



*Together We Can*

**Attendance to date this term  
98.8%**

## Dates for your Diary

- 17th - 19th Sept - Oak Trees to Peat Rigg
- 21st Sept - NSPCC assembly for the whole school followed by workshops for Years 3 - 6
- 25th Sept - 6pm Phonics parent information session for parents of pupils in Nursery, Reception and Year 1
- 27th Sept - 6pm Reading parent information session for parents of pupils in Years 3 - 6
- 28th Sept - Macmillan Coffee Morning in school hall 9am to 10.30am
- 3rd Oct - Harvest Service at 9.15am
- 10th Oct at 8.30am and again at 5.45pm- Wrap around care parent presentation.
- 16th Oct - ASPIRE day
- 17th Oct - Bring your family to school day for OAK TREES CLASS
- 22/23 Oct - Parent evenings
- 22nd Oct - Bring your family to school day for ACORNS
- 22nd Oct - Beaumont's recycling
- 22nd & 23rd Oct - Parents' Evening (information to follow)
- 7th Nov at 6pm - Maths curriculum evening for all parents
- 12th Nov - Creative curriculum parent information sessions at 6pm
- 26th Nov - Finish for half term
- 5th Nov - Return to school
- 6th Nov - OPEN afternoon for prospective parents from 1.15-5pm.
- 7th Nov - Bring your family to school day for CONKERS TREES CLASS
- Week beginning 19th November- last week of after school extra-curricular clubs for the term- new clubs to resume after Christmas.
- 10th Dec - Christmas CRAFT AFTERNOON FOR PARENTS  
Flu Vaccines for Year Reception - Year 5
- 14th Dec - Nativity Production (Whole School) at 9.15am and 2pm
- 19th Dec - Christmas Lunch
- 20th Dec - Christmas Parties
- 21st Dec - Finish For Christmas

# Newsletter

Wednesday 12th September 2018

## A word from Mrs Mitchell...

Hello to everyone and welcome back to the new school year. We would like to extend a very warm welcome to all of our families, old and new. Particular welcome to our new nursery pupils and our reception school starters.

We have also launched our twitter account so find us @LeaveningSchool and follow us for updates and news. Please be reminded that we have a facebook group too so find us-'Leavening Primary School' and follow us if you can. I know not all parents use social media and by no means are these the only way of communicating with parents. This will remain primarily on an email basis with hard copies for those who require them. Please email admin to be added to the list if you would prefer a hard copy of correspondence. We will be introducing a text message system for key information later in the autumn term.

I am delighted to let you know that we have appointed our new school administrator. Mrs Husband will take up post in October and joins us with a wealth of admin and business experience as well as experience of running clubs for children and a pre-school setting. We feel very lucky to have found her and know that she will fast become part of our school family. In the meantime we are very grateful and fortunate to have Mrs Sally Mitchell who will be coming in to school each afternoon to ensure that the admin duties are maintained. You may not see Mrs Mitchell #2 (as we have named her, to avoid confusion) as she will arrive at lunch time and leave at 3pm but she will be happy to deal with your queries and questions, so please do still use the admin@leavening.n-yorks.sch.uk email. Mrs Marshall will be in the office each morning from 8.30am until 9am and I will be working in the main office throughout the day when I am not teaching. Phone messages will be checked regularly. Please bare with us if we take some time in processing usual admin duties, you will appreciate resources are stretched at present, however we endeavour to continue to do our best.

On Wednesday we launched our new topic of 'In the beginning...' and celebrated this with a whole school event up at Leavening brow. The children absolutely loved it and the morning was a huge success. Thank you to those parents who have stopped me to let me know how much your children enjoyed it; things like this are great for us to hear. We had some parental feedback from the survey last term that said that Forest Schools and outdoor learning had dwindled somewhat last academic year and we make this one of our priorities this year to raise the profile again and ensure it is a key part of our creative and vibrant curriculum.

In addition to Mrs Husband, Mr Addison joins us this year from the sports company Total Sports. Mr Addison replaces Mr Clarke and he has very much enjoyed his first week already.

I hope to see as many of you as possible on the playground over the coming days and have a chat. Please do look at the dates for the diary and pop them all in to yours. Lots to look forward to over the coming term.

Kind regards,

Sian Mitchell

### Parent Information Sessions

We will be holding a series of parent information sessions regarding the curriculum over the year starting off with phonics and reading. Phonics session will be aimed at parents of children in nursery, reception, year 1 and 2 and will be on Tuesday 25th September at 6pm.

