

# NEWSLETTER

18th December 2020

AUTUMN 2 TERM

## A WORD FROM MRS CALLAGHAN...

As we come to the end of what has been an unusual and challenging term, I would like to say a huge well done to all the children and staff for their considerable efforts and a heartfelt thank you to our families for your support and patience. Despite the difficulties presented by COVID, we have been fortunate to have been able to remain open every day to provide a full and engaging curriculum for all of our pupils. I very much hope that next term will be the same!

We have enjoyed our Christmas celebrations, even if they were slightly different to normal. The children (and staff!) were entertained by Magic Mike, we have sung carols and partied in every class and learned about the true meaning of the festive season by retelling the Christmas Story. We are sad not to have been able to hold our Carol Concert but I hope you enjoyed watching our '12 Days of Leavening Christmas' videos instead.

Thank you for your generous donations for our Christmas Jumper day, which raised £89 for the Friends of Leavening School. Traditional fundraising activities are clearly difficult at the moment so all donations are gratefully received.

FOLS will hopefully meet early next term to consider how we can safely put on other fundraising events for the school.

If any parents or family members would like to be a part of FOLS, we would very much welcome new members and new ideas!

You may remember that we recently took part in a virtual multi-skills tournament with our school cluster. Congratulations to Fergus and Joshua in Conkers Class who received certificates for coming second and third in their age groups across all of the schools! We hope to be taking part in more events in the Spring Term.

Next term, our whole school topic is called ID – Identity and Diversity. The children will be finding out more about themselves and each other and we will be celebrating how we are all different and all special. To launch our ID topic, there will be a dressing up day on Monday 11th January when children can come to school dressed in clothes that reflect their personality, background, interests or hobbies.

We are also looking forward to welcoming a new pupil, Sonny, to Acorns Nursery and a new member of staff, Mrs Bennett, who will be working in Conkers and Acorns. We hope they will both be very happy here at Leavening. We will also be saying good-bye to Mr Bentley as he moves on to pastures new and we wish him well for the future.

Finally, on behalf of all of the children and staff of Leavening, I would like to wish you all a happy, safe and joyful Christmas and we look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

As always, my very best wishes

Mrs Louise Callaghan (Acting Headteacher)

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

### DECEMBER

**Fri 18th** - Last day of term

### JANUARY

**Mon 4th** - Staff training day

**Tues 5th** - Term starts

**Mon 11th** - Dressing-up day

### FEBRUARY

**Mon 15th-Fri 19th** - Half Term

**Mon 22nd** - Term starts

### MARCH

**Mon 29th-Fri 9th April** - Easter Break

### APRIL

**Monday 12th** Staff training day

**Tuesday 13th** Term starts

**Weds 14th-Fri 16th** - Peat Rigg

Residential: Oak Trees class (Years 3-6)

**Weds 21st** - Interschool football

tournament (more info to follow...)

## Reporting a Positive COVID Test result for your child during the Christmas holidays:

**If your child develops symptoms and tests positive for COVID-19 between now and the end of the day on Thursday 24th December, please inform school immediately by emailing [headteacher@leavening.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@leavening.n-yorks.sch.uk)**

Your child will need to self-isolate until the date provided on the positive test result, and any close contacts of your child will need to self-isolate for 10 days from their last point of close contact. Please note that until recently this used to be a 14-day period but this has now been reduced to 10 days. If reporting a positive test result, we will need to know the date and time of the onset of their first symptoms in order to be able to inform close contacts within school so that they can then self-isolate. If your child develops symptoms from Christmas Day onwards and gets a positive test result after that point, you do not need to contact school but should inform NHS Track and Trace instead.