



Together We Can

**Attendance to date this term
94.6%**

Dates for your Diary

20th July - Last day of term -

Leavers assembly 9.15am

Yr 6 V Parents Rounders match 11am.

Leavers lunch 12noon.

We will be selling our poetry book—Space Oddities—during the day.

1st August - Warriors 2pm—4pm.

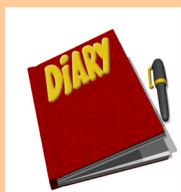
4th Sept - Return to school

12th Sept - Impressions Photographer

17th - 19th Sept - Oak Trees to Peat Rigg

28th Sept - Macmillan Coffee Morning

22nd Oct - Beaumont's Recycling



Attendance by year group to date this academic year -

Rec - 88%
Year 1 - 96.7%
Year 2 - 95.1%
Year 3 - 97.8%
Year 4 - 93.5%
Year 5 - 96.5%
Year 6 - 95.8%

Newsletter

Thursday 19th July 2018

A word from Mrs Mitchell.....

As we approach the end of the year, it is the right time to send out some heartfelt thank you's. Returning to school after any period of time away is always going to be an interesting time. For the last 7 weeks I have received overwhelming support and kind words from the core parent community, my staff, Head teacher colleagues and most significantly, the pupils. Our lovely pupils... the reason I do the job I do and love it so much.

I would like to take this time to thank Peter Whittle, one of our long serving community governors who have stood down from the role after some 10 years. Peter was once very involved with supporting pupils at school with their reading, as well as writing fantastically worded press releases for us; a true gentleman. In addition to this, thank you to Lyndsey Harrison who has been a thoughtful and practical thinking governor during her term of office. As you are aware from previous correspondence we also say goodbye to Alan Ockenden who has been Chair of Governors this academic year and parent governor for nearly 2 years before that. Alan has taken on a key role in assisting in the safeguarding of our pupils and other health and safety matters. Thank you to all for your time dedicated to our school. Therefore, we introduce two new parent governors from September. Mrs Louise Tolhurst (Mum of Oliver) and Mr Simon Cansick (dad to Emily and Ethan)

Also Mr James Robinson (Dad to George, Tommy and Betty) will be taking on the role of Chair of Governors from September. James, who is currently a parent governor, has already made an impact this half term through his transitional proactive involvement in strategic matters and of course, supporting my transition back to school after a period of maternity leave. There are exciting times ahead for us as we move the school forward with a shared vision and clear strategic direction, supported by careful communication.

I would like to thank my fantastic staff team, who again, have worked solidly together during my recent maternity leave to ensure our school ethos and values remain at the heart of all we do. Finally a big thank you to each and every one of the brilliant children we have at Leavening. My proudest moment since June was when Mrs Ray gushed to me that our pupils and their attitude and behaviour were such a credit to the staff.

Our Creative Curriculum

Since my return, staff have been working really hard on planning a new creative approach to the school curriculum. We have listened to what the pupils have said about how we can make things more fun, as well as staff. We would like to announce that our new topic for the first half of the autumn term will be titled 'In the beginning...' this topic will be based around evolution and creation of the world and will focus heavily on Science, History, Geography, Religious Education and Philosophy. The whole school will enjoy the same topic and it will be taught in many different ways, using a more open ended task based and creative approach. Detailed information about the curriculum your child will be taught will be sent out during the first week back in September.

Meanwhile I would like to share with you information on our exciting launch event for this topic. On Tuesday 11th September we will be holding an 'Evolution day' up on Leavening Brow. We will be spending the whole day up there and the children will be taking part in a range of practical activities. From over various ages of time. Children will need to bring a packed lunch that day and universal and free school meal pupils will be entitled to a packed lunch made by school. Pupils may come dressed as Stone Age men and women, dinosaurs, or anything that takes their fancy. We will remind you of this in the new term but we wanted to give you a heads up. Teachers have asked if pupils can research about Evolution over the summer and present their research in project in any way that suits them. Teachers will be looking forward to reading these in September. This is an optional task.

Wrap around care

I have had a number of parents recently enquire as to our progress on this. We are still in consultation stage with a view to introduce in the mid-late autumn term. However, please be reminded that after school extra-curricular activities will take place after school each day Monday- Thursday to 4.15pm, week commencing the 10th September. We have had plenty of interest.

Treasure Island

What a fantastic show the children delivered on Tuesday. We are utterly proud of all of our pupils. The delight on their faces and capturing the faces and expressions of the audience made it a highlight of the school year for everyone. Thank you for your most kind donations. We collected a total of £49 and this money will go towards buying our own lighting system for future productions.

Finally, I hope you and your families have an amazing summer and we will look forward to seeing you in September.

Sian Mitchell

A final word from Mrs Mortimer.

As you will have already heard, I am leaving Leavening School after 16 years to take up the position of school business manager at Pickering Junior School.

It is going to be a huge wrench to leave Leavening School and I will miss everyone who has made my time here so happy and eventful, sometimes frustrating but never dull!

To those of you who will be attending the leavers' assembly tomorrow, I apologise in advance—I will be a blubbery wreck and completely incapable of saying anything so I will say it now—**A heartfelt thank you to all parents, pupils, staff and governors, past and present, for all your support and kindness over the last 16 years—I will miss you!**

Enjoy your summer break, I'm sure I'll bump into some of you in Malton!

Claire Mortimer

FoLS

Thank you to everyone donated cakes or their time at the fete last Sunday. We raised £185.00 from the refreshment stall, which included a £25 donation from Marcia Fleming.

Thank you also to all the parents and staff who helped at the school disco—we raised £90. Thank you especially to Ollie for providing the tunes!



What a wonderful performance!



Acklam Show

Well done to all the children who won a rosette at Acklam Show. These children created Sport themed artwork and won rosettes for their amazing efforts. Holly Martin was the overall winner, Eve Hargreaves was second and Amber Tindall Richardson, Graci Wood, Amy Kemp and Jessica Hargreaves were our runners up.

A huge thank you to all the parents, family and friends who attended the Dog Show, Royal Tea Party, jumble sale and various other events this year. The money raised has been used to buy lots of books for Key Stage 2 children, and the books are written by the children's favourite authors. This will hopefully encourage children to read regularly at home and in school, so that they develop a love of reading! Thank you once again, Mrs Milson

