

NEWSLETTER

Friday 1st October 2021

AUTUMN 1 TERM

Hello Everyone!

I will keep my fortnightly hello brief this time, as this newsletter is packed with lots of key information for you. Please do take the time to read it to help you know and understand what we are prioritising in our curriculum as well as our school improvement developments this year. As usual, your thoughts and feedback are greatly appreciated and welcomed so please do get in touch if there is anything you wish to discuss further.

Have a lovely weekend

Best Wishes

Sian Mitchell

Our School Improvement Priorities for 2021-22

I would like to share with you a summary of our school improvement action plan for this year. We are already making good strides towards these and look forward to keeping you informed of the impact of them over the year.

- Continue with our personal and bespoke (4-year cycle) curriculum design ensuring learning experiences are meaningful, purposeful, and progressive so that our pupils build on prior knowledge and 'know more and remember more'
- Further develop opportunities for pupils to fully engage in a love for reading.
- Ensure approaches to teaching reading are consistent across the whole school
- Ensure that the Early Years Foundation Stage and Key Stage One pupils have access to a well-planned, engaging, and rich play-based curriculum. Major improvements to the indoor and outdoor classrooms are in place.
- Ensure the Personal Social Health Education and well-being curriculum ensure that our pupils are fully prepared for life in modern Britain and promotes their spiritual, moral, cultural, and social development.

PLANNED DIARY DATES (Events may be subject to change)

OCTOBER

Weds 6th - Fri 8th

Peat Rigg Residential Trip
(Oak Trees class)

Weds 20th

School photographer in (9am)

Thurs 21st

Topic landing: Nursery to Yr6 will participate in a first aid course

Fri 22nd

Harvest Assembly
(no parents unfortunately).

Fri 22nd* - 2.15pm

Please note the new date!
FOLS Meeting- with coffee & cake!

Mon 25th - Fri 29th

Half term

DECEMBER

Weds 15th

FoLS Christmas Disco

Thurs 16th

Christmas Parties

Fri 10th

Whole school nativity/school play
We hope to invite parents-
depending on Covid guidance
nearer the time

FRIENDS OF LEAVENING SCHOOL - NEXT MEETING: FRIDAY 22ND OCTOBER - 2.15PM

Friends of Leavening School are the group who organise and run fundraising activities and events throughout the year. We are urgently looking for some new members in order to raise vital funds for children of ALL ages across the school. There is an informal FOLS meeting (with coffee and cake!) on **Fri 22nd October at 2.15pm**

We would be EXTREMELY grateful for your support if you can help in any way.

Please email Mrs Kemp : admin@leavening.n-yorks.sch.uk
if you wish to come along, so we have an idea of numbers

Previous FOLS events have included the School Fairs, Discos, Quizzes, Easter Egg trails and other fun community events. Thank you again in advance!

BABY NEWS!

Congratulations to Mrs Milson who has had a baby girl- Elaina Rose.

Both mum and baby are doing well.



Home learning

A reminder that the home learning for this term's topic is due in school on **Monday 18th October**.

The link to them on our website can be found here <http://leavening.n-yorks.sch.uk/latest-news>

The teachers have tried hard to plan suggested activities that are fun and inspiring as well as reinforce the knowledge and skills learnt over the course of this topic.

We will be sending out a parent survey to gather your views on homework after half term.

Please use this half term's activities to fully engage with your child's learning journey and consider this process to allow us to improve this in the future. We appreciate your support with this.

Attendance

Thank you for working with us to improve attendance and ensure that your child attends school as expected.

Our current attendance rate for this term is 92% which is considerably below the national average.

If you are concerned about your child's attendance, please do speak to their class teacher. Leadership will continue to monitor attendance and will respond accordingly.

PARKING

Please do not park your car on Back Lane when dropping and picking children up. The road is very busy with human traffic, the taxis as well as staff arriving and leaving as it is and any additional vehicles is adding to the busyness of this road.

WEBSITE

Please do check our the website as a fantastic source of information about policies as well as information on the curriculum, access to previous newsletters, homework, term dates etc.

www.leavening.n-yorks.sch.uk

Harvest Celebration

We will be holding our harvest celebration assembly on Friday 22nd October (for children and school staff only) and this year we will be supporting the York Foodbank as Ryedale Foodbank is no longer accepting donations or running for the time being.

Please follow the link to find out more <https://york.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>

WE ARE CURRENTLY SHORTEST OF: (PLEASE) TINNED TOMATOES, LAUNDRY DETERGENT, SHAMPOO/CONDITIONER
JAM, INSTANT MASH, SPONGE PUDDINGS (CUPBOARD/TINNED), BAGS FOR LIFE

WE'RE ALREADY WELL STOCKED IN: (THANK YOU)

BAKED BEANS, CEREAL, PASTA, TINNED SPAGETTI/HOOPS, SANITARY PRODUCTS,
NFORTUNATELY, WE ARE UNABLE TO ACCEPT: (SORRY)

BABY MILK, CHILLED/FROZEN PRODUCTS, HOMEMADE ITEMS, OUT OF DATE OR OPENED ITEMS



Save the date- upcoming parent curriculum workshop (virtual)

Monday 8th November at 5pm until 6pm

Join Mrs Mitchell and the Conkers Team at a virtual curriculum parent meeting, informing you all about how we teach phonics and early reading at Leavening through our new scheme of work, Little Wandle Letters and Sounds revised.

You will be taken through practical aspects of teaching reading with a focus on how you can support at home. we will also be sharing with you our new approach to teaching reading through our new scheme of work. There will be an opportunity to ask questions.

Please let us know if you wish to attend this event so we can send you a link nearer the time.



REMINDER FROM MISS COOKE - ACORNS NURSERY

Please can we remind parents and carers that children go out in ALL weathers.

As such, it is imperative that children bring waterproofs. Thanks for your support.



REMINDERS FROM MRS BEDFORD AND MRS BENNETT - CONKERS CLASS

Please can we ask for donations of junk modelling items including:

- cereal boxes, bottle tops, cardboard tubes (kitchen roll-sized please NOT toilet roll tubes).
- As the weather is changing as we move into Autumn, please ensure that your children brings suitable warm outdoor clothing / waterproofs.
- Please enjoy sharing your child's reading book with them on a regular basis and ensure that you complete the reading record.

MR ALDER'S INTRODUCTORY MUSIC LESSON- OAK TREES CLASS 30/9/21

Oak Trees children very much enjoyed their introductory session learning about woodwind instruments

