

A WORD FROM MRS MITCHELL...

The last 3 weeks have flown by and I have never been more impressed with the pupils at our school. I have been in lots of lessons seeing what they are learning and looking at their work and can see what a positive start they have all made.

We are very fortunate with our small class sizes and it has been a pleasure to see the range of personal learning opportunities happening across school. This topic of 'Buzzing Brains' specifically focusing on inventions has certainly ignited enthusiasm amongst all.

A special welcome to 3 new pupils who have joined our school family very recently: Everlie in reception, Liam in Year 4 and Will in Year 5. On the 30th September we will be saying farewell to Mrs Tinson, our after school club worker who is due her baby. Mrs Tinson has worked hard to establish the after school club and has been a valuable member of our team- we will miss her and wish her all the very best. Hannah Marshall will take over this role for the academic year and as previously communicated, this will be offered on a Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Breakfast club will remain each morning. Our nursery is also off to a flying start and is thriving with a total of 12 pupils at present with the list growing after Christmas. Mrs Cuthbertson and her team have worked super hard to ensure a calm, engaging and purposeful environment for the children to thrive in by learning through play.

Thank you to those parents who have completed the Ofsted parent view survey online. We now have 16 responses. Remember, both parents can fill out separate surveys and we would really encourage you to do so. Thank you ever so much for your time in this. In addition, Ofsted like to hear about specific examples from parents of something the school does well. If you would be willing to pen a short piece about your personal experiences of the school and email them to me at headteacher@leavening.n-yorks.sch.uk then we would be most grateful. We have lots to look forward to before half term including our visit to the theatre to see Joseph and his amazing Technicolor dream coat, our finale of our topic which will be a dragons den style competition, supporting world mental health day, celebrating our pupils achievements at parents evenings (booking information to follow) and our harvest service. Best Wishes Sian Mitchell



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SEPTEMBER

Sat 28th - Village Macmillan Coffee Morning
10am-1pm in the Methodist School Room

OCTOBER

Weds 2nd - Starlight bag collection

Weds 2nd - Whole school trip: Joseph Grand Opera House, York

Weds 2nd - Nursery parents: 'settling in' chats with Mrs Cuthbertson 9am-12

Mon 7th - Whole school open day
9.30am - 4pm

Thurs 10th - #HelloYellow - mental health awareness in young people. Wear yellow-themed clothing/hair/facepaint) Any donations welcome for this great cause).

Mon & Tues 21st & 22nd - Parent consultations - email coming out soon!

Friday 25th - Harvest service 9.15am. Parents are welcome to join us!

Friday 25th - Last day of term

NOVEMBER

Sat 2nd Village bonfire & fireworks 6pm

Mon 4th - Term starts

Tues 5th - School lunch promotion: Bonfire night themed. Parents welcome!

Thurs 14th - Leavening's Got Talent! 1-3pm

Sat 23rd - School Dance Festival (Saturday)

Thurs 28th - Advent Fair 3.15-4.30

DECEMBER

Mon 2nd - Mrs Milson returns to school!

Tues 10th - Christmas movie night fundraiser

16th - Christmas Production 9.30am

18th - Christmas lunch and parties

A huge thank you again to Mr Jackson and Robert for constructing the reading shed for us in the Early Years area. We are very grateful!



Going Green: Friday 20th September

We have been 'Going Green' for climate change awareness. We have done various activities across the school to learn more about this very important subject.



Follow us to stay updated about news, events and more!



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All school uniform should be named please!

WATER BOTTLES!

Each child should have their own named water that is brought into school. Thank you!

FRIENDS OF LEAVENING SCHOOL AGM – Tuesday 8th Oct at 2.15pm

We encourage as many people as possible to join us for the FoLS Annual General Meeting. We are **desperately** fundraising for Christmas; presents from Santa for the pupils at the Christmas party, sensory lights and equipment for our chill our zone/common room. Lisa Rowe is stepping down as **Chair of FoLS**. We are extremely grateful to her for all of her fantastic support in this role. We are now seeking any parent who wishes to takeover from Lisa. We also need a **secretary** and **treasurer** in order for FoLS to exist. Please do get in touch if you can help to support FOLS. The funds that are raised are towards helping YOUR child.

