

A word from Mrs Mitchell

Hello everyone!

Thank you to those of you who joined us at our 'seeing is believing' sessions last week. We received lots of lovely feedback from you on your experience and the staff were very grateful to hear these. It always makes a challenging and rewarding job all the better when recognition of the efforts and dedication happen. We will look forward to repeating these sessions in the spring term where you will all be welcome once again.

Safeguarding

We had our annual safeguarding monitoring meeting from the Local Authority last week and our pupils, parents, staff and governors were all able to evidence and demonstrate effective safeguarding at Leavening as well as celebrate the strong culture of safeguarding we have. It was noted how happy the children are at school.

We endeavour to inform you about our safety curriculum in each class newsletter each half term. In addition to this we will celebrate and inform this work in our whole school newsletters too.

Please be reminded of our school behaviour policy on our website.

Hello Yellow

The children enjoyed supporting young minds and world mental health day on Monday. They learnt about managing feelings and emotions and the older children looked at how to be resilient.

Local MP

Next week we have invited a local MP Kevin Hollinrake into school to talk to Oak trees about his role as MP of Thirsk and Malton and his latest campaigns to improve safety in the area.

One more week left of this half term, and we have the Harvest assembly, Halloween disco and last week of extra curricular clubs to look forward to.

Have a lovely weekend.

My best wishes

Sian Mitchell

DIARY DATES

The last extra curricular club sessions will finish W/C 17/10/22.

OCTOBER

Fri 14th Harvest assembly 9.30-10am

Weds 19th School photographer 9am

Weds 19th Tag Rugby Tournament KS2

Thurs 20th FOLS Halloween disco

5.30pm-7pm. £4/child via ParentPay

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.

After half-term, you will be required to sign your child in as LATE in the office if they arrive after this time.

Nursery opens at 8.55am

School Attendance

- Attendance last week: **93.7%**
- National attendance last week: **94.8%**
- Attendance this week so far: **89.5%**
- Attendance for this half term so far: **94.1%**

★ FANCY DRESS ★

HALLOWEEN DISCO!



THURSDAY
20TH OCTOBER
5.30-7pm



At Leavening School.
All children invited, including nursery.

£4 per child
includes snack & drink!
(Pay on ParentPay)





HARVEST ASSEMBLY- Tomorrow - Friday 14th Oct: 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.

We will be collecting for Ryedale Foodbank - donations to be brought into school **during the course of today please** (Thursday 13th). Thank you.

<https://www.ryedalecommunityfoodbank.co.uk/>

Yorkshire Wildlife Dress Up Day - Thursday 3rd November

The gardening club have been tending to the sensory garden over the last few weeks. We would like to include bird feeders and food into our garden this winter. Therefore the children are hosting a **'Yorkshire Wildlife Dress up Day' on Thursday 3rd November.**

Children can come dressed as anything that depicts Yorkshire Wildlife (or just home clothes) in return for a kind donation of bird feeders/food to help look after the birds this winter.



Safeguarding - A reminder of 'who is who' in school

With regards to Safeguarding our pupils, all staff have regular training and monitoring to ensure that their knowledge and skills are up to date and relevant. We pride ourselves on our approachable staff and welcoming ethos and we know that parents feel they can talk to any member of staff involved with their child.

Our designated safeguarding lead in school is Mrs Mitchell



Our deputy designated safeguarding lead is Mrs Price

Our safeguarding governor is Neil Audsley



In the first instance, please always speak to your child's class teacher if you have any safeguarding concerns- they will ensure that the appropriate person is notified.

Recent highlights from across school...

Over the past few weeks, **Acorns** have been super busy in our outside areas both in school and our community.

Our garden has been full of Conkers that we have enjoyed searching for each day, these Conkers have been used in our classroom to paint and count. Our spring bulbs including Daffodils and Alliums have been planted in some of our planters in the garden, ready to bloom. The children (between rain storms) have been making sure they are watered and are eager to see them grow.

In Acorns we have been learning new songs with Mrs Stockill, showing excellent listening and making of sounds in phonics and enjoying taking time each day to share our favourite books.

The children have been excited to take turns to read to the other children and adults - 'Rusty the Squeaky Robot' and 'I want my hat back' have been firm favourites.



Conkers children enjoyed dressing up for Young People's Mental Health Awareness Day - the whole classroom felt like a ray of sunshine! We also wrote positive affirmations about ourselves. We said farewell to Mrs Smith this week - we shall miss her very much. The children enjoyed a special story time session with her as part of their goodbyes.

Conkers have also been engaging in retelling the story of 'UG-A-LUG: Four Cavemen and a pencil' through drama and freeze framing activities.

