

DECEMBER

Friday 8th

Carol singing around the village:
2.30pm-3.10pm

Christmas Fair – 3.15pm-5pm

Thursday 14th

Jack & the Beanstalk Panto Trip
Please consent & pay via ParentPay
ASAP

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
Please consent & pay via ParentPay
ASAP

Thursday 21st

Christmas lunch and parties(pm)

Friday 22nd

Last day of term

JANUARY

Monday 8th

Training day

Tuesday 9th

First day of term

**WE STILL HAVE A LOT OF
OUTSTANDING DEBT ON
PARENTPAY.**

**PLEASE CHECK YOUR
ACCOUNT AND CLEAR
ANY BALANCES ASAP.**

THANK YOU.

**IF YOU HAVE ANY ISSUES OR
QUERIES PLEASE CONTACT THE
MAIN OFFICE.**

Hello Everyone

Christmas has officially begun at Leavening. The children are well underway with rehearsals for our upcoming performance 'Prickly Hay', as well as practising some of our more traditional Christmas songs for the community carol singing and Elders lunch at the Jolly Farmers over the next couple of weeks (please see the section on Christmas celebrations).

We are looking forward to welcoming as many of you as possible to these celebratory events over the next couple of weeks and rejoicing in the magic of Christmas and glitter with us all.

Last week we had our much awaited Ofsted Inspection and as soon as the school report is published, you will receive a copy of it.

We anticipate this will be in the new year.

Thank you to those parents who engaged and completed the Ofsted Parent View survey online. This survey is always available for parents to complete, at any point within the school year and we would really welcome as many parents as possible to do so. It does not take long to register and do, so if you could spare 5 minutes we would be very grateful in order for us to capture an accurate picture of parent views at Leavening. The link to the survey is here:

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/> Thank you.

Wishing you a lovely weekend of merriment.

My best wishes

Sian Mitchell

Child Safety at Christmas

With Christmas coming and the cost of living going up, we're all looking for savings however, there are cheap toys for sale on online marketplaces that could seriously harm your child. For more info on buying safe toys, see here:

<https://capt.org.uk/buy-safe-toys/>



School Attendance

27 November 2023 - 01 December 2023

Our school weekly attendance was: 91.0%

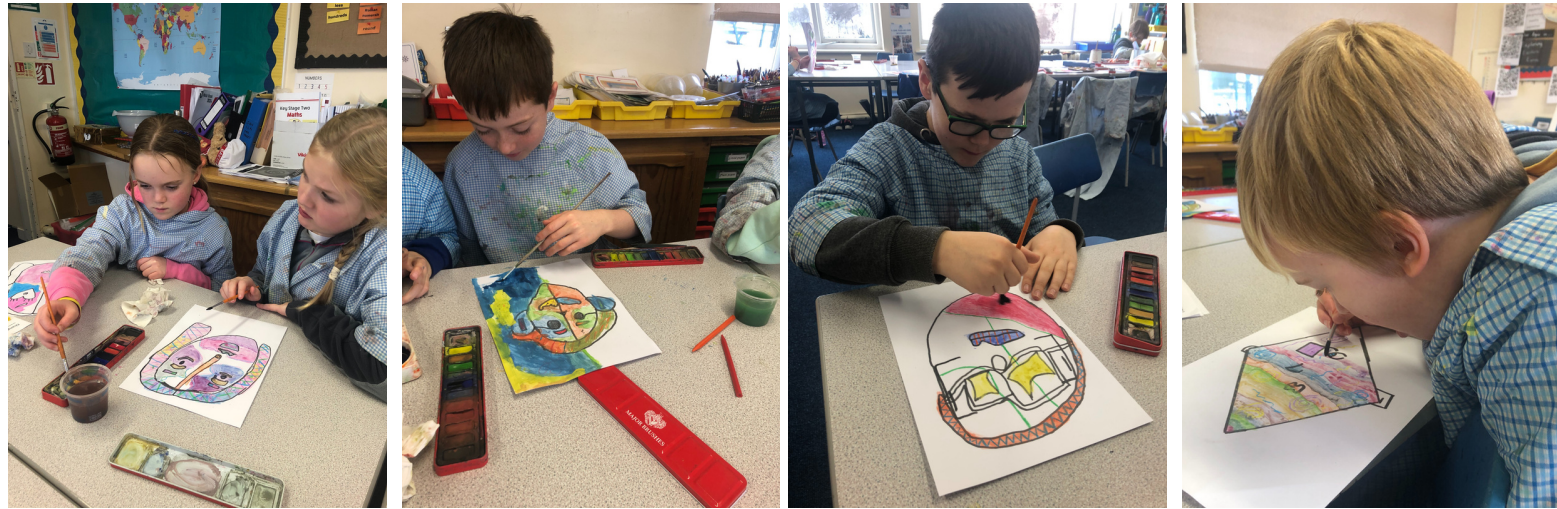
This was below the **primary national average of: 95.3%**

