

Reminder of Upcoming School Events

Harvest Festival Assembly

The Harvest assembly this year will take place on

Friday 18th October at 9.30am.

Parents and carers are very welcome to join us for this event. There will be refreshments available from drop-off until the start of the assembly.

We would be most grateful for any donations to the local foodbank, to be donated during the week leading up to the assembly (w/c 14th Oct).

Suggested items include:

Breakfast cereal, soup, pasta, rice, pasta sauce, baked beans, tinned meat, tinned vegetables, instant mash, UHT milk, tea, coffee, sugar, tinned dessert and biscuits as well as toiletries and cleaning products.

Thank you in advance for your support with this.

Christmas bag-packing fundraising event!

As the festive season is almost upon us, we have managed to secure a fantastic bag-packing slot at Morrisons in Malton, on

Saturday 7th December between 10am-4pm.

If you are possibly able to help with this, we would be VERY GRATEFUL!

We are proposing to have 3 x 2hr shifts (as there are only around 6 checkouts left now) so we only need a few helpers for each shift.

If you can wear a Christmas jumper and hat/tinsel etc that would be great!

Please let us know if you can support this event, as we raised a great amount of money last year and it would be a fantastic help.

Year 5 and 6 children and all parents, grandparents, family and friends are welcome to join. The more support the better! This is a great opportunity for the school to raise much needed funds and is also a lot of fun to take part in!

Please let the office or Mrs Jacques know if you can help by **Friday 22nd November**. We will have a sign-up sheet in reception. Can we ask that you please share this with everyone, so we can drum up as much support as possible - helping to raise funds for our wonderful village school!

Thanks in advance for your support 😊



School Attendance

30 September 2024 - 04 October 2024

Our school weekly attendance was: 95.1%

This was below the **primary national average of 95.4%**

Attendance **this week** so far: **94.1%**

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

TERM DATES

OCTOBER

Thurs 17th

School photographer in (9am)

Fri 18th

Harvest Assembly (9.30am)

Tues 22nd

Whole school open day for EYFS starters (Nursery & Reception)

Thurs 24th

Popup Library day

FOLS Halloween Disco

5.15-6.30pm £5/child

NOVEMBER

Mon 4th

Launch of 'Land Ahoy' topic

School children can wear pirate-themed dress-up clothing

Extra Curricular Clubs begin

Tues 5th

Bags 2 School by 9am please

Weds 6th

Yr3/4 Football Tournament

W/C Mon 11th

Parent/Teacher consultations

Anti-bullying week

Tues 12th

Wear odd socks day

Fri 15th

Children in Need Day

W/C Mon 18th

UK Parliament & British Values week

'Dress to Express' (Fri 22nd)

DECEMBER

Weds 4th

Yr5/6 Dodgeball Tournament

Thurs 5th

Christmas Craft afternoon

Parents/carers welcome* plus

Christmas dress up day in exchange for a tombola prize

Fri 6th

Christmas Fair after school

Fri 13th

Christmas Production 9.30am & 2pm

Weds 18th

Pantomime trip (**Conkers & Oak Trees**)

Thurs 19th

Christmas lunch & parties

End of term

Fri 20th

Training day

*Please email the office if you wish to attend, so we know in advance for planning purposes

Our Safeguarding Team at Leavening CP School:

Our Designated Safeguarding Lead is: **Mrs Mitchell**

Our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead is: **Mrs Bennett** | Our Safeguarding Governor is: **Mrs Isaacs**

BeAware
of child exploitation
in **North Yorkshire**



Passwords

- Make passwords difficult for others to guess.
- A strong password should be more than six characters long and include a combination of letters, numbers, and symbols.
- Try not to use the same password for every website, if someone guesses it, they will be able to access all your accounts.
- Don't use your personal information or that of anyone you know (e.g. child's name and dob).

Selective Sharing

- When you share something on social media it has potential to reach many people, may be shared by others & can still be seen even after you've deleted the post.
- Never reveal your address, personal telephone number or bank details on social media.
- Be cautious about posting photographs of yourself on social media, these can be saved and stored by others.

Privacy Settings

- Set your privacy settings to enable only 'friends' or 'followers' to see what you post.
- It's important to remember that setting your profile to private doesn't mean that your posts can't be seen by others.
- Friends could share the post to their network, for example, so remain cautious about what you're sharing.

Who Are You Talking To?

- Others may pretend to be someone they're not to extract personal information or convince people into doing things they don't want to do.
- Never send any personal information to someone you have never met in person.
- Never send anyone a photo or video that could leave you in a compromising situation.

