

Knavesmire Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 8th March 2024

Mr Cooper and Mr Gardiner's Message

Hola and Happy Friday!

Knavesmire has enjoyed another fantastic week this week. The children (and I'm sure parents) pulled out all the stops with their costumes for World Book Day yesterday - it was brilliant to hear about such a wide variety of reading and interests represented!

Year 6 pupils have had a particularly exciting week both in Barcelona and in York. I think it's fair to say both students and staff alike will enjoy a very well deserved and restful weekend ahead.

Year 5 have now completed their Bike Ability training with a flourish and we hope they go onto enjoy the increased confidence that this will have provided.

Although we only have two weeks left there is plenty to look forward to. Next week we look ahead to the Knavesmire's Got Talent performance and the week after the Year 3/4 performances of Mary Poppins. In sport, we have hockey events, a dodgeball tournament and a panathlon competition, which some children are taking part in. There are also several trips to look forward to including Reception and Year 1.

Have a great weekend.

Señores Cooper y Gardiner



WELCOME TO OUR NEW NEWSLETTER

We hope that the new School Newsletter format 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 (direct links may not work on all devices):

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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>

COMIC RELIEF

Please see separate communication about events in school. Donate by following this link to our page:-

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=14125>



SCHOOL OFFICE MESSAGES

*Please remember to include your child's full name and class when sending messages to school to ensure that we can direct them to the right people.

*If your child is not in school first thing, please remember to inform us of their lunch choice before 10.30am. Children will always be fed but this ensures they get the meal of their choice.

WHOLE SCHOOL INFORMATION



SCHOOL LIBRARY

Thank you to all children (and staff!) who got involved to make yesterday's World Book Day such a success!

The Library will be painted during the Easter Holidays. In preparation for this the **Library will close for the term from Friday 15th March**. Please can **ALL Library books be returned** by this date?

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!

ICE PACK AMNESTY

We are running very low on ice packs - can we please ask that any ice packs which have made their way home are brought back to the School Office. Please check bags and bookbags for the strays!



"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

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/>

TRIPS, ACTIVITIES AND PERFORMANCES

Reception

Fruitique Trip on Mon 18/03/24 - See separate email sent today. Please consider making a voluntary contribution of £1 by Thursday 14/03/24

Year 1

National Railway Museum on Wed 13/03/24. See separate email.

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 re booking tickets. Please see separate email re costumes which should be brought into school by **Friday 15/03/24**.

Pedestrian Training on 12/03/24 & 19/03/24 - Please can 3S arrive in school by 8.50am on these days to start their session promptly at 9am.

Eureka Trip on Wed 24/04/24 - See separate email sent today. Please give consent and make payment by **Tues 09/04/24**.

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 re booking tickets. Please see email and form sent home regarding costumes which should be brought into school by **Friday 15/03/24**.

Robin Hood's Bay on 15/07/24 to 17/07/24 - Please make sure you are up to date with your payment plan. The next payment is due by **01/04/24**.

Year 5

Carlton Lodge on 22/05/24 to 24/05/24 - Please ensure you are up to date with your payment plan. The next payment is due by **31/03/24**.

MAT Arts Fest 2024 at York Barbican on 09/07/24 - further details to follow.

School House

York High School Panathlon Competition on 13/03/24 - Please see separate sent previously.

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

Other

South Bank Trust Sports Fest on 11/06/24 - This is for 12 pupils from Years 2, 4 and 6. Parents of these children have been contacted by email. Please complete the Google Form via the link by **Thursday 14/03/24**.

KS2 Choir Concert on Thursday 11th April at 5.30pm - KS2 choir will be performing a range of songs in their evening concert. Further information on how to order tickets will be shared next week but please keep the date free!

Knavesmire's Got Talent Showcase

Thank you all for your continued support with our talent showcase. We have had an amazing two weeks watching the Round 2 performances and parents have been notified if their child has been invited to perform in the final.

This will be an assembly for the whole school on the afternoon of Wednesday 13th March and an evening performance at 5.30pm on Thursday 14th March.

We would love our school community to come and enjoy the final evening performance so if you would like to come with your children to support their friends and be entertained by the wonderful acts you can book tickets here:

<https://parents-booking.co.uk/knavesmire>

All children coming to the evening performance to be in the audience will need to be accompanied by an adult. For full details see separate email sent today.

