

## A word from Mrs Mitchell

Hello everyone

As we progress into the autumn term, it has been a pleasure to spend considerable time in each class and see the wonderful learning that is happening. Teachers are working really hard this year to ensure that a knowledge-based learning approach is at the heart of the curriculum, whilst allowing the pupils to make meaningful connections. Pupils are engaged, enthusiastic and are developing a great pride in their work and achievements.

The Young Leadership Team have been working hard on some new initiatives to improve provision for all pupils ( you can read more about this later in the newsletter) and the whole school have been building relationships through our fortnightly buddy time. It has been encouraging to see Oak Trees class take responsibility for their individual roles in class, as well as demonstrating perseverance over the last few weeks.

We hope to see as many of you as possible at our 'Seeing is believing' sessions next week. While many schools have become accustomed to a more 'closed door' approach (post COVID)we believe it is a fantastic chance to 'see' first hand a typical morning/afternoon at Leavening Primary.

The vast majority of our school families are adhering to the new timings for the start of the school day (**this is now 8.45am**)  
A reminder that any pupils arriving after this time will be marked as late in the register. We have to ensure that all families meet this statutory duty of ensuring their child/ren are in school on time.

The start of the autumn term can often bring about the introduction of bugs and viruses, as the children begin mixing again after the summer, combined with the colder weather. Please may we ask that you ring or email school to inform us of the reason for your child's absence. We will continue to follow the NYCC guidance on ensuring good attendance for all families.

Thank you for your continued co-operation and support.

My best wishes

*Sian Mitchell*

## DIARY DATES

### SEPTEMBER

Extra curricular clubs are now running (3.15-4.15pm) upto and including W/C 17th October.

Thurs 29th FOLS Meeting 2.30pm

### OCTOBER

Fri 14th Harvest assembly 9.30-10am

Weds 19th School photographer 9am

Thurs 20th FOLS Halloween disco  
5.30pm-7pm. £4/child.

### NOVEMBER

Tues 29th Charlie & The Chocolate  
Factory theatre trip to Leeds Playhouse  
(Oak Trees class)

### DECEMBER

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

### FEBRUARY 2023

Fri 3rd Feb Young Voices Concert  
(Oak Trees class)

### IMPORTANT NOTICES:

**Children are NOT to bring any  
toys from home into school.  
All toys will be confiscated and  
returned home at the end of  
the day.**

### Punctuality

**School starts promptly at  
8.45am. All children should  
be in school for this time.  
We still have some families  
arriving after this time.**

**Nursery opens at 8.55am**

### **Seeing is believing afternoon - Wednesday 5th (morning) & Thursday 6th (afternoon)**

Staff and pupils warmly invite Parents/Carers to join us in the classroom, to experience and discover what we get up to in school and nursery. Sessions are: Weds 5th: 8.45am-12pm (or part of- it is up to you) or Thursday 6th: 1pm until 3.15pm (again for all or part of the session). Please email school if you wish to join us so we have an idea of numbers.

### **HARVEST ASSEMBLY- FRIDAY 14TH OCT AT 9.30-10AM**

The children will be singing some songs that they have been learning. We warmly welcome parents/carers to join us for this event if this wish to do so. We will also be collecting for Ryedale Foodbank - donations to be brought into school **the day before please** (Thursday 13th). <https://www.ryedalecommunityfoodbank.co.uk/> Thank you.

### **FOLS HALLOWEEN DISCO - THURSDAY 20TH OCTOBER**

The FOLS Halloween disco is back! This will take place on Thurs 20th Oct from 5.30-7pm. All children are invited (including Nursery). £4/child which includes snacks and a drink. Get favourite halloween costume at the ready...

### **REQUEST FOR HELP!**

We are looking for a kind volunteer who could possibly spare their time to paint our small school staff-room. Paint will be provided and we would be eternally grateful! Please email Mrs Kemp if you can help... Thank you!