Meeting in 'real life'

- Extreme caution should be taken when arranging to meet someone in 'real-life' for the first time.
- Always arrange to meet in a busy public place, such as a café.
- Always tell someone else who you are meeting, use apps like "find my" on your device to track your location, or carry an airtag.
- If possible, take a friend, family member or carer along to the first meeting.

Avoid Online Scams

- It's important to be mindful of things that don't seem right.
- Remember, if something sounds too good to be true, it probably is!
- Sometimes it can be hard to know whether something is genuine or not. Unsure? Get a second opinion.

Truth or Lie?

- Many websites spread untrue or exaggerated news stories, often called 'clickbait' or 'fake news'.
- Don't assume the first thing you read is true, instead be open to reading different sources to get a more accurate overview.
- It's also worth bearing in mind that the posts your friends are sharing might not always give a true representation of their lives.

Respect Other People

- Occasionally on the internet people forget that behind every post is a real person.
- Your comments could upset someone without realising, don't say anything to anyone online that you wouldn't say to their face.
- Think before you post!

Report Any Issues

- You should never accept being abused, bullied or harassed online. Use the blocking tool on the apps help page.
- Tell a friend, family member, carer or support worker if you are worried about anything online.
- Abusing someone online is a criminal offence and you can report online abuse to the police. Contact your local police force by calling 101.

Keep a Healthy Balance

- The internet can be addictive, try to strike a healthy balance between the online and offline worlds.
- Keep connected to "real world" friends and family.
- Keep your sleep health in check, switch off devices at night and take a rest!

Be Aware Site Links



"We need to Be Aware because it goes under the radar here in North Yorkshire"

Everlie's hair donation to charity!

A huge well done to Everlie in Oak Trees class, who grew her hair as she really wanted to donate it.

She raised a fabulous **£427** for the **Little Princess Trust** by donating a whopping 11 inches of her hair! She's growing it again now so she can do again. Amazing stuff Everlie, we are all very proud of you!



European Day of Languages : September 2024

At Leavening, we learn French as our MFL. To celebrate the European Day of Languages we had a house event to explore the languages of German, Greek, Italian and Spanish.

We learned numbers, colours, greetings and days of the week in the different languages. We sang songs, played games, coloured pictures and did lots of talking! It was brilliant.

Later on, we had a café to explore the food from these four countries. We were very adventurous trying different foods and discovering new tastes.



Leavening School are now registered for the Asda Cashpot for Schools scheme.

If you use the Asda rewards app, please select our school and then (at no extra cost to you), every time you shop this month, **Asda will donate to Leavening School.** Thank you.





Parenting Smart



We all want the best for our children, but parenting can be really tough sometimes. We've all been there.

Place2Be's Parenting Smart is a site for parents and carers of 4-11 year olds, offering practical advice on supporting your child and managing behaviour.

All of our content is created by Place2Be's parenting experts. It's based on evidence and their experiences working with children, young people and their families.

Designed with busy parents in mind, the site has short videos and articles on topics from meltdowns to bullying, from sleeping difficulties to encouraging self-confidence.



Learn more at
parentingsmart.org.uk

Or scan me



★ FANCY DRESS ★

HALLOWEEN DISCO!

Thurs 24th Oct
5.15pm – 6.30pm

ALL CHILDREN FROM RECEPTION TO YEAR 6 ARE INVITED

£5/child includes drink and snack

★ PARTY GAMES WITH PRIZES TO BE WON! ★

Payment via ParentPay please



BAG 2 SCHOOL

FREE FUNDRAISING FOR SCHOOLS

In partnership with your school or organisation



Leavening Community Primary School

Bag 2 School is a company that specialises in the reuse and recycling of good quality second-hand clothing and we have arranged to make a collection from your school. All the bags will be weighed and you will be paid for the total weight collected. Remember, the more you collect the greater the benefit to your school.



PLEASE USE YOUR OWN BAGS (THERE IS NO LIMIT).

When the clothes have been removed from the bag the plastic will be packed and sent for recycling.

We are collecting good quality items for RE-USE:

Men's, ladies' & children's clothing, paired shoes, handbags, belts & accessories.

(No uniforms, workwear, pillows, duvets or pieces of fabric please)

***The more we weigh the more we pay!
Extra bags are welcome - there's no limit***

Please return your Bag2School on:

Tuesday 5th November at 9am



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This **ANTI-BULLYING WEEK** we are holding

ODD SOCKS DAY on
TUESDAY 12TH NOVEMBER 2024



Come to school wearing your odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique!



#OddSocksDay
#AntiBullyingWeek
#ChooseRespect

If you're worried about bullying you can speak to ...

