

Dear Parents and Families

I hope you have all had a relaxing and peaceful Easter holiday and been able to enjoy spending more time outdoors with family and friends, despite the changeable weather!

I wanted to take this opportunity to update you on our staffing arrangements for this half term. Mrs Bedford will be teaching Conkers Class on Thursdays for this term. She knows the children very well and has planned lots of interesting lessons! Unfortunately, due to the ongoing COVID situation, we are still not yet fully staffed. Our current staffing structure is below:

Acorns Nursery	Conkers Class	Oak Trees Class
Miss H Cooke TA	Mrs J Milson	Mrs J Price
Mrs S Bennett TA	Mrs S Bedford (Thursday, Fri PM)	Mrs D Stockill (Friday)
Mrs S Bedford TA	Mrs D Stockill (Friday)	Mrs S Bedford (Fri AM)
	Mrs L Smith TA	Ms R Batty TA
	Mrs C Peel TA	
	Mrs A Jacques TA	
	Mrs S Bennett TA	
	Ms R Batty TA	

I am delighted to be able to announce that Mrs Milson is expecting her second child, due in September. She is very excited and happy to share her good news with you all.

Children will need to bring their PE kit at the start of the week, to be kept in school. School uniform should be worn every day. Oak Trees class will be having Forest School sessions for the first 2 weeks so will need to bring their Forest School kit for these sessions. Conkers class will not need Forest School kit this half term.

A reminder about our staggered start and finish times:

Class	Start Time	Finish Time
Acorns Nursery	8.55am	11.55am/ 3.10pm
Conkers (R/1/2)	8.50am	3.05pm
Oak Trees (KS2)	8.50am	3.15pm

As I mentioned last term, Mrs Mitchell will begin her gradual return to school this week. I know she is looking forward to returning to Leavening and I am looking forward to working alongside her over the next few weeks.

Finally, thank you for your generous donations for Red Nose Day – as a school we raised £75!!

School will reopen tomorrow and we look forward to seeing everyone!

As always, my very best wishes

Mrs. Louise Callaghan

Acting Headteacher

Message from Mrs Mitchell

After time away from school, I am both pleased and fortunate to finally be able to slowly return to my role as headteacher with my school family. As you are aware, I will be working alongside Mrs Callaghan over the next 4 weeks to ensure a gradual and appropriate return, while enabling the school to have full leadership.

I am very excited to see the children who I have missed very much, work with the brilliant team of staff and I look forward to chatting to you all over the coming weeks as and when. For the time being, Mrs Callaghan should continue to be the first point of contact while I begin my phased return back to the role.

Thank you for your support and well wishes over the last 10 months. It has provided invaluable positivity during an incredibly difficult time personally and has been very much appreciated.

And finally, I would like to share my sincerest and deepest gratitude to Mrs Callaghan for doing a superb job as acting headteacher in my absence. With considerable staff changes, COVID issues to face and little time to prepare for the role, I know she has done a commendable job and testimonials from the whole school community support this. The reassurance that the school has been in excellent hands has been a great comfort. I hope to see you soon.

Warmest wishes,

Sian Mitchell