

Knavesmire Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 23rd February 2024

Mr Cooper and Mr Gardiner's Message

Dear Parents/ Carers/ Families,

I hope that you've had a good week. School has been super-busy but super-busy in a good way! The main excitement has been the visit of our Spanish partner school, El Cim, and them negotiating the weather. I think coming from a city in their third year of water restrictions, it's made it an interesting week!

Our Year 5 and Year 6 classes have shared lessons in school with them, met pen-pals, and the Year 6 pupils and staff have also taken part in evening activities. I'd like the staff for their time and flexibility and our pupils for their enthusiasm.

Our Y6 girl's football team took part in the North Yorkshire county finals this week. They were unfortunate not to progress to the final losing one nil in the semi-finals to the eventual winners. In their group stage they scored 12 goals in three games without conceding any goals! Well done girls - we're both proud and impressed!

The Y5 boys football team continue their cup run with a good win over a strong Poppleton Ousebank side! Thanks to Miss Hall for her coaching and tactical genius!

Have a lovely weekend, and thanks for your support.

Mr Gardiner & Mr Cooper



WELCOME TO OUR NEW NEWSLETTER

As part of our ongoing commitment to improving our communication channels we are pleased to unveil our new School Newsletter.

We hope that it will prove helpful in better communicating information between school and home.

While ever evolving we will broadly including the following sections - please click on the links below to move directly to any section:

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WHOLE SCHOOL INFORMATION



FREE SCHOOL MEALS AND THE KNAVESMIRE OFFER

If your family qualifies for free school meals (aside from the universal free school meals for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) you will also qualify for The Knavesmire offer. This means, in addition to free school meals, families can be provided with:



- a school jumper or a school cardigan
- a school footwear voucher
- School milk
- one term free swimming travel costs
- two half-terms of free extra-curricular club participation
- free school trips
- negotiated costs for residential visits

Please come to the school office for a form so we can order your child's jumper/cardigan, shoe voucher and milk.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS ELIGIBILITY

Free School Meals are automatically applied to all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. This entitlement can be extended to children where families are in receipt of certain benefits and earnings do not exceed a threshold. These benefits include:

Universal Credit, Income Support, Income-based Job Seeker's Allowance, Child Tax Credit (but not Working Tax Credit)

North Yorkshire County Council have launched an online portal for free school meal applications that will give you an instant decision on whether your application is successful:

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/free-school-meals>

WHOLE SCHOOL INFORMATION



SCHOOL LIBRARY

The Library is open after school for the Spring Term! Please feel free to pop in and see us. Also, if you have any school library books at home please make sure these come back into school - all books were supposed to have been returned by Christmas but we are missing quite a lot. Individual reminders will be issued shortly.

The School Library is open to children with their parents/carers every day after school 3:15-4pm (3:15-3:30 for browsing only). Children can use this time to borrow and return books as well as use the library for quiet reading during this time.

CLOTHES BANK

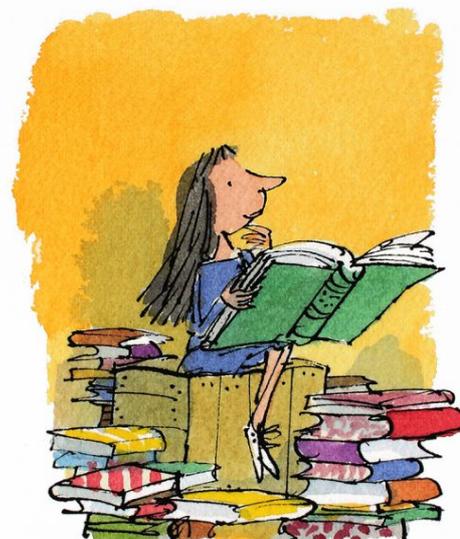
Our fundraising and recycling clothes bank is situated at the entrance of the car park to the rear of the school. Please click on the following link to see Mrs Wogan-Wells from Y6 explain a little more about how it all works.

<https://online.fundraiserecycleltd.co.uk/bank?bankId=KnavesmirePrimary-School>

Please use the facility to donate any unwanted clothes.

REFUGEE APPEAL

THE WINTER CLOTHES AND SHOES NEEDED APPEAL IS UP AND RUNNING AGAIN. Donations for all age groups will go to the refugee home in Bradford. Please drop any donations into the school office foyer. Please make sure all donations are as good as new or new, washed and clean. There is no capacity to wash once donated so this is really important. Underwear and toiletries including sanitary items are always needed and have to be new. Donations for men in particular are harder to get and most needed. Thank you so much!



"The books transported her into new worlds and introduced her to amazing people who lived exciting lives."

