

# NEWSLETTER

Thursday 27th April 2023

SUMMER 1 TERM

## A word from the Headteacher

Hello everyone

Welcome back to the summer term!

This half term's learning theme is 'Making a Difference' and we launched this with a 'Pledge to Plastic Pollution' afternoon. The class teachers have sent out curriculum newsletters with full details of the learning coverage this half term and our fortnightly newsletters will continue to highlight what we have been learning. This half term we welcome Reshana into our nursery and school family.

We have got a wonderful celebration planned for the Kings Coronation on Friday 5th May and would encourage you to pop this in your diary and join us at school to celebrate this historic event.

As always, school attendance is a key safeguarding priority and we will continue to be vigilant in monitoring persistent absence this half term (attendance below 90%) as well as pupil at risk of persistent absence (attendance below 95%)

Our persistent absence figures stand at 27%, which is significantly above national average of 17%. Our aim at Leavening is to work with our families to support and improve outcomes. This in mind, please do not be offended if contact is made with you to notify you to persistent absence or near persistent absence and offers of working together to improve attendance.

We look forward to a productive and positive half term.

My best wishes

*Sian Mitchell*

## End of the school day

The congestion and parking on Back Lane continues to be an issue despite polite pleas not to park on Back Lane or drive up this lane during collection time.

School are currently liaising with the council about ways to improve this but in the meantime I will politely ask that while children are leaving school from 3.15pm onwards, that parents wait and refrain from driving up and down the road so parents can see their children across the road safely. If this is a problem for you then please do not park on the lane.

Many thanks for your anticipated support.

## Additional information

Please can we remind parents/carers to adhere to the school uniform policy.

Details of this can be found on the school website.

Note that school shoes should be worn and *not* trainers.

In addition, please can children remember to have their water bottle in school.

## School Attendance

**Last week our school attendance was 86.6%**

This is below the primary national average attendance of 93%

Attendance **this week** so far: **91.5%**

Attendance **this term** so far: **91.5%**

## DIARY DATES

### MAY

#### Wednesday 3rd

Quick Rounders Tournament YR3&4

#### Friday 5th

Coronation Celebration Day

#### Tuesday 9th to Friday 12th

KS2 Test Week

#### Wednesday 10th

Acorns visit to Woldies Lavender

#### Thursday 11th

Pop-up library in school

#### Thursday 18th

Stay and Play Morning:

Nursery & Reception class 9-10am

**Let us know if your child intends joining**

#### Wednesday 24th

School photographer in

#### Thursday 25th

Pop-up library in school

### JUNE

#### Thursday 15th

Pop-up library in school

#### Tuesday 20th & Wednesday 21st

Norton College & Malton School

Y6 Transition Days

#### Wednesday 21st

Rounders Tournament KS2

#### Wednesday 28th

Malton School Y5 Experience Day

#### Thursday 29th

Pop-up library in school

### JULY

#### Monday 3rd

Stay and Play Morning:

Nursery & Reception class 9-10am

**Let us know if your child intends joining**

#### Thursday 6th

Reports home

#### W/C Monday 10th

#### Transition week

Any nursery children starting in September are invited to join and stay

**Let us know if your child intends joining**

#### Wednesday 5th

Summer Sports Tournament KS1

Rounders Tournament (mixed)

#### Friday 7th

FOLS Summer Sausage Sizzle 3.30pm

#### Thursday 13th

Pop-up library in school

FOLS Summer Disco 5.30-7.30pm

#### Friday 14th

End of year show 9.30-10.30 and 2-3pm

Please only attend *one* show

#### Friday 21st

Last day of term

End of year assembly 9.30-11am (all welcome). Y6 Parents rounders & lunch

# Good Attendance means...

Being in school at least 97% of the time or 184 to 190 days

## Remember

Education is important - don't miss out!

### Did you know?

A two week holiday in term-time means that the highest attendance a child can achieve is

**94.7%**



## Did you know?

When pupils attend school they:

- Can achieve their full potential
- Have better career prospects
- Learn how to look after themselves and be healthy
- Grow in confidence
- Keep up with work and homework

