

# NEWSLETTER

## Friday 11th March 2022

### SPRING 2 TERM

#### Hello Everyone

The first two weeks of Spring Term 2 have passed in a flash.

From launching our topic of 'It's a Wonderful World' through to our day of planting, to our compassionate KS2 pupils planning fundraising events to support the people of the Ukraine.

We have covered this current event with our pupils, with age-appropriate content. It is our aim to educate our pupils on the wider world and its events in a sensitive, factual and empathetic manner; always through a reassuring tone.

We welcome Miss Dunn who is on her second school experience placement, into Oak Trees class, as well as Mrs Raines into Nursery and Mrs Richardson into Conkers class.

A special thank you to Rob Allenby (Everlie's Dad) who has kindly made and donated a number of raised beds for planting. The children are really going to enjoy planting their own produce and flowers.

Have a lovely weekend; Spring is upon us!

My best wishes

*Sian Mitchell*

#### A thank you message

**from James Robinson (Chair of Governors) to Louise Tolhurst**

The Governors wish to thank Louise for all her hard work and dedication to the school at the expiry of her term as a Parent Governor.

Her intelligence, expertise and team work working ethic really shone through.

I know the Headteacher and whole school staff will echo my gratitude.

#### Parent Governor Vacancy

**We are particularly looking for someone who may have an interest in the Early Years Foundation Stage.** The term "parent" includes anyone who has custody of a child registered at the school, as well as "natural" parents. Parents can stand for election and vote in secret in the election, if a ballot is needed. Parent Governors have a four year term of office and continue to serve even if their child leaves the school during this period.

#### What Do Governors Do?

The governors, together as a body, have a range of legal responsibilities, so being a governor is an important commitment and we are specifically looking for someone who has the following:-

- A willingness to attend training to help them learn what is entailed.
  - Time to commit to meetings
- A willingness to be proactive in supporting school improvement.

An email regarding the election of a parent governor will be sent out in due course. If you are interested in this important and rewarding role please contact Mrs Kemp in the school office for a nomination paper. Thank you.

## DIARY DATES

### MARCH

#### Mon 14th Mar

Whole School York trip  
(rescheduled)

#### Weds 16th Mar

Football Tournament 1pm  
(Yrs5+6: Norton College)

#### Fri 18th Mar

#### Jumble sale 9am

Non Uniform Day (in aid of FOLS)  
Please bring in cake donations &  
tombola donations for Spring Fair.

#### Fri 25th Mar

#### 9am Coffee morning

#### 9.30-12 Craft morning

#### 3.15pm-4.30pm Spring Fair

#### Thurs 31st Mar

Whole School Trip to Yorkshire  
Wildlife Park. Payment now  
available on ParentPay

### APRIL

#### Fri 1st 1.30pm-3pm

**Sports Tournament.** Parents vs  
Pupils. Details to follow

#### Mon 4th & Weds 6th

Parent/Teacher Consultations

**Please email Mrs Kemp ASAP to  
book your appointment/s**

#### Thurs 7th Apr

FoLS Movie Afternoon £3/child

Details to follow...

#### Fri 8th Apr

Last day of term

Non Uniform Day to raise funds for  
the sensory garden (£1 on parent  
pay)

9am SM & Parents: Well-being  
support coffee morning

9.30am Easter Assembly

**Donations via ParentPay please**

#### Mon 11th -Fri 22nd Apr

Easter half term break

#### Mon 25th Apr

Training day

#### Tues 26th Apr

First day of Summer 1 term

We need YOUR help! Two new events for your diaries to raise funds for Ukraine aid appeal....

Sport tournament: Fri 1st April 1.30-3pm | Jumble sale: Fri 18th March (9am) Parents can come at 9-9.30am to

Dear parents, carers

buy. Please send their children in with up to £2.

on Friday 18th of March at the time of 9.00am there will be a Jumble sale.

Why are we doing this?

To Raise money for the British Red Cross because they raising money for Ukraine because it's getting bombed.

What we have for sale:

- Shoes and boots
- Books
- Clothes
- Jewellery
- Toys
- Anything

help this thing to donate <sup>also bring your items before 5pm your items</sup> on Monday the 16<sup>th</sup> of April.

sports ●●●

tournament

Kids Vs Parents

to parent and carers, oak trees are hosting a sports tournament to raise money for Ukraine

Oak Trees are going to raise money to buy supplies for the people who are in and evacuating Ukraine.

The event is taking place on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April at 1:30-3:00pm.

The children of oak trees are going to <sup>participate</sup> take place in a tournament consisting of dodge ball and a rounders match.

A suggested donation of £2.50 to help raise money for Ukraine.

The Payment and Sign up sheet must be handed in by Wednesday March 30<sup>th</sup> 2022 in order for us to be able to pick teams.

We hope you can come and join us and thank you thank you for your support in helping Ukraine.

All proceeds will go to the charity British Red Cross. 100 million pounds has already been raised and for every pound you donate they will mark it with more money - We hope you can help and thank you for your support.



## REMINDERS OF UPCOMING EVENTS:

**Monday 14th March** - Rescheduled whole school trip to York

**Friday 18th March** - Non uniform day. Please bring in an Easter treat donation for the Spring Fair tombola

**Friday 8th April 9.30am-10am** - Easter assembly after coffee morning. Parents welcome. Children in non uniform for donation to sensory garden. Thank you

### Red Nose Day

This year we have decided to focus our fundraising on aid for Ukraine so we will not be raising money for this above cause in school. We have a number of activities happening this day such as non uniform day in exchange for an Easter treat for the tombola at the Easter Fayre as well as the jumble sale in aid of Ukraine. We have always supported this charity in the past and will continue to do so in the future.

### School Attendance

Following the recent low numbers of Covid in school we are keen to return to the usual good attendance that Leavening achieves. We do appreciate sometimes it is difficult to decide on whether a child is well enough for school. Here is a link to an NHS site that may be helpful. You are always welcome to ring the school office and talk to a member of staff as well if you are in any doubt. <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/ismy-child-too-ill-for-school/>

## Update to all education and childcare settings and providers

### Information for parents and carers on COVID-19 vaccination for at risk 5 to 11 year olds

Children aged 5 to 11 years who are in a clinical risk group or who live with someone who is immunosuppressed can get the COVID-19 vaccine, in line with advice set out by the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI).

Eligible children include those with diabetes, immunosuppression, learning disabilities, and other conditions as outlined by the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) in the Green Book. Vaccinations help to increase protection against COVID-19, which is particularly important for those with underlying health conditions.

Further information is available in the guide for parents of children aged 5 to 11 years published by UKHSA. We have published some frequently asked questions on the vaccination programme including information on eligibility, accessibility and advice for parents of children at high risk from COVID-19. Following advice from the JCVI, healthy 5 to 11 year old children will also be offered two 10 microgram doses of the COVID-19 vaccine. The NHS will prepare to extend this non-urgent offer to all children during April.

### Department for Education COVID-19 helpline

The Department for Education COVID-19 helpline is available to answer any questions you have about COVID-19 relating to education and childcare settings and children's social care.

Department for Education guidance

Our guidance to support education and childcare providers, local authorities and parents during the COVID-19 pandemic can be accessed using the links below:

- [guidance for early years and childcare providers](#)
- [guidance for schools](#)
- [guidance for further and higher education providers](#)
- [guidance for local authority children's services](#)
- [guidance for special schools and other specialist settings](#)
- [guidance for parents and carers](#)