Mrs Mitchell



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the right support.**

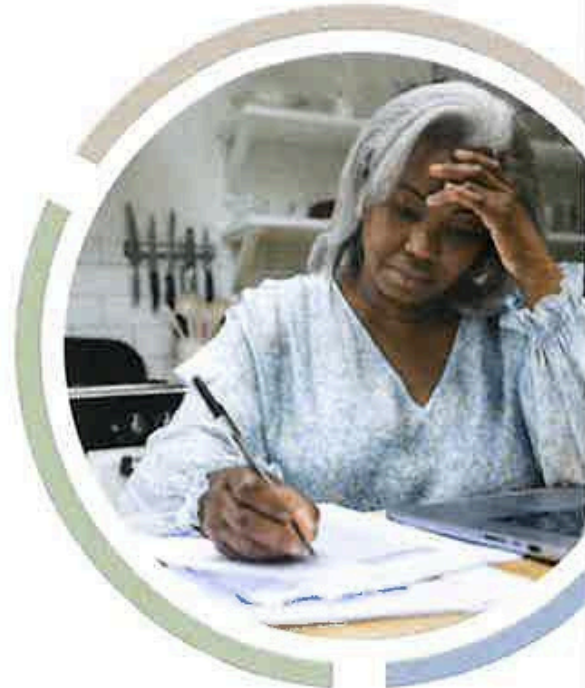
If you're struggling to pay for food and other essentials, there are local schemes and organisations in North Yorkshire which may be able to help or point you in the right direction.

You'll find information about emergency financial support, managing debt, benefit entitlement, energy bills and staying connected all in one place at

www.northyorks.gov.uk/costoflivingNY



If you have a smartphone, you can use your camera to scan the QR code. You don't need to download an App.



What Parents & Educators Need to Know about IN-GAME CHAT

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Video games are continuing to grow in popularity – including, of course, among children and young people – and the emergence of gaming communities has been accelerated by the inclusion of chat functionality across many different titles. While in-game chat isn't inherently a bad thing, it can create some concerns about online safety and the people that children might be interacting with.

DIFFERENT TYPES OF CHAT

There are a number of ways that gamers commonly chat with one another online. As the name would suggest, in-game chat happens within the game itself. There's also party chat: a group voice conversation that console users can have with anyone on the same platform. This tends to be more commonly used by players who already know each other. Finally, many gamers – especially on PC – will chat via a third-party app such as Discord.

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

Whether it's text- or voice-based, in-game chat is frequently open to all players to use. Many games default to making it an opt-in function, but some don't: meaning a child could start seeing messages within the game from people they're playing with, regardless of whether they know those individuals or not. While most strangers won't necessarily have ill intent, there are some who may behave inappropriately when chatting to a child – intentionally or otherwise.

DANGER OF GROOMING

It's been reported that some young gamers have encountered older players online who pretend to be a lower age to manipulate children, sending gifts in exchange for chatting and sending photos. Just as on any messaging platform, it's good to advise young people to avoid speaking to strangers; emphasise that they shouldn't accept gifts from anyone online that they don't know.

BULLYING AND ABUSE

While some in-game chat can turn toxic because of how a match plays out, others turn that way because of people who engage in trolling – in essence, behaving in an offensive and abusive way simply to cause pain or get a rise out of whoever they're talking to. These 'trolls' often lean on racial slurs, anti-LGBT sentiment and other hateful rhetoric; they normally feel most confident preying on younger, more impressionable gamers.

POTENTIAL FOR PRIVATE CHAT

If a player would like a re-match with a stranger after meeting them in the game, they can send a friend request, or use the party chat together in the future. For the most part, this is harmless – but it might lead to messages being exchanged in private. This could then escalate to the sharing of private information, and potentially attempts to manipulate or scam younger players.

COMPETITIVE ATMOSPHERE

Certain games are very competitive, and players can sometimes get upset if they feel a teammate is underperforming, an opponent won unfairly, or they're just a bad loser. This can lead to unpleasant messages that stray away from playful 'trash talk' and wander into the territory of bullying. Some players have been known to get incredibly abusive in situations like this, and the impact of this on a young gamer's emotional wellbeing could be severe.

Advice for Parents & Educators

LOCK-DOWN IN-GAME CHAT

In-game chat can often be disabled in the game's settings. This allows children to play without risk of contact from strangers – but it will need to be done in each individual game. Text chat appears in the corner of the screen in many titles, so it's normally easy to take a quick glance and see what's being said. With voice chat, explain to children what behaviour is inappropriate, so they can spot the dangers themselves.

REPORT POTENTIAL OFFENDERS

Most games offer a robust means of reporting other players, so you can flag an account as potentially harmful. This normally leads to the account not being matched with yours in the future and, if that person's conduct breaks any of the game's rules, they may be banned from playing entirely. This is done within the game itself, so each title has a slightly different process, but these tend to be designed for simplicity.