The reading session will be aimed at parents of children in Years 3-6 and will be on Thursday 27th September at 6pm.

If you are interested in coming along to these please let Sally know.

Mrs Mitchell will be holding the first parent forum on Thursday 20th September at 2.45pm and the focus for discussion will be wrap around care. Please can you email Mrs Mitchell to let her know if you are planning on coming along.

headteacher@leavening.n-yorks.sch.uk

Also, pop in your diaries our dates for Autumn term parents evenings. Monday 22nd October and Tuesday 23rd October. More information will be sent out nearer the time.

### Wrap Around care at Leavening Community Primary

The wheels are fully in motion and we are now in the process of setting up our wrap around care provision; breakfast and after school care from 7.45am until 6pm. Mrs Mitchell will hold parent information sessions on this. They will be at 8am until 8.30am and then 5.45pm until 6.15pm on WEDNESDAY 10th OCTOBER. Please can you email Mrs Mitchell at headteacher@leavening.n-yorks.sch.uk to let her know your attendance. The provision will be running from November( exact date to be confirmed in due course) We are very excited and delighted to be able to offer this.

### Sports Coach

We would like to welcome our new sports coach Mr Addison from Total Sports Company, to our school team. Mr Addison will be replacing Mr Clarke and he's already enjoyed his first Friday with us.

### Funky Friday

On Funky Friday children should come in uniform and change in and out of PE kit.

### Tuck Shop Reminder

Tuck Shop is now cash only and will be 20p per item, a reduction of 5p.

Please can children bring in a named purse, with their money. Children in Conkers and Oak Trees please can they give their purses to their teachers.

Thank you

### Flu Immunisation - Reception to Y5

These will be taking place in school on 10th December during the afternoon.

Please make sure you have gone on-line to give your consent by the end of September 2018. See letters sent out 10/09/18 with your child.

### After school clubs

Most of the clubs are proving really popular so thank you for the uptake. Drama and gardening on a Wednesday are not full so we are now offering this club to ALL pupils in school, not just Years reception to Year 2. If you would like your child to attend this club, please email admin or let the office know. In addition to this, Irish dancing on a Monday ( at a bargain cost of £3.50 for 1 hour, usual price £5) is also undersubscribed so we will open this up to the whole school too. Again, just let us know if you would like your child to join. All clubs run from 3.15-4.15pm. Please be prompt in picking your child up.

### Smartness and Punctuality

Whereby we are not a school who believes that pupils should be polished and scrubbed in order to achieve higher and do their best, we do believe instilling a sense of pride in children's appearance develops their self confidence, which enables them to feel positive. Therefore we ask that all children do wear the correct uniform and do not wear bright coloured trainers to school. Staff often wear nail polish and so it would not right to say that pupils can't but we trust parents to make appropriate judgements about acceptable presentation.

It is advised that girls with long hair tie their hair back when they can due to the risk of passing on head lice and we do insist that hair is tied back for sports for health and safety purposes and that all earrings are removed, Please work with us on this. Thank you.

Punctuality is much better so far this term so thank you. Remember the bell rings at 8.55am so children can be in classes ready to learn at 9am prompt.

### Communication

Teachers are happy to be contacted by email within reason for other matters but we do prefer and appreciate a face to face conversation where possible. Do not forget, teachers are always available to chat and if they are busy they will always make an appointment with you.

### INSPIRE/ASPIRE DAY

On **Tuesday 16th October** we would like to warmly invite parents and family members in to our school to share with our children the jobs they do. We know that we have a wide range of skills and talents among our lovely parents and families here at Leavening and we want to inspire the pupils to have high aspirations and dreams that they follow. Wouldn't it be fabulous if we could bring the community in to our school and hopefully inspire some young minds. If you think you would like to come in and share what you do with the children, even just for 10 minutes, please could you email school or let the office know. We would love to see as many of you farmers, accountants, teachers, scientists, administrators, cleaners, househusbands/wives, mechanics, artists, poets, authors, barristers, environmental workers, nurses, doctors, business people, etc. etc. as possible :)

### Bring your parents and families to school

To replace our 'seeing is believing and Dads and Lads' days this year, we are going to hold 'bring your.... to school days' As you will see from the dates for your diaries we have 3 days on offer for each class. This is an informal opportunity to come into school and get stuck in and see what a typical day is like in the life of your child. Please could you email the teacher directly to let them know if you would like to come.

For the purpose of this and general communication with your child's teacher the email addresses are:  
eramli@leavening.n-yorks.sch.uk- Mrs Ramli  
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