

NEWSLETTER

Friday 24th June 2022

SUMMER 2 TERM

Hello Everyone!

This half term is always one of our favourites at Leavening with the anticipation of new beginnings on the horizon, but fully indulging in the final few weeks of a glorious school year. We are gearing up for our sports day on the 30th, transition sessions with our new classes, as well as our end of year production, end of year celebration and various end of term delights (please see the diary dates).

We are making the most of the warm weather at present by participating in lots of outdoor learning opportunities, so please make sure your child/ren has a hat, sun cream and a good sized water bottle each day.

I would also like to use this opportunity to say that we are currently recruiting a parent governor. The role of the parent governor is an extremely valued and rewarding one. There is more information in this newsletter, but I would also encourage you (if you may be even slightly interested) to arrange an informal conversation with James Robinson, our Chair of Governors and also a parent governor, about the requirements of the role. James will be able to give a detailed and honest, though encouraging, account of the role and what it means in practice. There is no 'ideal' candidate- as long as you are a parent of a child at school, we are interested in hearing from you.

Enjoy the sunny weekend and we will see you next week for the final 4 weeks of summer term.

My best wishes to you all

Sian Mitchell

Attendance

Attendance this week is **93.88%**

As a school we are aiming for **96% or more.**

Please note- individual pupil attendance will be analysed in the coming week and required communication will follow.

We will continue to monitor attendance closely and remind parents of their responsibilities. We do aim to work with families to improve attendance.

At times, this is not always possible and, in these instances, we have a duty to follow up persistent absenteeism with more formal procedures.

We do appreciate you working with us to ensure attendance is a priority for your child's wellbeing.

Punctuality

A reminder that **school starts promptly at 9am.**

All children should be in school for this time.

DIARY DATES

JUNE

Weds 29th

Year 5 Taster Day: Malton School

Thurs 30th

Sports Day

Parent information session for reception starters (3.30pm)

JULY

Mon 4th

Dalby Forest Trip (Acorns nursery only)

Weds 6th

NHS Big Tea morning 9-10am

Cricket Tournament 1pm

Thurs 7th

Reserve Sports Day

Fri 8th

Pupil reports out

Mon 11th

Last Hawkes Multisports afterschool

Tues 12th & Weds 13th

Transition days across school

Year 6 Bikeability

Thurs 14th

Dress rehearsal for the production

Fri 15th

School production: 9.30am & 1.45pm

Weds 20th

Year 5 Taster Day: Norton College

Year 6 Leavers Day Out

Fri 22nd

End of year celebration assembly
9.30am

LAST SCHOOL DAY OF TERM!

IMPORTANT NOTICE:
**Children are NOT to
bring any toys from
home into school.**

REMINDERS

SPORTS DAY - THURS 30TH JUNE

ALL children to come in their kit all day - with hat, sun cream and water bottle. Parents can arrive from 1pm on the field (not before please, as it is lunchtime play). We will commence around 1.15pm
Parents should please bring a blanket/chair. There will be a parents race so bring trainers if you wish to participate!

CONKERS READING BOOKS

We have a lot of reading books missing. Please could these be returned **by the end of next week at the latest.**

We need these back in school to enable all children to have access to them in lessons.

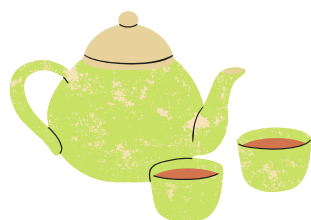
A polite reminder that reading books must always be kept in children's school bags, so we can use them daily in class. Thank you.

NHS BIG TEA! WEDNESDAY 6TH JULY : 9-10AM

We warmly invite you to our NHS Big Tea event on Wednesday 6th July from 9-10am in the school hall.

The event is in celebration of the NHS' birthday (74 this year) and to raise funds to support NHS staff, patients and volunteers when they need it most. You'll be joining the nation, as thousands of par-teas are held and millions of tea bags squeezed in homes, schools, workplaces, community centres, church halls and hospitals.

We are kindly asking for donations of cakes and baked goods for the event and if possible, a cake that can be raffled off. Children can bring 50p and will have a time slot to come and join in the fun too:



Acorns 9.15-9.30

Conkers 9.30-9.45

Oak Trees 9.45-10



Our fundraising page can be found here

<https://www.nhsbigtea.co.uk/fundraising/leavening-schools-nhs-big-tea-2022-challenge>

Thank you in advance for your continued support.

NYCC Cleaner / Caretaker Vacancy at school

Working for NYCC as a Cleaning Assistant, you will be responsible for the cleaning duties on site including dusting, vacuuming and the cleaning of sanitary fittings. Full training will be provided and the hours are between 3:30 pm and 6:30 pm daily, with some flexibility on start and finish time and totalling to 15 hours per week over 5 days. No weekend work! For this you will be paid £9.50 per hour.

In addition to this NYCC can offer the additional Caretaker responsibilities of locking the site after cleaning, setting the alarm and ensuring the site is fully secure. For this they will pay you an additional £9.60 per hour based on 5 hrs per week.

What can NYCC offer you?

You could find working for North Yorkshire County Council more rewarding than you first thought.

- Competitive rate of pay
- Excellent Local Government Pension Scheme
- 23 days holiday per year plus Bank Holidays
- Access to range of benefits and discounts including green car scheme, childcare vouchers and home technology scheme

For more information go to the NYCC jobs page:

<https://nyccjobs.engageats.co.uk/Vacancies/W/6318/0/347513/19983/cleaner-leavening-cp-school-fsc106101>

Howsham Mill | Conkers Class

Conker's trip to Howsham Mill recently proved to be a huge success! This visit, our focus was 'maths in the great outdoors' and the children enjoyed a variety of fun activities including flower classification and tallying, categorising natural objects according to their size and shape and of course, the obligatory s'mores around the fire pit! Another successful trip!



Parent Governor Vacancy

We are currently recruiting a parent governor.

The role of the parent governor is an extremely valued and rewarding one.

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.

If you are interested in this important and rewarding role please contact Mrs Kemp in the school office for a nomination paper. Thank you