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

NITS

Please be extra vigilant in checking your child's hair, there have been numerous cases throughout the school.

SCHOOL MILK

If you want to register your child for school milk, simply visit www.coolmilk.com/register

TRIPS, ACTIVITIES AND PERFORMANCES

Year 1

National Railway Museum - Wed 13/03/24. See separate email sent today. Please give consent and make payment via ParentPay by **Monday 04/03/24.**

Year 2

York Cocoa House Workshop on 27/02/24 (in school) - We would appreciate any financial contributions you can give. Please do this on ParentPay by **Tuesday 27/02/24.**

Year 3

Y3 & 4 Play - Wed 20/03/24, 1.30-2.30pm and 5.30-6.30pm. Thurs 21/03/24, 5.30-6.30pm. See separate email sent today re booking tickets.

Year 4

Y3 & 4 Play - Wed 20/03/24, 1.30-2.30pm and 5.30-6.30pm. Thurs 21/03/24, 5.30-6.30pm. See separate email sent today re booking tickets.

Robin Hood's Bay on 15/07/24 to 17/07/24 - Please make sure you are up to date with you payment plan. The next payment is due by 01/03/21

Year 5

Carlton Lodge on 22/05/24 to 24/05/24 - Please ensure you are up to date with your payment plan. The January instalment is due by the end of this month.

Year 6

Barcelona on 04/03/24 to 08/03/24 – Please also make sure you are up to date with your payment plan. The final payment is due by next **Friday 01/03/24.**

York Trips and Activities on 04/03/24 to 08/03/24 - Please see separate email sent today for children in York this week. Please give consent on ParentPay by **Thursday 29/02/24.**

School House

York Minster on 29/02/24 - Please see separate sent previously.

All Saints Church on 21/03/24 - Please see separate email sent today.

Knavesmire's Got Talent Showcase

Mr Sherwin and I have had a wonderful time being entertained by all the children who have taken part in the first round of the showcase. If there were time for a 10 hour final showcase we would have everyone perform in the final round! The children have enjoyed supporting each other and I have overheard them being impressed by each other's bravery and skill. To keep our final to a reasonable length we will be choosing a variety of the acts to go through to the next round. We will let you know whether your child is in the second round so you can keep March 14th free in case they perform in our final showcase.

Mrs Hardy

LOST PROPERTY

Tis the season of the lost gloves and hats. We appreciate they're often hard to name as they lack labels. But in an effort to reunite as many as possible, all missing woolly things will be placed in the gazebo in a tub for as long as possible before they go mouldy.

Please check the Friends of Knavesmire Facebook page to view any valuable #lostandfound items. Any pieces of unnamed uniform are either recycled into the clothes bank or added to the Friends clothes rail in the office and sold to raise funds for the school.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/140233959376362/permalink/6818721288194229/>

CLUBS

Knivesmire Chess Club - Free

Knivesmire Chess Club is going strong, we have attended our 2nd tournament and the team achieved 3rd place at an Under 11, English Primary Schools Chess Association (EPSCA) match against 7 other schools at St Peters School. Well done to the team, we had a mix of ages in the team from 7 to 10.

The Club on Tuesday and Thursday for years 1,2 and 3 is currently full, however, if I get more helpers the sessions can accommodate more children. If you are interested please let me know - shroud.king@gmail.com or speak to me in the playground, no experience required at all just a valid DBS for the Knivesmire!

Thanks Larry



More clubs and music lesson Information from next week.