CLUBS

Sports Specialist, Mr Scaling, runs a variety of sports clubs in school on a Monday. Keep an eye on 'Club News' for sign-up information.

Club News

Brass Teacher

Our talented peripatetic music teachers will be joined by brass teacher, Andy Hillier, from the summer term. Andy is a skilled musician and teacher and will be offering lessons during school time each Tuesday. Further information will be shared soon about how to sign up for lessons.

CLUBS IN SCHOOL

The following clubs and music lesson are run in school by external organisations. Please contact them directly for more information or to book a place.

Organisation	Activity	Contact details
Ignite Sports	Ignite run sports clubs after school on a Monday and Friday and also on a Friday lunchtime.	You can sign up for these sessions on Ignite's website. www.ignitesportscoaching.co.uk or email: info@ignitesportscoaching.co.uk
Dance with Miss Caroline	Miss Caroline runs drama, cheerleading and street dance clubs for all school aged children on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday lunchtime and after school on a Tuesday and Wednesday.	To sign up for these sessions please email Miss Caroline: dancewithmisscaroline@outlook.com
Circus Skills	Circus Stu runs a circus skills club for all school aged children. This takes place on a Friday lunchtime.	To sign up please email Stu: stuart@circusskillsyorkcic.org or go to the website: www.circusskillsyorkcic.org
Rocksteady	Rocksteady are in Knavesmire on a Wednesday in school hours. Children can choose from the electric guitar, keyboard, drums or vocals.	For more information and to sign up, go to Rocksteady's website: www.rocksteadymusicschool.com
Clare's Kitchen	Clare runs sessions for all school aged children after school on a Monday. These sessions give children the opportunity to plan, prepare & cook their own nutritional meal, then dine together.	To sign up please email Clare: clareskitchen@yahoo.co.uk
Chess Club	This club is run on Tuesday and Thursdays after school for years 1,2 and 3. The clubs are run by Larry, a parent volunteer. The club is currently full, however, Larry would love more helpers at the sessions so he can accommodate more children.	If you are interested in being a parent helper please contact Larry by email. shroud.king@gmail.com

MUSIC LESSONS IN SCHOOL

Instrument	Name	When	Contact details
Guitar	Steve Powell	Tuesday and Thursday mornings.	stevepowell726@gmail.com
Piano	Carolyn Amos	Tuesday and Thursday afternoons.	carolynamos@hotmail.co.uk
Drums	Alex Woolgar	Thursday and Friday afternoons.	alexwoolgar1@gmail.com
Singing	Alison Pawley	Friday morning.	alisunr@yahoo.com
Violin	Marcus Bousfield	Friday afternoon.	marcus.bousfield@btinternet.com

KEY DATES



YEAR	DATE(S)	ACTIVITY
Nursery		
Reception		
Year 1	13/03/24	National Railway Museum Trip
Year 2	21/03/24 (change of date)	Forest School
Year 3	20/03/24 21/03/2024	Y3&4 Play. 1.30-2.30pm and 5.30-6.30pm. Y3&4 Play. 5.30-6.30pm.
Year 4	20/03/2024 21/03/2024 15 - 17/07/24	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	22 -24/05/24 09/07/24	Carlton Lodge MAT Arts Fest 2024 at York Barbican - further details to follow.
Year 6		
The School House	13/03/24 14/03/24 21/03/24 22/03/24	(10am- lunch) -York High School Panathlon competition (10am- lunch) - trip to York Mosque (10-11.30) - Visit to All Saints Church (9-10am) - Family members are invited to a School House celebration!
Other	14/03/24 15/03/24 20/03/24	Knavesmire's Got Talent, 5.30pm - 7pm in School Hall. Comic Relief Rocksteady Concert for parents - Rocksteady will contact parents directly with details.

COOL KIDS CLUB

Booking Forms for the Summer Term are now Live on the school website. Easter Holiday Club Booking Forms will be available shortly.

We remind Parents that once you have submitted your initial form/s, any changes or additional bookings must be submitted by email only. Please do not submit any additional forms.



YEAR GROUP MESSAGES



NURSERY MESSAGES

Hello Nursery!

What a lovely week we've had! We've been zoning in on the planets of our solar system and the children have blown us away with their space knowledge!

We've looked at the different features of each planet and worked on ordering them correctly. We've also looked at the job of an astronaut and the important things that they need to work safely in space!

In maths we've been looking at number recognition and in phonics we've focussed on spotting rhyming words!