Attendance **this week** so far: **92.5%**

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

Recent highlights from Oak Trees Class

Oak Trees have been exploring the artist Pablo Picasso and using his art from the Cubism genre as inspiration. Take a look at the pupils in action.



Recent highlights from Conkers Class

Conkers and Nursery children explored the crunchy snow in the outdoor area on Friday. They used whatever they could find to gather up the snow; rolling it, ploughing it and even colouring it using powder paints!

Fred the snowman was created and tried on several hats before deciding on the classic look. Other children make snow angels and Nursery created tracks in the snow using some of the large push-along vehicles.

After drying off we all enjoyed hot chocolate and marshmallows and watched a cartoon snowman walking in the air! What a Friday treat!



UPCOMING REMINDERS & EVENTS

School Christmas Postbox

This is now up and running in the main reception area!
Please ensure your child writes the name and class
clearly on the envelope!

Christmas carol singing around the village Friday 8th Dec: 2.30pm – 3.15pm

We will be starting on Main Street and proceeding to The Rise then Dam Lane before returning to school.

Any donations would be gratefully received towards 'Friends of Leavening School'. We would warmly welcome support around the village. Please spread the word!

Could we also please remind parents and carers of children in choir, to make sure children bring warm coats, scarves and gloves on Friday (and Christmas hats if at all possible!)

Many thanks in advance for your support.

Christmas Fair

**Friday 8th December
3.15pm-5pm**

Please do come and support this fantastic event.

There will be some great stalls, with lots of food, drink and much more. We look forward to seeing you there!



Jack and the Beanstalk Panto Trip

Thursday 14th December

Please ensure that you pay for this via ParentPay AND complete the consent form for your child ASAP.
<https://forms.gle/W9pkdw2PhxZZ8uP9A>

This is now overdue.

Raise FREE donations for

Friends of Leavening School (FOLS)

every time you shop online

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www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/leaveningschool

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KNOW THE '4 T'S' OF TYPE 1 DIABETES - IT COULD SAVE A CHILD'S LIFE

It's really important to be able to spot the most common symptoms of type 1 diabetes early.

Unfortunately, we know that too many people – mostly children and young people – are not diagnosed until they are in diabetic ketoacidosis (DKA), a life-threatening condition that requires urgent medical attention.

Early action is important and it's good to know the '4 T's' of type 1 diabetes:

TOILET – GOING TO THE TOILET A LOT.

THIRSTY – BEING VERY THIRSTY AND UNABLE TO QUENCH THE THIRST.

TIRED – FEELING MORE TIRED THAN USUAL.

THINNER – LOSING WEIGHT OR LOOKING THINNER THAN USUAL.



If you notice these signs and symptoms, you should contact your doctor **straight away**.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE SUPPORT...

Join our 'Friends of the North' Diabetes UK Facebook group where you can find peer support and the latest information from Diabetes UK, locally and nationally: [Diabetes UK chat: Your Friends in the North | Facebook](#)

Or use your mobile phone to scan the QR code:



Contact us:

North of England team: 01925 653281

Diabetes UK Helpline: 0345 123 2399 (Mon-Fri, 9am-6pm)

FOR MORE INFORMATION...

If you would like copies of the poster or the A5 leaflets, please contact north@diabetes.org.uk.

For more information about Diabetes UK visit www.diabetes.org.uk/The4Ts

We have resources to help you support pupils who have type 1 diabetes. Find out more about how we can support schools and our resources to help [Diabetes in schools resources | Diabetes UK](#)