CONSIDER OTHER CHAT OPTIONS

If a child wants to play with people they know, consider using party chat or a third-party service like Discord. This allows everyone involved to chat on a private server and even enjoy each other's company while playing different games. It's also far more secure, as anyone looking to join will need to request and be granted access – normally by whoever is hosting the chat.

COMMUNICATION IS KEY

Make sure children understand the differences between being competitive and being abusive. Talk about what constitutes unusual or inappropriate behaviour from strangers online. Be clear that if anything ever concerns or worries them, they should tell a trusted adult as soon as possible. Empower children to identify the risks of in-game chat for themselves and reassure them they won't get in trouble for seeking help if anything goes wrong.

Meet Our Expert

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Source: See full reference list on guide page at nationalcollege.com/guides/in-game-chat

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators TEACHING CHILDREN FIRE SAFETY

Fire safety is especially important around Bonfire Night, as fireworks, bonfires and sparklers add extra risks for families and young children. Every year in the UK, thousands of accidents occur due to improper handling of fireworks and neglecting fire safety measures. This guide offers practical tips for keeping children safe when handling everything from fireworks to space heaters.

1 BONFIRE NIGHT AWARENESS

Bonfire Night is exciting, but it comes with several inherent risks. Educate children about the dangers of fireworks and open flames. Teach them that only adults should handle fireworks and that bonfires should never be approached. Keep children at a safe distance (at least five metres away) from bonfires and explain why supervision is crucial during these events.



2 SUPERVISE FIREWORK USE

Fireworks should only be handled by responsible adults who are following UK laws and guidelines. Make sure to buy fireworks that meet British Standards and adhere to all instructions that come with them. Keep children a suitable distance from any firework activity and designate an adult to supervise the event. Ensure no one goes near fireworks after they've been lit.



3 SPARKLER SAFETY

Sparklers are often captivating for little ones, but they can burn at extremely high temperatures – over 1,000 °C! Only allow children over the age of five to use sparklers, and make sure they wear gloves. Teach them to hold sparklers at arm's length and never wave them near others. Once a sparkler has burned out, extinguish it fully in a bucket of water – which you should prepare beforehand and always keep nearby.

4 ORGANISED DISPLAYS ARE SAFER

If possible, families should attend an organised fireworks display rather than holding one at home. These tend to be far safer as they're run by professionals adhering to strict safety regulations. Organised displays also provide a controlled environment where children can enjoy the event from a safe distance, reducing the risk of accidents.



5 KEEP FIREWORKS AWAY FROM THE HOME

If you are hosting your own fireworks display, set them off well away from homes, sheds or fences to avoid starting accidental fires. Choose a wide-open space with no flammable materials nearby and keep a means of putting out fires to hand in case of emergency – such as a bucket of water, a hose or a fire extinguisher. Afterwards, ensure that all fireworks are fully extinguished and never attempt to relight one if it doesn't go off.



6 BONFIRE SAFETY

If you're building a bonfire, place it well away from trees, buildings, fences or anything else flammable. Make sure it's structurally sound and not at risk of collapsing. Only burn natural materials like wood and leaves, avoiding petrol or other accelerants. Children should be kept far away from the bonfire, and it should always be supervised by adults. Be sure to fully extinguish the bonfire before you leave it.



7 "STOP, DROP AND ROLL"

Ensure that children know what to do if their clothing catches fire. Teach them the simple "stop, drop and roll" technique, which can quickly extinguish flames. Practice this with them before events like Bonfire Night, so they feel confident if the need to use it arises. It can also be helpful to keep another means of putting out these kinds of fires on standby, just in case. An extinguisher or flame-retardant blanket are both sound choices.



8 SECURE CANDLES AND OPEN FLAMES

Beyond Bonfire Night, everyday fire safety is also crucial. Candles can be a common fire hazard, especially in homes with young children. Teach children not to touch any open flames, and ensure candles are placed in sturdy holders away from combustible materials. Never leave candles, incense burners or other such items unattended, and always extinguish them fully before leaving a room or going to bed.



9 EDUCATE ABOUT FIREWORKS HAZARDS

Make sure children understand the dangers of playing with fire or fireworks, and how to handle such things responsibly. Emphasise that fireworks are **not** toys and can cause serious injuries when improperly used. Demonstrate the importance of treating fire with respect and the consequences of misuse, which can help temper any curiosity and any resultant dangerous behaviour.



10 FIRST AID FOR BURNS

Even if you have the best possible precautions in place, accidents can still happen. Keep a first aid kit on hand. Ensure you know how to apply basic first aid to burns, so you can teach children those techniques too. If someone suffers a burn, run it under cool water for 20–30 minutes. Never use creams or ointments, as these retain heat and can cause further damage. Instead, seek medical help if the burn is serious.



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