We hope that you all have a fabulous and fun weekend,

Miss Copping and the Nursery Team ❤️

RECEPTION MESSAGES

Happy Friday!

This week in Phonics, we have been reading words with two or more digraphs in them. In Literacy, we have been identifying mistakes within instructions. Afterwards, we had a go at re-writing them correctly! We also explored the use of capital letters for names and using them at the start of sentences. We introduced how different letters look as capital letters. In maths, we explored the numbers 8, 9 and 10. We identified the different representations and compared quantities. For our final maths lesson, we looked at conceptual subitising to 10. This helps us to identify smaller groups of numbers within larger numbers. During Forest School, we used lots of different natural materials to make magic potions with special superpowers!

Have a lovely weekend,
The Reception Team.

YEAR 1 MESSAGES

This week, we have found out about Amelia Earhart and her solo journey across the Atlantic Ocean. In English, we have been learning about explanation texts in preparation for writing our own and in Maths, we have been measuring the length and height of objects using non-standard units.

Next week we will be finding out how vehicles have changed over time and we are looking forward to seeing some vehicles from the past when we go to The National Railway Museum. We still need another helper for our trip on Wednesday. Please let us know if you are able to help out between 9:30am and 12pm.

Have a lovely weekend from the Year One team.

YEAR GROUP MESSAGES



YEAR 2 MESSAGES

Year 2 have had a super hard-working week doing our termly quizzes and we just wanted to say well done to everyone for working so hard and trying your absolute best with these! Next week we will be continuing with our topic of time, looking at being able to tell the time to 5 minute intervals.

In English we will be starting to look at persuasive adverts, thinking about how we would sell our own chocolate bars. We are looking forward to answering some more of our big idea questions and beginning to design our own chocolate bar next week, to complete our end goal in week 5! Our library session is on a Thursday morning and we will be returning books next week ready for them to be sorted over the Easter holidays, please remind your child to return them in this session on Thursday.

A final reminder that our forest school dates have changed slightly to accommodate our morning in Rowntree's Park in week 5.

Have a great weekend!

The Year 2 Team.

YEAR 3 MESSAGES

We have designed, made and evaluated our kites this week and we had a brilliant time testing them out on the playground!

During our English lessons, we have looked at the features of direct speech and how to use it in our writing.

We have started something new in maths (statistics) and we have focused on tally charts and pictograms.

Maths homework is ONLINE linked to pictograms and tally charts. The X table quiz will be on the 8x table again! Spelling homework will be more Year 3 common exception words this week. We will be doing our big half termly spelling quiz next Thursday and these words (along with the words from last week) will form part of this quiz.

Have a great weekend, The Year 3 Team.

YEAR 4 MESSAGES

This week, Year 4 impressed with their resilience and determination as they completed maths and reasoning assessments. In between assessments, they made creative and informative presentations based on their independent research of life in the 1900s as a comparison with today.

In Writing, we have continued our studies of persuasive writing, transferring what we have learned about persuasive leaflets into our own writing about a special Harry Potter event we want to advertise to Harry Potter fans.

There has, of course, been plenty of time spent on the play, as we have polished dance routines, rehearsed scenes and prepared props. You should have received a communication about your child's costume for the play and we would greatly appreciate your help in putting these together so that the children can look and feel the part.

Well done to all children in Year 4 for their hard work during this very busy week!

YEAR GROUP MESSAGES



YEAR 5 MESSAGES

Year 5 have had another exciting week - completing their Level 2 Bike Ability training! The children have been working incredibly hard to challenge themselves by learning new skills and applying them to a variety of situations.

The children have also been working very hard to complete a number of assessments in Reading, Writing and Maths. In Writing lessons, the children have finished their narratives, completed their first drafts, edited and have now begun to publish their narrative introductions.

In P.E, the children have continued their unit on Tag Rugby, focusing on movement and passing before they advance onto tackling in the coming weeks.

In Big Idea, Year 5 learned all about Anglo-Saxon settlements and how they compared to other settlements such as Roman settlements. In addition, they looked at food and drink consumed during Anglo-Saxon times and even had a go at making their own!

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're always happy to help!

We hope you have a lovely weekend! The Year 5 Team.

YEAR 6 MESSAGES

Year 6 have had the most amazing week, both in Barcelona and here in York. The children have been exceptional all week and we could not be more proud of them.

We'll catch up properly next week!

