



Newsletter

4th March 2019

Together We Can

Dates for your Diary

4th & 5th Mar; Parent Consultation
5th & 6th Mar ; Bikeability Years 5 & 6
6th Mar; Swimming Lessons Year 1,2,3
7th Mar; World Book Day
11th Mar; Parent Curriculum Meeting @ 6pm
15th Mar; French Café 2.00pm
21st Mar; Whole School 'Bring your parents to school day'
25th & 26th Mar; Yr3/4 Peat Rigg Residential
5th Apr; Easter 'Dress Up Day', Luxury Easter Item donation please
9th Apr; Easter 'Movie Night'
10th Apr; 'Easter Extravaganza', it's going to be smashing! 2.15pm Easter Raffle
11th Apr; Easter Egg Rolling Competition
12th Apr; Easter Concert @ 9.15am, Coffee and biscuits in the hall from 9.00am
12th Apr; Break Up
29th Apr; Training Day
30th Apr; Back to School

Staff member of the month nomination / Staff Shout Out Board

I would like to introduce a monthly recognition award to staff here at our wonderful school and I need the parents and children's help. In the reception area there is a nomination box and you will have the chance each month to post a nomination to recognize the hard work, commitment, dedication, passion, etc. of a member of staff of your choosing for whatever reason you like. Alternatively you can email admin with them.

At the end of each month I will count the nominations and the member of staff with the most nominations will receive a poster with all of the reasons on as well as a pamper prize. We will put in in the newsletter and on our website and face book page. We will also encourage the children to nominate too.

As many of you have already seen and the children have wrote on, the 'Shout Out' board is up in reception, please come along and give a member of staff a 'Shout Out' about something they have done or do, it is really nice to see the lovely comments!

Hello and Welcome back to the second half of the spring half term.

I hope you have had a lovely half term break.

I would like to recognise some of the fantastic work that happened over the half term break from our committed staff members. Mrs Stockill led a fantastic community project whereby some of the pupils sang at the Lord Mayors Charity Ball on Saturday evening, along with other pupils from local primary schools and students at Malton Secondary. Thank you to Mrs Stockill for enabling our pupils to be involved in such a privileged opportunity. Thank you , also to those parents who allowed their child/ren to take part-it was one of those 'goosebump' moments and Mrs Marshall and I were very proud of all the pupils who took part, and of course, Mrs Stockill.

Mrs Marshall and Mrs Cuthbertson gave up a significant amount of their own time over the holidays to come in and totally re-vamp the garden area and do a vast amount of preparation to enable our school garden to really flourish this year (excuse the pun!)

As headteacher, I really value these extra miles staff will happily and readily go to ensure that our pupils have the best opportunities.

Please may I take this opportunity to ask parents to go on our school Parent View link and give your views about school. It is an Ofsted registered site and all you need to do is create an account and take 5 minutes to fill out a brief survey about our school. We would really appreciate it if you could do this.

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

As I type this I can hear the children enjoying a space themed dance workshop with Mrs Ramli in the hall - Thank you for supporting us in these events through costume preparing etc. You will see that we have lots more exciting curriculr and extra curricular things coming up this half term.

Have a good week

Best Wishes

Sian Mitchell

Breakfast and After School Club

We are very lucky to be able to offer the Breakfast and After School Club.

If you would like your child/children to attend it is quick and simple, you can ring the office the day before and book them in. We are flexible and it is great to see the different children coming and having fun!

An admission form will need completing initially. All payments are now on parent pay.

Notices/Wanted

Please could we ask has anyone got a toy castle that Acorns could have for their Kings and Queens project.

Water Bottles - Please can you make sure that your child brings a water bottle with water in to drink in class. They are allowed a small drink of juice at lunch, only the person bringing the juice in can drink it!

Parent Governor One Vacancy Filled

We are delighted in welcoming Susie Kemp on board with the Governors. Mrs Kemp has a daughter Amy, in Year 3 and looking forward to her new role.

We still have another role to fill so if you are interested please contact Mrs Mitchell of the Chair of Governors James Robinson, who will be happy to answer any questions you may about the role.