KEY DATES



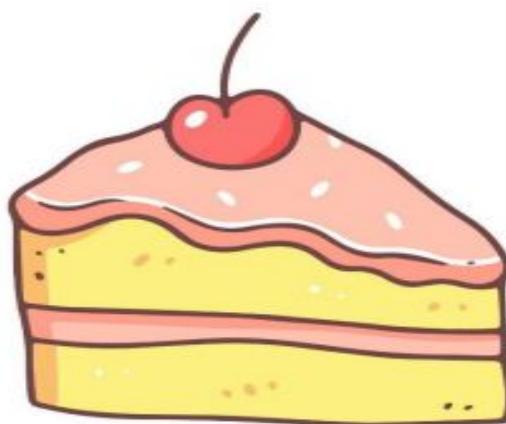
YEAR	DATE(S)	ACTIVITY
Nursery		
Reception		
Year 1	26/02/24 27/02/24 13/03/24	Parents Evening 4pm – 7.30pm Parents Evening 3.30pm – 5.30pm National Railway Museum Trip
Year 2	27/02/24 22/02/24 29/02/24 07/03/24 14/03/24	York Cocoa House Workshop (in school) Forest School Forest School Forest School Forest School
Year 3	26/02/24 27/02/24 20/03/24 21/03/2024	Parents Evening 4pm to 7.30pm Parents Evening 3.30pm to 5.30pm Y3&4 Play. 1.30-2.30pm and 5.30-6.30pm. Y3&4 Play. 5.30-6.30pm.
Year 4	27/02/24 29/02/24 20/03/2024 21/03/2024 15 - 17/07/24	Parents Evening 4pm to 7.30pm - Miss Gilligan Parents Evening 4pm to 7.30pm - Mrs Hughes Y3&4 Play. 1.30-2.30pm and 5.30-6.30pm. Y3&4 Play. 5.30-6.30pm. Robin Hood's Bay Trip.
Year 5	26/02/24 27/02/24 27/02/24 28/02/24 05/03/24 06/03/24 22 -24/05/24	Parents Evening 4pm to 7.30pm Parents Evening 3.30 to 5.30pm 5U Bikeability 5H Bikeability 5U Bikeability 5H Bikeability Carlton Lodge.
Year 6	26/02/24 27/02/24 04 - 08/03/24	Parents Evening 4pm to 7.30pm Parents Evening 3.30pm to 5.30pm Barcelona trip/York trips and activities
The School House	26/02/24 29/02/24 13/03/24 14/03/24 21/03/24	Parents Evening. Appointments made with Ella in the office. (10am-lunch) - Visit to York Minster - please bring a home pack up. (10am- lunch)- York High School Pentathlon competition- info will be sent by email next week (10am- lunch)- trip to York Mosque- info will be sent by email next week (10-11.30)- Visit to All Saints Church - email sent today.
Other	07/03/24 14/03/24 20/03/24	World Book Day Knavesmire's Got Talent Rocksteady Concert for parents - Rocksteady will contact parents directly with details.

FRIENDS OF KNAVESMIRE UPDATE

We're sincerely hoping Zeus will be kinder to us this time round as we're trying to attempt another cake sale on leap day next Thursday. We will however also need YOUR help by donating any home-made or bought nut-free cakes and bakes or any other sweet treats. Every contribution would be greatly appreciated and help us out a lot. So on your marks, get set ... and see you next week



Pls bring in nut-free cakes & bakes or other sweet treats. Both home-made or bought are welcome.



They can be left on the table in the office lobby in the morning on the day.

Many Thanks!!!



YEAR GROUP MESSAGES



NURSERY MESSAGES

Hello Nursery!

What a lovely week we've had, the children have enjoyed the launch of our Space Big Idea! We've made some astronaut masks and 2d shape rockets already!

In maths we've been looking at size ordering, in phonics we've focussed on the letter 'r' and we've enjoyed making some cheeky fairies 'figure of 8' shapes in handwriting!

Please can we ask that if children come to nursery in wellies that they also bring some shoes to change into when they arrive. Thanks in advance! Have a great weekend ❤️

Miss Copping and the Nursery Team

RECEPTION MESSAGES

Happy Friday! We have started our new Big Idea all about the story of Handa's Surprise! In our Literacy lesson, we tasted the fruit that Handa has in her basket. We then wrote words to describe how the fruit tasted, its texture and whether we liked or disliked the fruit. In our Big Idea lessons, we used chalks to draw the different fruits from the story. We used different pressures to create lighter and darker shades. In our second lesson, we practised colour mixing using paints. We experimented to create lighter and darker shades and learnt about how we can make new colours. In Phonics, we have been reviewing our new sounds such as /oa/ /ar/ /ur/ and /ear/. We have been practising to read longer words that include these sounds. During maths, we have been learning about the numbers 6, 7 and 8. We have recognised different representations of the numbers, found one more and one less of each number and explored the different compositions of the numbers using part- whole models. In PE, we started football! During our first lesson, we explored how we can have control over the ball. We tried to keep the ball close to us while we were dribbling and changing directions. Once we had gained control, we dribbled the ball between cones. Have a lovely weekend

The Reception Team.

YEAR 1 MESSAGES

Year One have been busy this week starting their new Big idea about vehicles and travel. We have thought about and described what a vehicle is and used our art knowledge to paint our favourite vehicle. In English, we have looked at sentences using 'and' to join ideas and in Maths we have been subtracting one digit numbers using the number line. We have organised a trip to The National Railway Museum on the morning of Wednesday 13th March. This will enrich our Big Idea and enable the children to see some vehicles from the past. An email will be sent shortly providing more details, but if you are available to help during this trip, please let a member of the Year One team know. We hope you have a great weekend.

The Year One team.

