

NEWSLETTER

10th January 2020

SPRING TERM

A WORD FROM MRS MITCHELL...

Hello and a very happy new year to all of our lovely pupils and families. Welcome to our new pupils who have joined us this term; Aiden in Year 3 and Alfie, Kylo and Jessica in nursery.

During this next 6 weeks our whole school topic is 'Media Makers' and we will be exploring all the different forms of media and how it impacts on us, our community and the wider world. Pupils will be enjoying a special workshop from a journalist at the Gazette and Herald as well as landing our topic with a visit to the National Media Museum in Bradford (more information to follow) The class curriculum letters will give you further detailed information about the curriculum coverage for this topic.

Please take a moment to diarize all the dates for upcoming events this spring term. As usual we have many opportunities for parents to engage in school life, such as our new upcoming 'Curriculum Cafes' where we will invite parents to come along for a cuppa and a cake and learn about our curriculum design intent and implementation and the impact on your child's learning. We will be sharing our curriculum content, practical examples of how the children learn and how you can support and engage them at home. Each session will have a different curriculum focus (such as Reading, Writing, Maths, PE, RE, History, Geography, Science, Computing, Forest Schools, Personal and Health Education) We will aim to host one each half term and will explore different days and times based on feedback.

We also have 3 consecutive 'Seeing is Believing' days in the second half of the spring term- 2/3/4 March where we will warmly invite you to come into school and spend time engaging in the curriculum and learning experiences with your child/ren. We will have a booking system for this and Susie will correspond with you in due course regarding this. Finally we have our parent and teacher meetings where you will be able to discuss your child's well being and progress and look at their work. These are on 16th and 18th March from 3.30-6.30 pm and again, Susie will correspond regarding booking appointments.

FoLs have some exciting fundraising events lined up too and all proceeds will go towards our whole school wellness retreat. The Young Leaders will spend this half term designing this area with our view to start creating it in the summer term. Finally, as usual, if you have any questions, issues or concerns please do not hesitate to chat to us.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.
Best wishes
Sian Mitchell



DIARY DATES!

JANUARY

Fri 9th Young Voices trip
W/C Mon 13th Forest School resumes (Conkers & Oak Trees)
Weds 15th Starlight bag collection
Thurs 16th Weekly Swimming lessons start (Oak Trees only) running upto & inc Thurs 2nd April
Thurs 30th Gazette & Herald in school doing a media workshop (Conkers & Oak Trees)

FEBRUARY

Mon 10th Parent meetings for Acorns children
Mon 10th Parent Curriculum cafe (2pm-3.10pm)
Thurs 13th Trip to Bradford's National Science & Media Museum (Conkers & Oak Trees)
Thurs 13th FoLs Valentines Disco (5.45pm-7.15pm)
W/C Mon 17th Half term week

MARCH

2nd-4th 'Seeing is Believing'
Thurs 5th World Book Day - dress up as a book character
Mon 16th & Weds 18th Parent meetings for Conkers & Oak Trees children (3.30pm-6.30pm)
Fri 27th Easter Concert (9.30am-10.30am)
Mon 30th Parent Curriculum cafe (2pm-3.10pm)
Fri 13th Non uniform- please bring in item for Easter hamper
Fri 20th Sports Relief Fundraiser-more info to follow!



LOST PROPERTY

There are a lot of unnamed items of clothing in the lost property box by reception - including a Forest School bag. Please have a check and see if your child has lost anything...!

All school uniform should be named please

GUITAR LESSONS

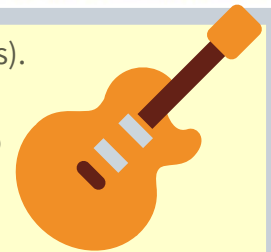
Dan Hardcastle has availability for guitar lessons.

The weekly cost of lessons is £7.50 for a 30-min group lesson (groups no larger than 5 pupils).

Sometimes there are not enough pupils at the same level to provide a group lesson.

In this situation 15-min one-to-one lessons will be provided (at £7.50) until a suitable group becomes available. For further information please contact Dan Hardcastle:

Mobile: 07921845692 or Email: daniel.hardcastle@hotmail.co.uk



STARLIGHT BAG COLLECTION

This fantastic recycling scheme helps brighten the lives of seriously ill children. Please bag up any donations of unwanted clothing, shoes, bags, hats and belts and bring in for collection on

Wednesday 15th January. For more information, please visit their website:

www.starlight.org.uk



Punctuality reminder

Attendance and punctuality is **very important**. The bell rings at 8.55am.

Thanks for your continued support with this.

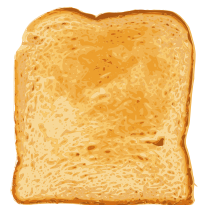
Polite reminders

> Please do not park outside the school during bus drop-off/pick-up times.

> All children should have a coat, warm outdoor PE clothes and suitable trainers

TUCK AVAILABLE AT MORNING BREAKS!

Every morning break time, we offer bagels, toast and juice for sale - each item is just 20p (10p for nursery children). Please bring money **in a named purse** as tuck shop items cannot be paid for via ParentPay.



BUZZ CLUB: Wrap-around care service

The Breakfast and After-School club (the 'Buzz Club'), is a fantastic facility that we are very lucky to be able to offer.

If you would like your child/children to attend, it is quick and simple.

You can email the office: admin@leavening.n-yorks.sch.uk to book them in.

Payment is made via ParentPay. An admission form will need completing initially.



Breakfast Club runs everyday in term time from 7.45am until 8.45am. For £3 per day, you can drop your child at school early morning, where they can enjoy a delicious breakfast.

After school provision is split into 2 sessions: 3.15 - 4.15pm (£3.00 per session) and 4.15 - 5.45pm (£5.00 per session) with a healthy snack served at 4.30pm. This runs everyday **apart from Thursdays**.

Activities include:

Arts and crafts ☺ Baking ☺
Opportunity to do homework ☺
Outdoor play ☺ Puzzles ☺ Games
Drama ☺ Reading ☺ Relaxing!

Children from nursery age through to Year 6 are all welcome!