## **IMPORTANT: Friends of Leavening School**

**A heartfelt plea to our school family members to ask if you would be able to spare some time to support the school in their fundraising this year**

Until last year the FOLs (Friends of Leavening School) has been an active fundraising registered committee who we have relied on for raising funds for school. Past fundraising has included money to subsidise transport costs for school visits, Young voices registration and cost towards the coach, school sports kits, resourcing the Acorns and Conkers outside play areas, supporting the sensory garden project, Year 6 leavers days out and treats, Christmas treats for ALL children, to name a few. With the cuts to school budgets, these funds are more vital than ever to ensure our pupils have these rich experiences.

Last year the FoLs only consisted of staff members Mrs Kemp, Mrs Stockill and myself as well as an ex-parent as our treasurer. We had the kind and valued regular help of one school parent. Unfortunately, the level of fundraising we require is too large a task for existing school staff to take on in addition to our school roles. Staff are always willing and happy to support every event put on by the FoLs but we cannot sustain the roles of chairperson, vice chairperson, secretary and chief organisers, nor is this usual practice.

**Without our parent/carer community willing to take on a key role in the committee, FoLs will cease and therefore we will no longer be able to raise vital funds to enhance our children's education.**

Therefore **we would like to warmly invite you to our AGM to be held on Thursday 29th September at 2.30pm at school.** At this meeting we would elect new committee members and discuss ideas for the years fundraising events. From this, we would then delegate roles to people. Any help, in any form is valued. If you cannot make the meeting but would like to help please let Susie know asap.

We truly hope to see as many of you there as possible to help continue to raise funds for our small school. Many thanks in anticipation -Mrs Mitchell

## School Lunches

School lunches are £2.50/child (including dessert). All children in Conkers class (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) are entitled to FREE school meals (UFSM). A reminder that lunch orders for Fridays will be taken on *Thursdays* due to Mrs Kemp not working on Fridays. In the event that a child should be absent on the Friday when a meal had been ordered for them, your ParentPay account will be credited accordingly.

## Meet our new Young Leadership Team

Our team for the Autumn term is William Y6, Jacob Y5, Amelia Y4, Sophia Y3, Fergus Y2 and Jake Y1.

Each child was elected and chosen by their peers to be the pupil voice in developing school initiatives. It is the responsibility of each Young Leader to ensure they express both their own views and the views of their fellow classmates.

This term we are looking at different fundraising ideas in order to develop our main playground such as external decorating, new signage and new play equipment. We will also be focusing on our new sensory garden thinking about how we can maintain it and encourage children to use it in different ways to promote wellbeing. The Young Leadership Team had some great ideas and have been tasked to go away and gather more ideas and opinions from their classmates which they will then report back at our next meeting.

Here's the link for the **My Child's Art** [mychildsart.co.uk](http://mychildsart.co.uk)

This is part of the Young Leaderships team ideas to help fundraise money for new playground equipment. Keep up the good work YLT!



## Guinea Pig Update

On Saturday 17th September, we had the lovely surprise of finding 3 baby guinea pigs in Doris and Popcorn's house. Doris (now 'Doris-Dave' !) has retired his school duties and gone to live in Mrs Kemp's garden with lots of other guinea pig friends.

Popcorn (Mum) is happy and eating lots of vegetables, looking after her three new babies. Their sex is still unknown but we look forward to finding out on the 13th October...

Watch this space!



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

# OPEN DAY

FOR RECEPTION 2023 STARTERS,  
NURSERY AGED CHILDREN & ALL POTENTIAL NEW PARENTS.



- MEET THE STAFF
- CHAT WITH PUPILS
- SEE THE FACILITIES

10AM - 2PM  
10 OCTOBER 2022

Please indicate if you would like to join us by emailing:  
[admin@leavening.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@leavening.n-yorks.sch.uk) or phone: 01653 658 313

COME AND SEE WHAT OUR SCHOOL HAS TO OFFER.  
TOURS & TALKS START ON THE HOUR AT 10AM, 11AM AND 1PM

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