YEAR GROUP MESSAGES



YEAR 2 MESSAGES

Year 2 have had a great first week back after half term. We have jumped straight into our new Big Idea which is all about 'The History of Chocolate in York' - this week we have looked at when the first chocolate was made in York and learnt lots about Joseph Terry and Joseph Rowntree including the impact that Joseph Rowntree had on York. In English we are starting to write character descriptions, first we have been describing the appearance and personality of the characters in 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' which is also our class novel. In maths it has been all about money this week! We have been doing lots of practical lessons using different coins to pay for things. Just a quick reminder that we will be having Forest School on a Thursday morning in weeks 1 - 4 so please bring weather appropriate clothing for this (coats, wellies etc). Lastly, keep an eye out on Parent Pay for the reminder about a voluntary contribution for our 'Journey of a Cocoa Bean' workshop which will be taking place next week.

The Year 2 Team

YEAR 3 MESSAGES

The children have arrived back into school with a great deal of positive energy and have been working really hard. In maths, we have focused our attention on fractions. We have looked at what a fraction actually is, how to compare them and how to find equivalent fractions. During our English lessons, we have identified features of biographies ready to write an independent piece of writing based on a famous historical figure (Marie Curie). In our Big Idea sessions, we have sketched a London skyline and then designed and made skyline silhouettes. Maths homework is ONLINE this week. There will be a sheet stuck in your child's homework book with all the details of how to access MyMaths. Spelling homework will be the prefixes 'super' and 'auto'. Have a great weekend,

The Year 3 Team

YEAR 4 MESSAGES

Well done to Year 4 who have started the half term with excitement and enthusiasm for the play. We are really impressed with the way that the children have taken to their roles and can tell that many have been practising at home. We thank all adults at home for helping them to begin learning their lines. Inspired by Mary Poppins, we have looked during Science at the roles of air pressure, drag and gravity in flying, conducting a scientific investigation involving parachutes made from different materials. The children have created hypotheses, conducted a fair test and then evaluated their results. We have concluded our topic on fractions during Maths and the children have continued to impress with their efforts towards achieving their personal best Soundcheck scores. Our new English topic is persuasive writing, where we have studied persuasive leaflets and their features. We will begin to use this knowledge to write our own persuasive leaflets during this unit.

The Year 4 Team

YEAR GROUP MESSAGES



YEAR 5 MESSAGES

Year 5 have had a brilliant first week back! The children have begun their new Big Idea about Anglo-Saxons and the Scots. In Writing, the children have identified features of a narrative, used drama to act out the introduction of a story and text mapped the introduction to a narrative. In Maths, the children have continued their work with decimals by recognising, identifying, ordering and comparing decimals. In PE, the children finished their unit of hockey and completed the Golden Mile. We look forward to another exciting week next week! If you have any questions or queries about anything at all, please don't hesitate to ask a member of the Year 5 team. We hope you have a wonderful weekend!

The Year 5 Team.

YEAR 6 MESSAGES

Year 6 have had a brilliant start to the Spring 2 half term and have been brilliant hosts to the children who have visited us from El Cim. Thank you for all of your support with this, the evening activities have been wonderful for the children. In lessons, we have started the York vs Barcelona Big Idea, we are all very excited to explore both cities in our upcoming trips. In Maths, we have been working on factors and multiples and in Art Year 6 have become sculptors and have created their own Gaudi inspired sculptures. We look forward to seeing you all for parents' evening next Monday and Tuesday. Have a lovely weekend.

Year 6 Team.

THE SCHOOL HOUSE MESSAGES

The School House has had a busy but great first week back! We have started our new Big idea which is all about different religions. We will be primarily focusing on Christianity and Islam but we will also be having a visit from a member of the York Jewish community too. On Wednesday, we went to St Chad's church to learn about the significance of churches in the Christian faith. We had to find things in the church that make it a sacred and special place. It was really informative and we would like to thank Nicola for showing us around! Next week, we will be visiting York Minster too! To support our learning about religions, in English we will be writing poems about places which are special to us. We will be focusing on acrostic poems and having fun with word play. As always, if you have any questions, please come and chat to us and we look forward to seeing you on Monday for parents' evening. Have a wonderful weekend.

The School House Team

COMMUNITY MESSAGES

ST CHADS CUB SCOUTS

We're delighted to invite you and your family to join us at our fundraising Ceilidh on Saturday 9th March, 6.30 - 9pm at Knavesmire Primary School. The fabulous Fiddler's Wreck band will be playing and the Explorers will be running a juice and snack bar throughout the evening.

Tickets are available at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/st-chads-scouts-ceilidh-tickets-815681263617>

Please invite your friends and family, we'd love to see you there!

saturday 9th March

St Chad's Scouts Family Ceilidh

**Knavesmire primary school
6.30 - 9.30pm**



**Tickets on Eventbrite or email
cubs@stchadsscouts.com**

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