

24th February, 2023

Dear Parents,

Newsletter

Attendance Our attendance this week has dropped again to **90.6%** below our target of 97%. Our attendance for the year to date is currently 94.6%.

Message from the Headteacher

How can it be Friday again? It has been another action packed, fun filled week at Lealholm again 😊 This week I have found that Owen is very good at building flat-pack furniture (the staff meeting has had a makeover!) and Chloe is about to come and teach screen printing with me at Glaisdale 😊 In micro pig news - I cannot find a farm at the moment who will guarantee that a micro pig will not grow into a big pig! So I am still investigating.....

We are saying a sad (but brief) goodbye to Miss Parkes today - we will let you know as soon as baby Clay is born!

Have a lovely weekend 😊

Mrs Z.

Life at Lealholm

Welcome back to school for another busy and exciting half term, especially for Miss Parkes as I'm sure we will all miss her and await the news of baby Clay very soon!

Heather class children have been very excited and intrigued by our new text in English- The Red Headed League. They are thoroughly enjoying this genre of text and we can't wait to read their narrative next week. Yesterday afternoon, the children worked scientifically to set up their own science experiment, which made for a very noisy and smelly classroom! The year 3 and 4 children had a great afternoon at hockey coaching at Caedmon College and we are very proud for how well they represented the school.

Fern class have enjoyed starting their new science topic of plants this week, creating observational sketches of different house plants, as well as learning the conditions needed for plant growth. We have also started to learn about our significant individual from the past in history, Florence Nightingale, in history.

World Book Day 2023

One of our favourite days of the year at Lealholm is World Book Day. We will be celebrating this on **Thursday 2nd March**. As always, dressing up is optional and children can bring in their favourite book or select one from the school library to share, if they prefer. If children would like to dress up, we are asking that children come to school in clothes for a career they would like to have when they are older or that they are interested in. They can bring a book with them about it, if they have one.

This will help extend children's knowledge of different careers and professions that they can have.

Thank you from FOLS

FOLS would like to say a massive thank you to everyone who helped/supported and/or donated tombola prizes for our recent soup lunch. An outstanding amount of £375.00 was raised!!

Peat Rigg Transport

We would also like to thank FOLS for paying the transport costs for our Y5/6 residential visit to Peat Rigg in November. The support from FOLS makes visits much more affordable for all in difficult times.

Parents Evening

Parents evening will be held on **Thursday 30th March**, after the Reading Café. More information will follow in the coming weeks.

Reading Cafe

Thank you to all the families who attended our Reading Café on the last day of half term. It was fantastic to see all our parents sharing high-quality texts with their children. Our next reading Café will take place on Thursday 30th March.

Year 6 Edinburgh Trip – Student Fundraising

Thank you to all the parents that have paid their deposit for the Year 6 trip to Edinburgh in the summer term. As stated in the previous communication regarding this visit, we would like our Year 6 children to try and fundraise an additional £50 to go towards the cost of the visit.

Mrs Elwick has spoken with the Year 6 children who have decided to arrange a bake sale at the Reading Cafe each half term to help raise funds. We would appreciate your support and encouragement with this fundraising – Thank you.

Stay and Play Session

The next session will take place on: Tuesday 28th February- 10:30am-12pm

We are looking forward to welcoming the children into school. If you would like to attend, email Mrs Taylor at admin.lealholm@yeat.co.uk or contact the school office on 01947 897401.

Star of the Week

Star of the week in Fern class is Olivia P for putting in an excellent effort in all of her learning.

Star of the Week in Fern Class is also Dan, for excellent answers in our reading sessions.

Star of the week in Heather class this week is all the pupils for being such wonderful children to teach. I have thoroughly enjoyed teaching each and every one of you, and I am very proud of the young people you are becoming. I am looking forward to regular updates from Mrs Elwick about how well you are getting on. Miss Parkes.

Class dojo Winners

Fern Class

Blue - Bea
Green - Annie
Red - Liv
Yellow - Fern

Heather Class

Blue- Matthew
Green- Owen
Red- Chloe
Yellow- Omar

Fun Family Maths and Stories event

There will be a free fun family Maths and Stories event at the Art Gallery, Pannett Park on Saturday 4th March 10am to 12 noon.

Listen to fun stories, explore the art gallery, and have a go at the fun family maths trail in Pannett Park. Goody bags for all participants, plus extra prizes and books. Suitable for all primary ages and their grown-ups.

After School Clubs

If you would like your child to attend an after school club this half term, please complete the online consent form: [After School Club Consent - Spring 2](#)

Monday- Football club- LC Sport

Tuesday- Gardening club- Mr Everton (lunch time for the next few weeks)

Wednesday- Games club- Mr Nightingale

Thursday -Year 6 club- Mrs Elwick

School Lunches w/c 20th February:

Monday: Pizza, diced potatoes and Krispie cereal bar

Tuesday: Pasta Bolognese, chocolate orange sponge & chocolate sauce

Wednesday: Sausages & Yorkshire Pudding, cheese & crackers

Thursday: Chicken wraps & rice, apple flapjack

Friday: Fish fingers & chips, lemon drizzle muffin

[View the full spring menu here](#)

Yours sincerely

B Parkes
Teacher in Charge

Key Dates Spring Term

February

Tuesday 28th Stay & Play 10.30 – 12.00 pm

March

Thursday 2nd World Book Day
 Friday 10th Science Day – TBC
 Wednesday 15th Cross Country – WCC
 Friday 17th Comic Relief
 Friday 24th PD Day
 Tuesday 28th Whole School Gymnastics
 Thursday 30th Parents Evening & Reading Café
 Friday 31st Egg Rolling
 Friday 31st Break up for Easter

Term Dates 2023

Friday 24th March – PD Day
 Last day of Spring Term Friday 31st March

First day of Summer Term Monday 17th April
 May Bank Holiday Monday 1st May
 Bank Holiday Monday 8th May - Coronation
 Half Term Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June
 Last day of Summer Term Monday 24th July
 Tuesday 25th July 2023 – PD Day

Term Dates 2023-2024

First Day of Autumn term Monday 4th September 2023
 Half term Monday 30th October – Friday 3rd November
 Last Day of Autumn term Friday 22nd December 2023

First Day of Spring term Monday 8th January 2024
 Half term Monday 12th February – Friday 16th February
 Last Day of Spring term Friday 22nd March 2024

First Day of Summer Term Monday 8th April 2024
 Half term Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May
 Last Day of Summer Term Monday 22nd July

PD days for 2023/2024:



Monday 4th September, 2023
Tuesday 5th September, 2023
Friday 15th December, 2023
Friday 15th March, 2024
Friday 12 July, 2024

May Bank Holiday – Monday 6th May, 2024

