

# NEWSLETTER

## Friday 15th July 2022

### SUMMER 2 TERM

#### Hello Everyone!

The sun has shone all week and despite it being uncomfortable at times, the children have all done well in the blistering heat. They enjoyed their weekly sports session with Hawkes Sports on Monday and Year 6 participated in Bikeability programme on Tuesday and Wednesday, as well as all of Oak trees enjoying a refreshing swimming lesson on Tuesday afternoon. All pupils have spent time with their new classes and staff for next year on Tuesday and Wednesday this week and it has been great to offer this opportunity to ensure that the start of the new term in September is seamless. Then we have finished off the week with a dress rehearsal and finally our two show stopping performances of 'The Blue Crystal'. Thank you to all of those who came to watch it- we hope you enjoyed it as much as we enjoyed producing and performing it. Who said that things slow down at the end of the school year?

Next week we have lots of nice things planned for all of the children and we will be bidding farewell to Amy, Alfie, Destiny, Jessica, Joshua, Harry, Liam and Tommy who end their primary school chapter and move on to secondary. Please join us on Friday 22nd July at 9.30am ( coffee from 9am) until 10.30am for our whole school end of year celebration. The more the merrier...

You will find information in this newsletter about our school improvement headlines this year and what we are developing next academic year. In line with this I would like to say a very heartfelt and huge thank you to the staff team at Leavening. They truly are the best and are so passionate and committed to giving the very best, broad and rich curriculum to each child. This year we have worked incessantly to implement and embed exciting and impactful initiatives and we are very proud of all we have achieved. Many thanks also to the Governing Body, James, Neil, Jan, Elaine, David, Jane and Sandra, along with our clerk to governors, Laura, who all complement our accomplished team.

Finally thank you to our parent community for supporting your child through their education, having confidence and trust in us and enhancing our school family.

On behalf of the staff team we wish you a very restful and great summer.  
See you in September

My best wishes to you all

*Sian Mitchell*

## DIARY DATES

### JULY

#### **Fri 15th**

School production: 9.30am & 1.45pm

#### **Weds 20th**

Year 5 Taster Day: Norton College

Year 6 Trip to Allerthorpe Lake

#### **Fri 22nd**

LAST SCHOOL DAY OF TERM!

End of year celebration assembly

9.30am

Year 6 Rounds Parents vs Children

11am-12 (approx)

Year 6 Leavers lunch with Parents

**(Please let Mrs Kemp know if you will be staying for lunch and what your meal choice will be ASAP)**

### **SEPTEMBER**

**Mon 5th** Training Day

**Tues 6th** First day of term - pupils return (not Nursery)

**Weds 7th** Nursery reopens

**Thurs 8th** York DIG Visit (Conkers & Oak Trees). Details to follow...

### **Looking ahead...**

### **OCTOBER**

**Weds 19th** School photographer 9am

### **NOVEMBER**

**Tues 29th** Charlie & The Chocolate Factory theatre trip (Oak Trees class)

### **DECEMBER**

**Fri 9th** Peter Pan theatre trip (whole school including Nursery)

### **IMPORTANT NOTICES:**

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

### **Punctuality**

**School starts promptly at 9am. All children should be in school for this time.**



Look and learn beyond the classroom | Have high aspirations and fulfil our potential  
Care, share and belong | Lead, teach and learn with passion

## **What were our main achievements in 2021-22?**

- We are self-evaluating Leavening Community Primary School as a 'good' school in line with the Ofsted evaluation schedule.
- Leadership, at all levels, has driven rapid improvement. A strong governing body is in place.
  - Our recovery curriculum (post pandemic) has enabled pupils to develop academic resilience and has supported their emotional health and well-being.
- Developed effective teaching and learning of phonics in Early Years Foundation Stage and Years 1 and 2 through our new scheme.
- Significantly improved engagement of pupils in reading for enjoyment across the whole school.
  - Rapidly and significantly improved the classroom indoor and outdoor learning environments for EYFS and Ks1 pupils in acorns and conkers class.
  - Placed a greater importance on the opinions of pupils in improving our school.
- Implemented a new writing cycle approach to teaching writing, to ensure better progress.
- Continued to implement and embed a balanced and creative curriculum that excites our pupils.
- Ensured rich opportunities for pupils across the whole curriculum, including engagement in learning through visits, speakers and visitors to school.
- Improved pupils personal development opportunities through introduction a new Personal, Social, Health Education curriculum.

## **What are we developing in 2022-23?**

- Develop 'Talk through the day' and 'Talk through story' sessions to further develop language and vocabulary in EYFS and KS1
  - In KS2 we will improve pupils use of vocabulary across the whole curriculum.
  - To develop mastering number in EYFS and KS1.
- To further develop retrieval practice strategies so pupils, retain knowledge better.
- To develop our home learning policy so it focuses on supporting pupil's retention of knowledge.

## School Uniform Policy

When you are arranging uniform over the summer holiday, please can you adhere to this policy.

This means:

- No brightly coloured active wear
- No brightly coloured trainers
- No false and painted nails
- No make up

**Many thanks for your co-operation.**

## NHS Big Tea

We were proud to host the 'Big Tea' event last week, to celebrate 74 years of the NHS and to raise funds for the fantastic work the NHS do.

The event was well attended by parents, neighbours and every pupil and staff member got to join in the fun and eat cake at 9.30am as a one-off treat! The school has personal gratitude towards the work of the NHS with several parent and family members having key roles within our NHS. These parents often come into school to share the work they do with the pupils and inspire them in making a difference.

Mrs Mitchell, the headteacher was very keen to host this event and raise money for such a worthwhile cause, with herself owing huge gratitude to the NHS in York and Hull hospitals. Every family in our community has used our NHS at some point and will do so in the future for varying reasons and so everyone was keen to give something back. It is vital that our pupils get to participate in events like these that actively promote our health service, develop good citizenship and celebrate our country. £80 was raised which has been shared between the NHS our Sensory Garden fund. Thank you once again for all your support.



## Bikeability

*"We would never have thought two days could make our last few days at Leavening School so great; it was such fun!*

*We learnt a lot and it really encouraged us to ride our bikes more often. We went around the village and was taught how to come in and out of major and minor roads, which will be very helpful for future reference.*

*It was fantastic and we definitely recommend it for next year's pupils."*

**Written by Amy, Destiny and Jessica**