There are  
**365 DAYS**  
in a calendar year

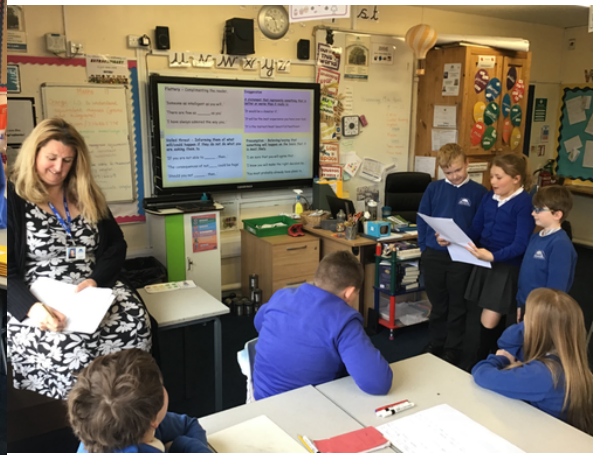
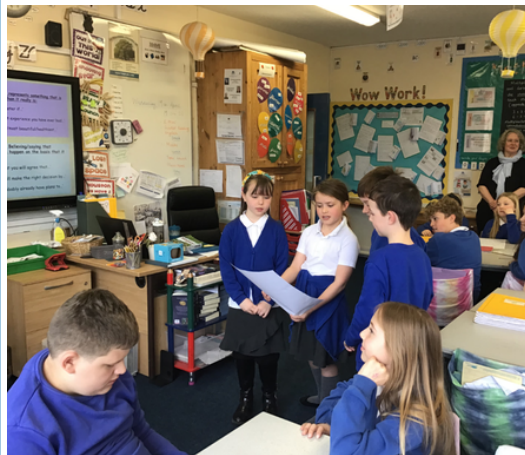
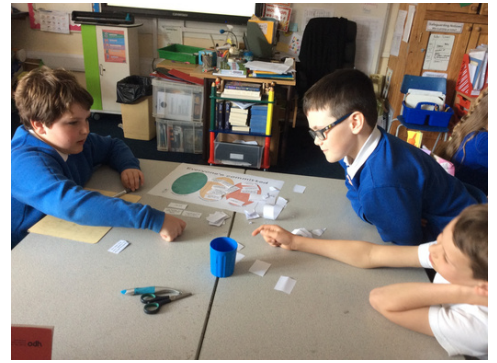
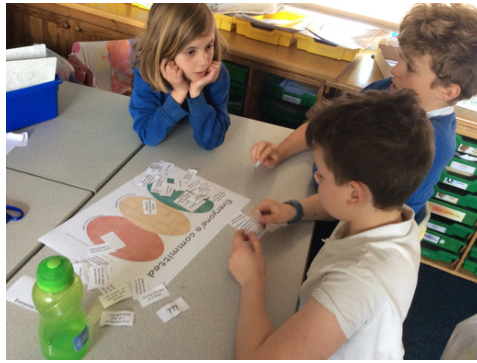
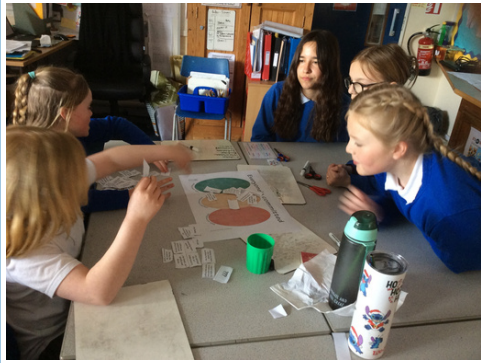
**175 DAYS**  
are **NOT**  
spent at school



# Recent highlights from across school

## Oak Trees

Year 5 and 6 discussing 'commitment' in RE, in relation to religious and non-religious beliefs.



Oak Trees class have begun a unit of work on persuasive writing in English. Using their skills of persuasion to convince Mrs Mitchell to add extra playtime to the school day was a success!

## Conkers

To launch our new topic 'Making a Difference,' we engaged in learning around making a plastic pledge, centred around gaining an awareness of plastic pollution.



We then turned 'trash into treasure' by creating musical instruments and pencil pots from recycled plastic containers.

# Leavening Parish Council Job Vacancy

Leavening Parish Council is seeking an enthusiastic person to take on the post of part-time Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer.

Time spent by the Clerk on council business varies but is currently 6 hours per month.

Duties include:

- Preparing agendas and writing minutes for full council meetings
- Maintaining information of expenditure and income, making payments, and preparing the annual budget document
- Completing the end-of-year accounts on behalf of the parish council
  - Acting as advisor to the council
- Compilation and dealing with correspondence and associated administration.

The ideal candidate will have administrative and financial skills and be computer literate. The post holder will work from home and will be required to attend approximately five evening meetings per year in Leavening.

Salary (dependent upon qualifications and experience) is in accordance with LGA recommendations on pay scale from April 2022 SCP 5 – SCP 9 (£11.21 to £12.06 per hour, approx. £800 per annum) plus reasonable expenses will be considered and full training provided.

Please email [clerk@leavening.online](mailto:clerk@leavening.online) or DM us for more information

## Thank You Messages

Leavening School would like to thank the following companies for their recent donations.

We are hugely grateful!

**MORRISONS - FOR FLOWER SEEDS**

**ASHLEY COOKES - FOR THE ASTRO TURF**

**HARRISON & HARGREAVES - FOR WOOD VARNISH  
AND WALLPAPER BOOKS**