

A WORD FROM MRS CALLAGHAN...

It's hard to believe we are already 4 weeks into the term – more than a tenth of the school year completed! The weeks are definitely flying by and the nights are already 'drawing in'! The children are enjoying their 'Star Gazers' topic and producing some excellent work.

Mrs Milson, Mrs Price and I are working to design and develop the whole school curriculum (continuing on from the work started by Mrs Peers and Mrs Mitchell last year) to ensure that our pupils receive a high quality, broad, balanced, ambitious and rigorous curriculum. As part of this, we are currently in the process of reorganising our teaching of reading and phonics, in line with new Ofsted requirements and expectations. You may notice some changes to the reading system being used in school, particularly in Conkers Class, as we introduce new books that are linked directly to the phonics children are learning in the classroom. This is quite a large task, so please bear with us as we complete this reorganisation; we hope to have the new system fully in place by half term. Mrs Milson will send out more details as the system gets underway.

You will also have received from us some information regarding staff recruitment. We are currently looking to appoint a permanent teacher for Oak Trees Class (from January 2021), a part-time General Teaching Assistant to work across the school and a relief Midday Supervisor for occasional lunch-time cover. Please see the information further down the newsletter or the school website for more details.

As the COVID-19 situation sadly goes on and infection rates continue to rise, a polite reminder that staff, children or parents experiencing COVID-19 symptoms (new and persistent cough or a high temperature, or a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell) must not come to school, should self-isolate for at least 10 days and should arrange to have a test to see if they have coronavirus (COVID-19). If we send your child home from school with Covid-19 symptoms, they will need to be free of the symptoms and have a negative test before returning to school. In the event of one member of a household experiencing symptoms, the whole household would need to self-isolate. Please see the school website for details of our remote learning plan, should a child or family need to self-isolate. Thank you for all of your support so far, particularly with adhering to our COVID-19 arrangements and for being so welcoming to myself and the other new members of staff. Leavening School is a lovely community and the staff and I feel privileged to be a part of it.

My very best wishes

Mrs Louise Callaghan (Acting Headteacher)

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR OF GOVERNORS...

I know you've all been as concerned as we have to see Sian has been absent from school for some time now. Unfortunately she suffered a medical emergency; an aortic dissection. This is something which takes a while to recuperate from and I'm sure you'll join us in wishing her well. We will give her time she needs to rehabilitate. Any messages of support are welcome and they can be channelled through Mrs Kemp. For those of you that have direct contact details for Mrs Mitchell, I know she appreciates receiving your support and although she's not well enough to engage in telephone calls, messages are most welcome; she has a great deal of time on her hands at present as she starts on her road of recovery.

Best Regards

James Robinson - Chair of Governors

PLANNED DIARY DATES (Events may be subject to change due to Covid 19)

OCTOBER

Weds 14th - School photographer here
(Individual and class photos only.)

DECEMBER

Weds 2nd - Flu vaccinations

FEBRUARY

Weds 24th-Fri 26th- Peat Rigg
Residential- Oak Trees class (Years 3-6)

JUNE

Young Voices rearranged date - tbc

NAMED UNIFORM REMINDER

We are often finding uniform and PE kit items in classrooms and around school that is unnamed. [Please can you ensure all uniform / kit has your child's name in - so it can be easily rehomed.](#)

PARENT PAY

Please can ParentPay balances be settled as soon as possible. **We cannot carry forward debts from the previous academic year.** Should you have any queries about this, please email Mrs Kemp: admin@leavening.n-yorks.sch.uk

KS2 TEACHER VACANCY

Variable 1.0-0.8 FTE

(initially full-time, to be reviewed annually) Contract Type: Permanent

Closing date: 16/10/2020 at midday.

Shortlisted candidates will be notified before Monday 19th October at 5.00pm.

Interview Date: 21/10/2020 (tbc)

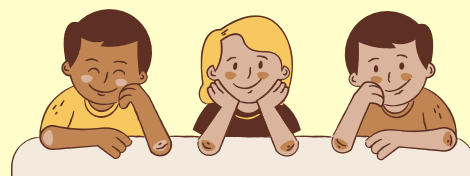
GENERAL TEACHER ASSISTANT VACANCY

12 hours per week, term time only.

An additional 2hrs per week may be available in our After School Club.

Closing date: 16th October 2020.

[Please see our website for further information and the application form.](#)



CLOTHING REMINDER

As we move further into the autumnal weather, please can you ensure your child has a coat, outdoor warm PE kit and suitable trainers. Thank you.

PARKING REMINDER

Safety is our priority. Please do not park outside school during drop-off/collection times if at all possible. Please use the Jolly Farmers car park.

RELIEF MIDDAY SUPERVISORY ASSISTANT VACANCY

We require a relief MSA who could be called upon at short notice to cover absence. The role would be 12noon - 1pm, Monday - Friday (£9.18/per hour)

They will provide quality care provision for children at lunchtimes and to ensure that children's Health and Safety needs are met during that period.

[Please see our website for further information and the application form.](#)

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