

# NEWSLETTER

6th September 2019

AUTUMN TERM

## A WORD FROM MRS MITCHELL...

**Hello and welcome back to the new school year.** The staff have been busy transforming the learning environments so that they offer high quality opportunities for our pupils and have been planning preparing a fun packed, creative and purposeful curriculum.

This half terms topic is 'Buzzing Brains' which is linked to inventors and inventions. The teachers will be sending out the curriculum newsletter in due course so you can get a detailed insight into what your child/ren will be learning this half term.

I would like to extend a very warm welcome to our new office administrator Susie Kemp. Many of you will know Susie from being a parent at the school and I am sure you will join me and the team in ensuring Susie has a positive welcome into school. She has already surpassed her own expectations this week and it seems is now an expert plumber, electrician and accountant...all in a weeks work! It has been lovely to have Mrs Milson back in school with the team undergoing various training at the beginning of the week. Mrs Milson will spend several days in school between now and her return in early December. She is doing well and thoroughly enjoying her time with little Eva. A special welcome to our new nursery pupils this year: Ben, Robert, Rudi, Arabella and Oliver all join the older nursery pupils, as well as welcoming Sophia into reception and Nathan into Year 2.

Please make note of all the key dates for this term, many of which will have more information to follow. Also if you haven't yet filled out the parent survey on ofsteds parent view, please would you be so kind as to do so. We are expecting our visitors any day now and your views are important. Thank you.

I hope to see and chat to as many of you as possible over the coming weeks. Please do try and come along to the parent information sessions as well as the parent focus group; as always coffee and cake will be on offer.

Best Wishes  
Sian Mitchell



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### SEPTEMBER

**9th** - Topic launch: Buzzing Brains  
Don't forget to dress up as a famous inventor or invention!

**24th** - Parent information session:  
'How we teach reading' 3.15-4pm

**26th** - Topic landing:

Dragon's Den event

**26th** - Malton School Y6 Open Evening

### OCTOBER

**2nd** - Starlight bag collection

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

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

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

**21st & 22nd** - Parent consultations

**25th** - Harvest service 9.15am.

Parents are welcome to join us!

**25th** - Last day of term

### NOVEMBER

**4th** - Term starts

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

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

**23rd** - School Dance Festival (Saturday)

**28th** - Advent Fair 3.15-4.30

### DECEMBER

**2nd** - Mrs Milson returns to school!

**10th** - Christmas movie night fundraiser

**16th** - Topic landing

**17th** - Christmas Production

**18th** - Christmas lunch and parties

### JANUARY

**6th** - Training day

**7th** - Children back to school

**10th** - Young Voices concert-Sheffield Arena



# PHOTOS FROM THE START OF TERM

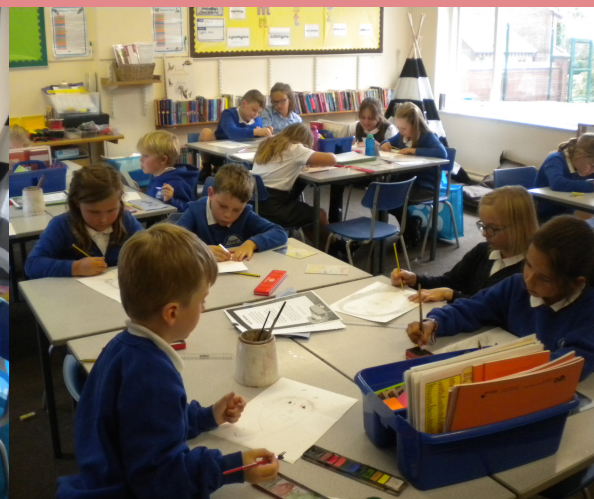
**Acorns had a fantastic first day in Nursery. Smiles all round!**



**Conkers fun first week!**



**Oak Trees pupils settling in brilliantly!**



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Hello from Susie in the office!  
For those of you who don't yet know me, I have lived in the village for around 20 years. My eldest daughter benefited greatly from Leavening School and my youngest continues to do so.  
I became a School Governor earlier this year and having spent 17 years working in a secondary school, I now can't wait to take on all the new challenges this diverse admin role has to offer!  
Thank you all in advance for persevering with me while I learn the (many) ropes! I'm looking forward to getting to know you all ☺  
- Mrs Kemp



## YOUNG LEADERS: CONKERS



**Bella Charrington-Way**



**Jacob Rowe**



**Sophia Seath**

## YOUNG LEADERS: OAK TREES



**Harry Midgley  
Katie Jackson  
Hattie Collins  
Evie-Mae Fieldsend**

This week has been our 'learn to learn' week. We've been involved in selecting the Young Leadership team who will work with Mrs Mitchell and Mrs Peers to help make key decisions about school. They were elected by their peers after putting their case forward. These Young Leaders will serve until Christmas.

