going on and so, while we continue to offer home learning activities, we would never want any family to feel under unnecessary pressure.

A strength of our school is our relationships with pupils and their families and excellence in meeting individuals needs; we want to continue with this throughout the next few week/months. With that said I would like to share with you a poem I saw on social media. These things can be a bit impersonal and gimmicky but this did ring true and a message I would like to echo loudly.

Dear Parents,

Don't stress about schoolwork. In September, I will get your children back on track. I am a teacher and that's my superpower. What I can't fix is social-emotional trauma that prevents the brain from learning. So right now, I just need you to share your calm, share your strength, and share your laughter with your children. No kids are ahead. No kids are behind. Your children are exactly where they need to be.

With love,
All the teachers on planet Earth

This half terms topic is 'Journeys Into the Unknown' and therefore home learning tasks and opportunities, will be centered around this. We will continue with the main class teachers emailing this work out to you each week, as well as being able to access it on the website at any point. School is open to a very few minority of pupils and the majority of staff are able to attend to provide care for these pupils on a rota basis. Therefore if any pupils want to draw pictures or write a letter or card to any member of staff, I am sure the staff would love to receive these. You can post them to school. Alternatively if children or families have any messages for staff members, I am happy for you to email them to me at headteacher@leavening.n-yorks.sch.uk and I will forward them on.

Finally, I would like to start a 'Spread the Smile at Leavening' weekly blog so if you would like to send a photo of what you have been doing with a brief message to everyone and email it to Susie at admin@leavening.n-yorks.sch.uk then each week she will compile these and send them out to everyone.

Take care of yourselves and stay in touch. Very Best Wishes

Sian Mitchell

Hello children,
 Me and my family are currently self isolating and so long walks have been off limits for the Mitchell's. As you can imagine I have had to work extra hard to try and keep Beatrix and Felicity entertained.
 Fortunately their Grandad sent them this amazing paddling pool for Easter and so it has kept them very busy. We have also been playing a lot of schools! Felicity thinks she is a pupil at Leavening Community Primary Nursery! I hope you are all well and happy. Remember that I am missing all of your smiley faces very much. Be good for your parents!! Love Mrs M



Hello everyone,
 I hope you are all feeling well, staying safe and keeping positive in this unusual situation. I'm missing you all and looking forward to seeing you in school and getting back to normal.
 As well as catching up with school work, I've been riding my bike (I have ridden about 200 miles since school closed), pony riding with Freya, walking with Rosie and spending time in the garden. I've had more time to read my Kindle too! I'm trying to make the best of the lock-down and I hope you and your family are doing the same. I will hopefully see you soon. Love from Mrs Peers x



Hello Everybody!
 Here I am with Milo on one of our Lockdown adventures. We have done lots of lovely walks exploring Rillington in the beautiful sunshine. Over Easter, my family and I have kept ourselves very busy - we now have an incredibly tidy garage and sunhouse/shed and a huge pile of things to take to the tip when it reopens. My children are very frustrated that we cannot go beyond Rillington and so I realise how challenging it is for all of you, however, we can do this!
 I hope you are keeping singing, use the Out of the Ark website, it will keep your spirits up.
 Lots of Love
 Mrs Stockill x



Mrs Marshall and Poppy enjoying lots of lovely walks up the big hill, keeping nice and fit. Sending love to my fabulous phonics group (the best) missing Oak Trees and Conkers massively. Hope you're enjoying all the lovely sunshine we are having x

Hello Conkers children!

I hope you're having a lovely time with your families and enjoying all this amazing sunshine we're having. I miss seeing all of your happy, smiling faces at school, but I've loved receiving photos and hearing about the amazing things you've been doing at home.
 At home, I've been spending lots of time playing with my daughter Eva. Here we are having fun spotting the ducks in the sunshine. It was funny because the baby ducklings, who were only born a few days ago, kept hiding from us in the reeds! Keep having fun spending time with your families and of course keep smiling. See you soon, Love Mrs Milson



Hello lovely Leavening children, I hope you are all ok. I just want to tell you a little bit about what I have been up to whilst we've been away from school. We are so lucky to have had some lovely weather which has meant I have been on lots of walks with my family in the back fields to our house. We have also been playing badminton in the garden, when its not too windy, because we have lost a few shuttlecocks now in our neighbours garden! We have watched LOTS of films, probably too many, and me and my daughter have also been doing a few online zumba classes which was great fun. I Can't wait to see you all again and missing you all very much. Take care, Mrs Peel

