

NEWSLETTER

Thursday 26th October 2023

AUTUMN 1 TERM

DIARY DATES

Swimming every Tuesday (Yrs 5 & 6)
upto and including 21st November

NOVEMBER

Monday 6th-Thursday 9th

Parent/teacher consultations

Friday 10th -new date

Leavening's Got Talent 1.30pm

Week beginning 13th

Extra-curricular clubs start

Monday 13th

Wear odd socks day

Friday 17th

Children In Need Day

Monday 20th

FOLS meeting 2pm -all welcome!

Thursday 30th

EYFS (nursery and reception) stay and
play session 9am until 10am

DECEMBER

Thursday 7th

FOLS Non Uniform/Christmas jumper –
exchange for a tombola prize

Parent/carer & child Christmas craft
afternoon

Friday 8th

Christmas Fair – 3.15pm-5pm

Thursday 14th

Pantomime trip-details to follow!

Friday 15th

Christmas productions 9.30am & 2pm
with coffee, mince pies & FOLS Xmas
hamper raffle

Monday 18th

Extra-curricular clubs finish this week
Tues 19th

FOLS Movie afternoon – 3.15pm-5pm

Thursday 21st

Christmas lunch and parties(pm)

Friday 22nd

Last day of term

JANUARY

Monday 8th

Training day

Tuesday 9th

First day of term

**PLEASE ENSURE ALL
PARENTPAY DEBTS ARE
CLEARED BY 1ST NOVEMBER.
THANK YOU.**

Hello everyone

As we near the end of our first half term of 2023-2024 it is a perfect opportunity to reflect on the learning experiences our pupils have had this half term. The topic of 'Inspiring Inventions' has been a popular one with the visit to the railway museum; KS2 inventing their own board games; learning about the history of key inventions; Peat Rigg residential and landing with a visit to a Mosque and the Royal Armouries in Leeds. Such rich and meaningful experiences are key for our children. We have had a focus on key personal development around mental health awareness, hate crime awareness, Black Lives matter and took part in a local radio competition for 'Test the Teacher'.

We hope you have enjoyed the stay and play sessions in the EYFS as well as the seeing is believing mornings in KS1 and KS2. Thank you to those parents who have engaged with us by attending the reading workshop, online safety workshop and who have completed the parent voice around online safety. We value working in partnership with you.

Attendance continues to be a key priority of ours this term and we will be working with you all to ensure that your child's attendance is as good as it can possibly be.

Some girls in KS2 are frequently wearing false/stick on nails that are painted. We would firmly ask that children do not wear these to school. In addition, those children with their ears pierced must not wear their earrings on PE days. We would value your support in this.

Do not forget to sign up for the first parent/teacher meetings of the year that will occur the first week back. Our extra curricular clubs will also begin during the first week back. Thank you to the staff who have volunteered to child an extra curricular club after school- these opportunities to enhance your child's personal development require the commitment of our staff and in a small school this can be hard to facilitate, so we are very grateful. Please do sign your child up for one of our many clubs on offer.

On behalf of the staff team we wish you all a happy and healthy half term.

Best Wishes

Sian Mitchell

School Attendance

16 October 2023 - 20 October 2023

Our school weekly attendance was: 95.37%

This was above the **primary national average attendance: 94.1%**

Attendance **this week** so far: **94.21%**

Attendance **this term** so far: **94.9%**

More highlights from Oak Trees

This week the Oak Trees have been working on making board games and writing instructions to go with them. This is for our landing at the end of the week where we will be presenting our games in a dragon's den style. The year 3 and 4 pupils have enjoyed working out how to write clear instructions to inform people exactly how to set up their game. We have designed, measured, planned, stencilled, taped, painted and wrote! As we come to the end of this half term, I would like to thank the children of Oak Tree Class for working so hard and being so brilliant! Enjoy your week off!



Conkers

This week the Conkers have wrapped up their 'Inspiring Inventions' topic. We have had a strong History focus and learned all about different inventors in the past and how they changed our modern lives. To support our Historical learning over many different topics, we visited the Royal Armouries Museum in Leeds.

Acorns Nursery

Acorns have been loving all things Autumn over the last few weeks, using Conkers to count, decorating pumpkins and making ladybird houses. We are looking forward to real pumpkins and making potions in them Friday on our Halloween celebration day.





Harvest Festival

Thank you to all who attended our Harvest Celebration last week.

We received lots of generous donations for the food bank which have now been delivered.

Your support is much appreciated.

Test The Teacher!

Leavening School had a visit from YorkMix radio last week. A fantastic effort was shown by Miss Templeman when she took part in 'Test the Teacher', cheered on by our pupils!

YorkMix are going on tour to schools around York and North Yorkshire not only to quiz teachers, but to quiz some of the students too. Some of our lucky pupils won YorkMix Goodies and said hello to Mixie the Monster. The top 3 teachers out of the 20 schools they visit will face-off in a live final at York Sport for the chance to win a pool party! Miss Templeman's valiant efforts have put Leavening School currently 3rd in the leaderboard. Well done Miss T! Listen to Miss Templeman and the children on YorkMix radio using the following (it starts roughly 1hr45mins in) :

<https://player.autopod.xyz/437217?fbclid=IwAR2ngsvCw6S7k91XhxAnURcxyURawlnJu9hGBshXe3ZpYsCo-oRn4JLOk8>



SCHOOL NOTICES

Leavening's Got Talent! Friday 10th November

We are inviting **all** of our children to enter this show if they wish, to celebrate the unique and diverse talents among them. If your child/ren would like to take part in this experience, please can you email the school office [ASAP](#).

