

19th March 2021

SPRING 2 TERM

Dear Parents and Families,

It has been fantastic to welcome all the children back to school and see them reconnecting with their friends and staff. I have been hugely impressed with their eagerness to get back to school and positive attitudes to learning. Attendance has been very good and this will help greatly with addressing any gaps in learning that staff identify over the coming weeks.

Whilst the national picture regarding COVID looks increasingly positive, I am aware of a number of school/ bubble closures in the surrounding area in the last few days. For the schools affected by this, they have had to return to remote learning, just as children and families were breathing a sigh of relief about being back at school. Please help us to avoid a similar situation and keep everyone safe by continuing to follow the rules, **particularly regarding household mixing**. I will be reviewing our risk assessment and reminding children and staff about the importance of maintaining hygiene and social distancing wherever possible. Thank you for your support in this matter.

You might also be aware that our staffing situation has been significantly affected due to COVID. We currently have three members of staff who are unable to attend school because of COVID restrictions, which is particularly difficult for a small school such as ours. We are working hard to minimise the impact on children but inevitably it means that we are having to make temporary changes to ensure the school keeps running smoothly. Please bear with us as we get through this challenging period. I am hopeful that we will be fully staffed in the Summer 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

Thank you for supporting Red Nose Day and helping to raise money for such a worthwhile cause. It has been lovely to see all the children in their red clothes! As a reminder, you can donate through your child's ParentPay account.

I am delighted to be able to tell you that, after the Easter holidays, Mrs Mitchell will begin her gradual return to school. I have been asked by Governors to stay on for a few weeks to work alongside and support Mrs Mitchell as she builds up to returning to school full time and I am very pleased to be able to do that and help to ensure a smooth handover. She is looking forward to settling back into school. It will be lovely to welcome her back to our wonderful Leavening community!

We break up for Easter on Friday 26th March, for a well-earned break for children, staff and parents!

**School will reopen to children on Tuesday 13th April** (please note- Monday 12th is a staff training day).

Have a happy, relaxing and restful holiday, when it arrives!

As always, my very best Wishes

*Mrs. Louise Callaghan*  
Acting Headteacher

## PLANNED DIARY DATES

(Events may be subject to change due to Covid 19)

### MARCH

**Fri 19th** Red Nose Day

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

### APRIL

**Mon 12th** Staff training day  
(school closed for children)

**Tues 13th** Term starts

# School wrap-around provision

Our Breakfast and After-School club, is a fantastic facility that we are very lucky to be able to offer.

If you would like your child to attend, it is quick and simple. You can email the office: [admin@leavening.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto: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 3.15 - 5.15pm (£5.00 per session) with a healthy snack. This runs everyday apart from **Fridays**.

**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!

## LEAVENING SCHOOL: TEMPORARY MENU

W/C 22<sup>ND</sup> MARCH 2021

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>Bolognese Pasta Bake &amp; The Daily Dessert</b> <i>Or jacket potato with choice of beans/cheese/tuna)</i>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>Chicken Korma and Rice &amp; The Daily Dessert</b> <i>Or jacket potato with choice of beans/cheese/tuna)</i>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>Tuna Pasta Bake &amp; The Daily Dessert</b> <i>Or jacket potato with choice of beans/cheese/tuna)</i>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>Chilli Con Carne and Rice &amp; The Daily Dessert</b> <i>Or jacket potato with choice of beans/cheese/tuna)</i>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>Sausage and Chips &amp; The Daily Dessert</b> <i>Or jacket potato with choice of beans/cheese/tuna)</i>