Parents/carers who drop off children please be aware that **Year 1 pupils upwards** should be encouraged to come into school **on their own** with the rest of their class when lining up at the door. Reception parents may come in with them. Thank you!

Punctuality reminder!

We started off the term well but lateness is starting to be an issue again. Thanks for your continued support with this.

MORNING ROUTINE REMINDER

We would like to remind parents and carers that the playground is supervised from **8.45am**. Children should not be dropped off any earlier than this as we cannot be held responsible for their safety.

All pupils, including nursery children are to stay in the playground until the bell rings at **8.55am**.

If it is raining- staff will open the middle door for Conkers and Oaks Trees and the side gate for nursery). **Only pupils who have a morning job are allowed into school before 8.55am.**

All parents are to encourage their children to wait in the playground in the morning.

When the bell rings at **8.55am**, nursery children are to line up near the side gate, with Conkers and Oak Trees at the middle door where the teacher will collect them.

Please can parents work with us to adhere to this for safeguarding purposes.

This is very much appreciated.

Year Ones: Enjoying their regular visit to the residential home in Norton



PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS

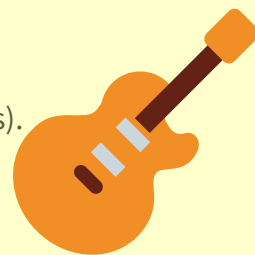
We strongly encourage parents to come along to these fun informative sessions. Find out how your child is being taught and get involved with their learning. Lots of insightful information awaits and opportunities to ask any questions...

NURSERY 'SETTLING-IN' SESSIONS

We are inviting parents of nursery children to pop in for a chat with Mrs Cuthbertson about how their child is settling in. *Note: these are optional.* These sessions will take place on **2nd Oct between 9am-12** and should take approx 10mins. Please email or speak to Susie in the office to book your slot: admin@leavening.n-yorks.sch.uk

GUITAR LESSONS

Dan Hardcastle now 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 **2nd October**. For more info, please visit their website: www.starlight.org.uk



PARENT FOCUS GROUPS

These groups are an opportunity for parents to meet informally with Mrs Mitchell and/or Mrs Peers to discuss various aspects of school life. The next focus group is on: **Tues 12th Nov at 9am**

JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT

Thanks for all the replies we have had so far for the trip on Wednesday 2nd Oct. We need to know if you are definitely joining us- by Monday 30th Sept (at the latest!) We can then contact all those parent helpers who are on the list with details of spare tickets.



PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCIES

We currently have a vacancy for a parent governor.

Being a governor is highly rewarding and gives a extensive insights into school; allowing you to take an active role in shaping its future.

For more information, please speak to Mrs Kemp in the office.

WRAP AROUND CARE REMINDER

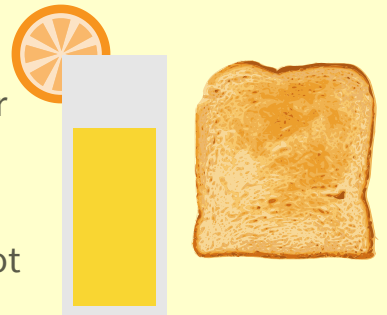
We would like to politely remind parents that we cannot accept bookings for the following morning, once the school office has closed at 3.30pm. For more info, please refer to our original conditions on our website:

www.leavening.n-yorks.sch.uk/before-after-school-care/

TUCK AVAILABLE AT MORNING BREAKS!

Every morning break time, we will be offering bagels, toast and juice for sale - each priced at just 20p.

Please bring money **in a named purse please** as tuck shop items cannot be paid for via ParentPay.



SOCIAL MEDIA

Please keep on eye on our Facebook and Twitter accounts. All the news, photos, classroom activities, upcoming events and more will be added in due course - so watch this space!



UNIFORM AND SHOE REMINDER

We would like to remind you about the school uniform policy - no trainers should be worn (this includes black trainers). Children should wear appropriate black school shoes. Book bags can be ordered from myclothing.com as we no longer allow rucksacks. For more info: <http://www.leavening.n-yorks.sch.uk/about-us/uniform/>

PE KITS NOW COMING HOME ON FRIDAYS

PE Kits will now be coming home on Fridays for a wash. Please can they be returned to school so we have them for lessons the following week. Thanks!