

# NEWSLETTER

## Friday 5th November 2021

### AUTUMN 2 TERM

#### Hello Everyone

Welcome back to the most magical and chaotic half term of the school year; the run up to Christmas. We launched our topic of 'Heroes and Villains' with our Hero day on Monday and next week we will welcome a visit from the Dogs Trust to enhance engagement with this topic. We also have Children In Need Day, First Aid workshops, Christmas craft morning, Christmas Jumper Day, our Christmas Play, Christmas movie evening, Christmas disco and lunch among all the creativity of the curriculum to enjoy. Class teachers will send curriculum letters out with further information on.

#### COVID update

We are pleased that most pupils have joined us healthy and happy this week after our COVID outbreak and are pleased to report that we currently have 0 cases within our school community. We are going to continue to operate our 'bubble' policy and procedures until at least Friday 12th November. This means staggered start and finish times ( thank you for your patience with these); eating and playing separately in class groups; no joint assemblies; rigorous cleaning throughout the day; rigorous hygiene measures and ample ventilation within school. As a result of the latter, it can get very chilly so please ensure your child comes wrapped up!

#### Welcome

I am delighted to introduce you to 3 new members of staff who join our school family this half term.

Miss Holdsworth and Mrs Scaling join our nursery alongside Miss Cooke and Miss Brunskill joins us in Conkers and Oak Trees alongside both teams.

#### Attendance

Last half term was challenging for lots of our families in terms of children's health, airing on caution with COVID due to family circumstances and the general effects of the cough and cold bugs that seemed more prevalent than before. Indeed, this has had a significant impact on pupils' education and so we would really encourage you to support a high level of attendance from your child this term so we can ensure that their education and wellbeing is our priority. We will work with individual families who are causing concern and support as best as we can. Obviously, children getting ill is unavoidable and not something we can control but we ask that children only take time off school in these circumstances.

Thank you for your continued support as always  
Best Wishes

*Sian Mitchell*

#### PLANNED DIARY DATES

(Events may be subject to change)

**Tues 9th Nov**

**Visit from Dogs Trust**

(No dogs will be attending!)

**Fri 12th Nov - 2.15pm**

**FoLS Meeting**

(To be held in school.

All welcome!)

**Thurs 18th Nov\* 3.20pm-4pm**

**EYFS/KS1 Parent phonics session (held in school)**

(\*Please note the new date.

It will be **in school**.

Children can come along too!)

**Fri 19th Nov**

**Children In Need Day**

Dress-up, Cake sale and

Mrs Tolhurst: hair-chop event  
by Mrs Price!

**DECEMBER**

**Thurs 2nd Dec**

**Nursery to Yr6:**

**First Aid course**

**Tues 7th Dec**

**Christmas Panto Trip**

(TBC)

**Weds 15th Dec**

**FoLS Christmas Disco**

**Thurs 16th Dec**

**Christmas Parties**

**Fri 10th Dec**

**Whole school nativity/play**

# CHILDREN IN NEED

## Friday 19th November

We will be having a **cake stall** (please bring in your cake/bun donations on the day).

It will also be a **non-uniform day**. Children can wear fancy dress (yellow/spotty themed) if they wish. Suggested £1 donation for non-uniform. Cakes/buns 50p each

In addition!

Mrs Tolhurst (Oliver's Mum/Parent Governor-see below!) will be having her **hair 'chopped'** by Mrs Price at the end of school on Friday 19th!

If you would like to stay and watch this fun event in the playground, we would gratefully appreciate any donations in support of Children in Need.

**Children should bring any money to school in a named nurse please.**

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

### Save the date- upcoming parent curriculum workshop (now to be held IN SCHOOL) Thursday 18th November (3.20pm) Children are welcome to come along

Join Mrs Mitchell and the Conkers Team - 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.



### Hello from the Governors

Each month we will introduce you to one of our members of the governing body here at Leavening and also use this opportunity to inform you of some of the work in which they do. This week we are delighted to hear from one of our parent governors, Louise.

Hello there, I'm Louise Tolhurst, mum to Oliver who is currently in Year 5 at Leavening School, married to Steven Tolhurst who attended Leavening School himself.

Together we run a beef & arable farm 2 miles outside of Leavening village.

I am a parent governor & have recently taken on the role of EYFS (early years foundation stage) governor for the school. This is a new role for me & hope I can make a positive impact in this area using my skills that I have acquired over the years in various roles when working for East Midlands Electricity & the NHS before I left to have Oliver & join my husband on the farm.

The governing body is there to monitor the strategic direction of the school, make sure we stay within our financial budget, that we are getting value for money & that money is well spent. We are also there to challenge the headteacher over the quality of teaching as well as the running of the whole school.

We welcome any parent/relative/member of the community to get involved with the school, the school welcomes anyone who feel they may have any useful skills/hobbies that may enhance the education/development of the children.

