

# Newsletter

Thursday 27th September 2018

## Hello!

*I would like to introduce myself to you as the new School Administrator, Gill Husband. I am very happy to be joining the friendly team at Leavening Primary School. I am married with 2 teenage children, joining you to fulfil my hopes of looking for a new challenge. I am sure you will all help me with the challenges, but if you could give me time to settle in that would be great! :-)* I look forward to meeting you all in due course,

In the meantime, please could you help me, I am updating your records and refreshing some of the systems. If you have made any changes lately to mobile phone numbers, email addresses etc please could you email the school with the changes. Also could you inform me if you would like hard copies of letters sending out to home, otherwise we will send them via email. Thank you



## Polite Reminder;

Please could we ask that you are punctual when collecting your child/children from after school clubs. Extra Curriculum Activity Clubs finish

## Mid-day Supervisor Assistant Vacancy

**We are currently looking for a mid-day supervisor— 1 hour (12-1) 5 days per week**  
**If anyone is interested please**

## 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

## Dates for your Diary

**27th Sept** - Reading parent information session for parents of pupils in Years 3 - 6 @ 6 pm

**28th Sept** - Macmillan Coffee Morning in school hall @ 9am to 10.30am

**3rd Oct** - Harvest Service @ 9.15am

**10th Oct** - Wrap around care parent presentation. @8.30 am and 5.45 pm

**16th Oct** - ASPIRE day

**17th Oct** - Bring your family to school day for OAK TREES CLASS

**22nd & 23rd Oct** - Parent's evenings

**22nd Oct** - Beaumont's recycling

**23rd Oct** - Bring your family to school day for ACORNS

**26th Oct**—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 CLASS

**7th Nov** - Maths curriculum evening for all parents @ 6pm

**12th Nov** - Creative curriculum parent information sessions @ 6pm

**Week commencing 19th November**—Is the last week of the after school extra-curricular clubs for the term - new clubs to resume after Christmas.

**10th Dec** - Christmas Craft Afternoon for parents

**10th Dec**—Flu Vaccines for Year Reception - Year 5

**14th Dec** - Nativity Production (Whole School) @ 9.15am and 2pm

**19th Dec** - Christmas Lunch

Please email admin@leavening.n-yorks.sch.uk with any comments about this newsletter.

It is with sadness but congratulations that we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Farnhill who will be leaving us on Friday 12th October 2018 to embark on a new adventure. To celebrate Mrs Farnhill's 5 years of great work and interest with the children in the pastoral care and all the other children, we will be holding a tea party on Thursday 11th October @ 2.30pm, parents and the community all welcome.

### Wrap Around Care—Update!!

We are currently in the process of recruiting a Break-fast/After School Leader. We will keep you informed of the progress, We anticipate opening after half term - Fingers crossed!  
Breakfast Club start time 8 am £2.50 per child including Breakfast  
After School Club 3.15pm to 4.15pm - £2.00  
Or 3.15pm to 5.45 - £6.00 including a healthy snack  
We will be able to have some flexibility in the first instance - Regular attendance to either or both of the sessions, would need to be requested by 3pm on the Friday before.  
Confirmation of details will be shared once we finalise them.

### ASPIRE DAY

Thank you to all the parents who have already volunteered to come in , we have room for more volunteers—so if you are available to spend some time on 16th October at any time in the day, please contact Mrs Mitchell ,

### Daily Mile Initiative

Since the beginning of term we have been completing the daily mile. In order to keep on doing this fantastic activity going, please ensure that all the children have the correct clothing, coats,

**Open Afternoon—  
For Prospective Parents  
With children Approaching  
Nursery Age  
Tuesday 6th November from  
1.15pm—5.00pm**

### Harvest Service -

This will take place on 3rd October @ 9.10am, parents are welcome to stay after school drop off - tea and coffee will be served from 9.00am.

This year we are donating to the local food bank. Any donations of tins/packets and toiletries will be much appreciated. Donations can be brought into school from Monday 1st October

Another fond farewell to Mrs Midgley, our School Caretaker and Cleaner who has been with the school for over 20 years, Mrs Midgley is going to take some well earned time relishing in being a grandmother, a great friend to all at the school and will be sadly missed. Mrs Midgely is welcome to come back and visit and attend any of our community events—it will be lovely to see you there.

Our New School Caretaker and Cleaner is Mr Ian Train.

### 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:  
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