## Head Pupil and Vice Head Pupil

Our Head and Vice Head pupils, Rose and Emily, have been chosen by staff and peers alike for the outstanding range of qualities that they demonstrate day to day.

They will act as Key Ambassadors for our school.



**Head Pupil:**  
**Rose Pickard**



**Vice Head Pupil:**  
**Emily Rowe**

Oak Trees will have the amazing opportunity to take part in 'the biggest school choir in the world'.

Letters are coming out today about the Young Voices concert that we have been lucky to secure places on.

This will take place at the Sheffield Motorpoint Area on Friday 10th January 2020.

For more information, please visit:  
[www.youngvoices.co.uk](http://www.youngvoices.co.uk)



### 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.

Parents please refrain from entering school via the office and taking your children to class/coat pegs etc before the bell rings.

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.

Parents of nursery and reception pupils are welcome to follow children in to settle them.

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



## BUZZING BRAINS CONKERS & OAK TREES

We are looking forward to seeing all the fabulous creations from Conkers and Oak Trees pupils for the launch of our new topic 'Buzzing Brains' this term. Don't forget you can dress up as your favourite inventor on the launch day: **Monday 9th September**. The more creative the better!

## DRAGON'S DEN: 26th Sept

Children in Conkers and Oak Trees will showcase and 'pitch' the invention they've made in school, in this fun Dragon's Den-style event.



## PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS

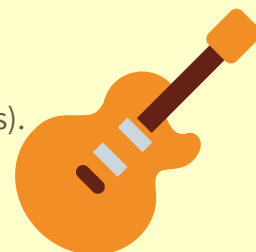
We strongly encourage parents to come along to these fun informative sessions. Find out how your child is being taught and get involved with their learning. Lots of insightful information awaits and opportunities to ask any questions...

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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.

Upcoming dates for these are:

**Wed 25th Sept at 9am**

**Tues 12th Nov at 9am**

## JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT

We are very excited to be organising a whole school trip to see the matinee performance of this fabulous show at the Grand Opera House in York on **2nd October**. More details coming very soon...





## A PLEA FROM MRS RAMLI

Donations of the following items would be highly appreciated by Mrs Ramli - thank you!

drain pipes - lagging / plastic pipes  
wood offcuts - planks / decking  
crates - milk / shopping / beer etc  
baking cutters  
bowls, pots & pans / utensils / cutlery  
old towels  
blankets / rugs  
large fabric pieces  
dolls/clothes / playmobile  
jigsaws  
board games (for KS1 age)  
general junk modelling items - boxes etc

## SCENERY AVAILABLE

We have some fabulous scenery - barely used - that has been made for previous school productions including Wind in the Willows and Treasure Island. We would love for it to be rehomed for a small donation towards the school. If anyone can make use of it/or knows of anyone who could utilise it in any local theatre groups, please do spread the word!

## WRAP AROUND CARE REMINDER

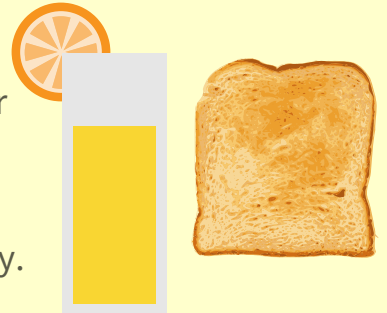
We would like to politely remind parents that we cannot accept bookings for the following morning, once the school office has closed at 3.30pm. For more info, please refer to our original conditions on our website:

[www.leavening.n-yorks.sch.uk/before-after-school-care/](http://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 as tuck shop items cannot be paid for via ParentPay.



## SOCIAL MEDIA

Please keep an 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!



## BOOK BAGS & SHOES

A reminder was sent out at the end of last term to say that rucksacks were no longer allowed. This is to minimise clutter, keep corridors tidy and allow coat-pegs to be tidier and less bulky. Book bags can be ordered from [myclothing.com](http://myclothing.com). Can we also remind parents that trainers are not part of school uniform. Children should wear appropriate black school shoes.

## DIY AND WHITE VAN WO/MAN! - HELP NEEDED DESPERATELY!

DIY plea! We have a variety of new outdoor furniture that needs constructing and we are in desperate need of some DIY Dans and Dorises to roll their sleeves up and help us out with this. In addition we have some old tatty furniture that we would like to say goodbye to and would welcome anyone with a van who would be happy to dispose of it for us. If you are able to help with this, please let Susie in the office know. Thanks in advance!

