

A WORD FROM MRS MITCHELL...

I hope you all had a lovely half term break and are feeling Spring in the air! It never ceases to amaze me what a beautiful part of the country we live and work in and each day on my drive from York I feel truly privileged to come to work in this fabulous community.



The children enjoyed our launch to the topic 'A Country Life' with a countryside ramble and staff look forward to exploring and investigating Science, History and Art linked to our countryside this half term finishing with our landing' at Uncleby Farm. Some children will also be visiting the Tolhurst's farm over the coming weeks to learn all about farming machinery. We are very fortunate to have parents who are willing to support school in enriching the curriculum.

Talking of which, if any parents would like to get more involved in school life we are very open to such. We currently benefit from the help of Stuart Collins, Hattie's Dad, who is working alongside Mrs Peers in PE. Stuart is an experienced and qualified sports coach and his expertise in coaching enhances the experience for our pupils. Stuart kindly helps out at swimming too. We are extremely grateful to Stuart for generously giving up his own time. Please let us know if you would like to help out. We ensure every volunteer is DBS checked and we would undergo this process before you get involved (which takes some time - so the sooner the better!)

Some wooden fixed furniture in our Reception/Year 1 and 2 outside area is in need of some minor repair. If anyone is a dab hand at joinery or knows someone who is, we would be really grateful for your help. Please let Susie know in the office.

Thank you for your continued support of the school.
Sian Mitchell

DIARY DATES!

MARCH

Fri 13th - Sports Relief -Non uniform day

Mon 16th - (Various Years 5 & 6 pupils) - NYCC Debating Competition 10am-12

Mon 16th - Parent meetings for Conkers AND Oak Trees children (from 3.30pm)

Tues 17th - Pet Day!

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Weds 18th - Uncleby Farm visit

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Thurs 19th - FOLS Cheese, Wine & Quiz fundraiser night - more info to follow SOON!

Fri 20th - Mothers Day school promo lunch

Tues 24th-Thurs 26th March -

Seeing Is Believing / Open days at school

Weds 25th - Football Tournament held at Norton Primary School, 1pm-2.45pm

Thurs 26th - Conkers 'Royal Medieval Day'

Fri 27th - Easter concert. 9.30am-10.30am including raffle!

W/C Mon 30th - Inspire/Aspire Week - more info to follow SOON!

APRIL

Weds 1st - Football Tournament held at Leavening MUGA, 1pm-2.45pm

Thurs 2nd - Starlight bag collection

Fri 3rd - Last day / break up for Easter

Mon 20th - Staff training day

Tues 21st - Children return to school

SPORT RELIEF – FRI 13TH MARCH

Please bring an Easter hamper item into school, in return for wearing non-uniform on the day. Wristbands will be available to buy at £1 each. Have a go on our sweepstake with a chance of winning £32! Ask in the office for more info...

GUITAR LESSONS

Dan Hardcastle 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

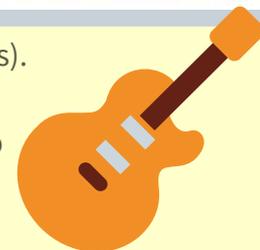
STARLIGHT BAG COLLECTION

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

Thursday 2nd April. For more information,

please visit their website:

www.starlight.org.uk



REQUEST FOR BERETS!

Conkers children are in need of black berets for our upcoming Easter concert. We would be very grateful if anyone is able to lend some to school.

Don't forget to book your parent/teacher appointment with Mrs Kemp in the office...

CORONA VIRUS

The Department for Education corona virus helpline is now available to answer questions about COVID-19 relating to education and children's social care.

Staff, parents and young people can contact this helpline as follows:

Phone: 0800 046 8687

Email: DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk

Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday).

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

BUZZ CLUB: Wrap-around care service

The Breakfast and After-School club (the 'Buzz Club'), is a fantastic facility that we are very lucky to be able to offer.

If you would like your child/children to attend, it is quick and simple.

You can email the office: admin@leavening.n-yorks.sch.uk to book them in.

Payment is made via ParentPay. An admission form will need completing initially.



Breakfast Club runs everyday in term time from 7.45am until 8.45am. For £3 per day, you can drop your child at school early morning, where they can enjoy a delicious breakfast.

After school provision is split into 2 sessions: 3.15 - 4.15pm (£3.00 per session) and 4.15 - 5.45pm (£5.00 per session) with a healthy snack served at 4.30pm. This runs everyday **apart from Thursdays.**

Activities include:

Arts and crafts ☺ Baking ☺
Opportunity to do homework ☺
Outdoor play ☺ Puzzles ☺ Games
Drama ☺ Reading ☺ Relaxing!
Children from nursery age through to Year 6 are all welcome!