SATs Club

After school on a Tuesday

3.15– 4.15pm

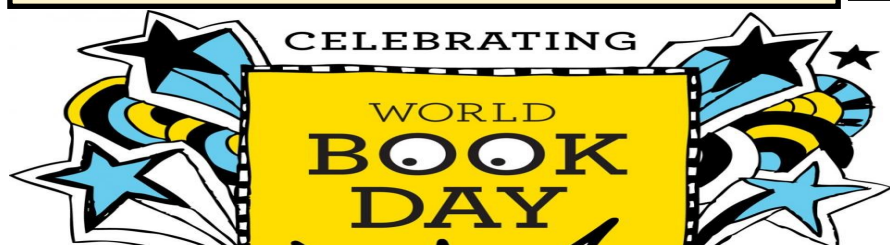


FoLS -

Currently Lisa Rowe is the only official member of FoLS, we appreciate help offered, but we need regular people to come through, FoLS is a vital part of fund raising for our school.

FoLS is a registered charity and to make it viable more than one person needs to be a member. If you are interested please speak to Lisa Rowe or Mrs Mitchell. Many thanks and as always your help is much appreciated!

Swimming Lessons start this Wednesday 6th March for Years 1,2 and 3—don't forget your kit!



World Book Day - Thursday 7th March

Children are invited to come dressed to school in a book character of their choice. Please use any costumes that your child/children have dressed up in recently!



PE kits

Following further monitoring on Friday of last week, it is clear that a significant number of children do not have the correct PE kit, particularly the older pupils in Oak Trees. As explained to the children, it is not us being picky or unnecessarily fussy, but to instil a sense of pride in themselves as well as preparing them for secondary school where there are consequences if the uniform policy is not adhered to. A reminder that PE kits should comprise of a plain and dark coloured jogging bottom (at this time of the year) or shorts and a plain white T shirt without a pattern on. Pupils should wear trainers and plimsolls. We will be keeping an eye on this over the next few weeks.

Thank you for your cooperation in this.

As a school we believe that a child's emotional health and well being is the most important factor in ensuring children are happy, content and learn at school.

We place a high profile on developing and nurturing this at Leavening. Here are some top tips, all of which we incorporate into our curriculum.

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Fun Ways to Boost a Child's

emotional health

Board games

(social skills are modeled and practiced)

Dancing

(physical movement reduces depression)

Art

(healthy outlet for emotions)

Reading

(increases empathy and self-awareness)

Knit/Crochet/Stitch

(promotes mindfulness)

Cooking

(boosts focus)

Writing stories/jokes

(improves executive functioning skills)

Sing/play an instrument

(releases 'feel good' endorphins)

Outdoor nature walks

(reduces stress levels)

Puzzles

(exercise's problem-solving skills)

Punctuality;

This is continuing to be an issue and is something that we are keen to address.

If your child is absent please call/email the office first thing.

At present we appreciate that there is road closures, but despite this the issue continues.

Please make an appointment with your child's class teacher if you have some circumstances that they need to be made aware of.

Thank you

E-Safety

We were delighted to welcome PC Jane Jones into school before half term, during the sessions she noted the following;

PC Jones' feed back—

A significant number of Key Stage (years 3-6) regularly accessed video games that are not appropriate to their age ie; Fortnite!

It was also brought to our attention children regularly use Snapchat which has an age 13 both of these forms of social are older than Primary School age—please be vigilant!

We pride ourselves on strong E-Safety ethics in school and appreciate working together with you.

Pickabook—'The book shop in a box'

This is currently in reception at school with some lovely books—

The books are ready for you to purchase and take away.

Please feel free to come and have a look.

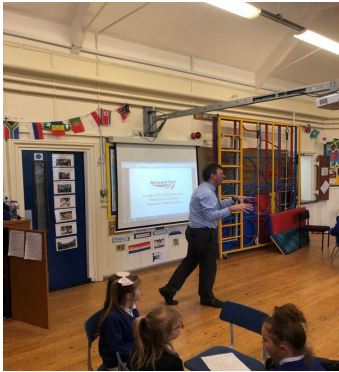
Don't forget to log onto Parent View and give us your views -

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

If you require help, have any questions or require any paper copies of letters etc. that are sent home please do not hesitate to contact me in the office—I'm always happy to help!

01653 658313 or email admin@leavening.n-yorks.sch.uk

Years 2, 3 and 4 have enjoyed a morning with Railway Engineer Tony Finlison, from Network Rail.



Year 5 and 6 are taking part in a 2 day training programme about road safety called 'Bikeability'. The pupils are 'gearing up' to tackle the country roads, learning all about staying safe and being responsible riders.



The whole school were delighted to take part in the Launch event for this half term topic of 'Is there anyone out there?' The pupils enjoyed a day of designing and building rockets, creating their own solar system and learning intergalactic moon dances.