Monday 13th November Odd Socks Day

This will mark the beginning of antibullying week and so children to wear odd socks that day (no cost) Advertise antibullying week with the theme of ' Make a noise about bullying' week beg 13th-17th Nov

Children in Need Day Friday 17th November

Children can come to school wearing 'spotacular' items of clothing or own clothes.
Donation payments will be made available via ParentPay after half term.

FOLS meeting 20th November at 2pm

This will take place in school to plan the Christmas fundraising events- everyone is welcome!

Please can we remind you to ensure your child brings a coat to school. Thank you!

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about EA SPORTS FC 24

After two decades of holding the official FIFA licence, EA Sports' phenomenally successful football video game series has embarked on a solo run at goal. This season's iteration marks the debut appearance of a new name and branding, but don't let those fool you – EA Sports FC 24 is still a very similar proposition to last year's FIFA 23. Popular features such as Ultimate Team remain a big focus, meaning that potentially costly in-game spending is still among the line-up of risks that parents and carers should be aware of.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

RECURRING RELEASES

EA Sports FC 24 effectively picks up the FIFA template – meaning that after a year, we can expect EA Sports FC 25 to hit the shelves. Updates between versions of the FIFA franchise tended to be minor, but young fans of the game are almost certain to want the new edition in around 12 months' time, so they can keep playing with updated team kits, players and squad lists.

OFFENSIVE VOICE CHAT

FIFA 23 introduced cross-platform play, and EA Sports FC 24 goes a step further with Clubs, Seasons and Ultimate Team cooperative modes across PlayStation 5, Xbox Series X and S, and PC. That's exciting news for youngsters who love to play with friends online – but connecting a much wider audience does potentially open lines of communication between children and far older online gamers.

IN-GAME PURCHASES

In FIFA, Ultimate Team proved to be a profitable innovation for developers Electronic Arts (EA), and is now found in many of their other titles. Players spend in-game currency to recruit better footballers for their team, but this process can take a frustratingly long time – so young fans may be tempted to skip the grind by paying real-world cash to unlock that coveted star midfielder.



ULTIMATE TEAM SCAMMERS

Since the mode was introduced, Ultimate Team has been a target of scammers who attempt to coax players into buying or selling outside the terms of service from EA and console manufacturers. This shady practice can lead to accounts being banned and in-game items being lost. In some cases, young gamers have also been hoodwinked into handing over their payment details to the fraudsters.

POTENTIAL FOR ADDICTION

Just like real-life football, EA Sports FC 24 offers a thrilling, dynamic blend of tactical awareness and skill that fans find absolutely engrossing. Among younger players in particular, this could lead to identifiers of a gaming disorder as they plead for "just one more game" before bedtime or spend practically all weekend playing more matches to earn additional Ultimate Team packs.

Advice for Parents & Carers

CONTROL SPENDING

If your child enjoys Ultimate Team mode, check that your payment details aren't linked to their account. Bundles of FC Points (the game's currency) start at just £1, so multiple payments can easily slip under the radar. You could consider setting your child an in-game allowance, perhaps through a prepaid card, which will help them to realise that online spending has a real-world effect.

DEFEND AGAINST SCAMMERS

EA does contact players via email (although not to ask for usernames or passwords, so watch out for that scam tactic), but never through the game itself – so be wary of incoming messages and consider blocking and reporting suspected spam. Your child should avoid buying coins (the in-game currency) from external sites; it could end with them losing their money and being banned from the game.

AVOID EXTRA TIME

Many parents of young football-oriented gamers worry about their child playing too much EA Sports FC. There's now also a companion mobile app, which can also often provide another indicator that a child is struggling to disengage from the game. You could initiate discussions around set hours of play – or take stronger action by utilising the parental controls on their console or phone.

SHOW TOXIC CHAT THE RED CARD

Playing EA Sports FC 24 with friends is highly enjoyable, but if competitive types start to turn toxic online, it can ruin everyone's fun. You could occasionally listen in on the voice chat of your child's game for any warning signs that things may be about to boil over. This goes double when playing online with strangers: voice contact with unknown players can be turned off in the game's settings.

CELEBRATE THE VARIETY

Ultimate Team may be the game's 'star player', but there's plenty more to do in EA Sports FC 24 – including modes which allow access to all of football's big names without needing to spend money on packs to unlock them. This new version of the game includes even more women's teams, marking another step forward in representation: an important subject to discuss and celebrate with children.

Meet Our Expert

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BONFIRE NIGHT

**Sat 4th Nov
from 6pm**

Field opposite The Rise

**Bonfire
Firework Display
Hot Food & Drinks**

WANTED

**Wood and old carpets (no nails please)
Please leave outside your home by roadside for
collection on 4th Nov at 10am.**