The Year 6 Team

THE SCHOOL HOUSE MESSAGES

The School House has been super busy this week! It started with a visit from the North Yorkshire Police who came to talk to the children about the role of the Police and how they can help. The children got a chance to ask lots of questions, try on their uniform and even go in the Police van! We would like to say a big thank you to them for coming into school because it was really enriching for the children.

On Wednesday, we had a visit from a member of York's Jewish community. She spoke to the children about Judaism and the children got a chance to ask lots of questions. This was part of our Big Idea which is all about religions and it was great for the children to understand the range of religions that are followed in York. Next week, we will be going to York's Mosque to learn more about Islam.

In English, the children have been busy writing acrostic poems about their special places. Our special places range from Rowntree's Park to water parks in Tenerife! We are really looking forward to reading these to you at our School House celebration on Friday 22nd March! As always, if you have any questions, please come and chat to us.

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**

COMMUNITY MESSAGES

MESSAGES FROM THE FRIENDS OF ROWNTREE PARK



SPACE FOR GIRLS
ROWNTREE PARK · YORK



Rowntree Park Scarecrow Trail

We'd love you to create a scarecrow for the community trail.



Trail dates: Sat 11th & Sun 12th May 2024
Find out more info and register interest by scanning the QR code.



Registration closes 5th April

www.rowntreepark.org.uk @friendsrowntreepark



Easter Egg-Stravaganza!

The Legendary Rowntree Park Easter Trail is back!



Thursday 28th March
From 10am

Book your start time between 10am and 12.15pm
Only £2.50 per child (£3 Non members)



Book online:
www.rowntreepark.org.uk/events/booking

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Rowntree Park 'Trailblazers' History Project

Get involved!

- 19th March - Evolving nature of Rowntree Park- Landscapes talk (7-8.30pm)
- 9th April - Evolving nature of Rowntree Park- Leisure talk (7-8.30pm)
- 25th April - Rowntree Park & Me - memory sharing drop in (1.30-3.30pm)
- 27th April - Rowntree Park & Me - memory sharing drop in (10am-12pm)
- 28th April - History Walking Tour (10-11.30am)

Rowntree Park & Me
Please fill in the quick form to share your memories of the park - whether you are 8 or 80!

Rowntree Park in 50 years
Art competition for 5-12 year olds (deadline 30th April)

For more info on all these - scan the QR code or head to the website!



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COMMUNITY MESSAGES

Crafty Fox Kids Club



Monthly Craft Club

Clements Hall,
Nunthorpe Road, York, YO23

First Saturday of the month
10 - 11am

(Pre-booking essential)



For more information visit:
www.craftyfoxkidsclub.com



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Join in the fun.



A weekly space for creative young people to come together, make their voices heard and make stuff happen.

We have been making, creating, imagining, learning and sharing over the last 5 weeks.

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www.bolshee.com/young-creatives



April 6th starts at 2.30pm

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enquiries@music-therapy.org.uk

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COMMUNITY MESSAGES

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MONDAY 25TH MARCH - FRIDAY 5TH APRIL

CHILDREN FROM ALL SCHOOLS WELCOME AT ANY OF OUR VENUES!

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COMMUNITY MESSAGES

YIKS Parent Carer Forum - York
www.parentcarerforumyork.org
February 29th 2024

 **NEWS LETTER**
engagement@yiks.co.uk

contact For families with disabled children
Contact is the national charity supporting parents and carers of children and young people with additional needs.

They have shared with us a new short animation which tells you all about Contact in around one and a half minutes.

Contact hope to use the animation to help raise awareness of the different ways the charity can help so that more families get in touch with them to find the information, support and advice they need. This may prove a useful point of contact for you, particularly if you are awaiting support from SENDIASS as their case lists increase

Find out more about Contact and all the ways they can help families with disabled children.

Click to watch the animation below.
ANIMATION

York Carers Action Day on Wednesday 13th March
Check out activities on their website on <https://yorkcarerscentre.co.uk/>


Free Support for Unpaid Carers

Free Early Years workshops
Contact are hosting a series of FREE early years online workshops for parents and carers of Early Years children with additional needs (0-5) These include
Introduction to Speech and Language Tuesday March 5th 10:00 am
Understanding your child's behaviours. Weds March 6th 7:00pm
Toilet training for children with SEND Tuesday March 12th 7:00pm
Supporting your child with social communication challenges Thursday March 14th 10:00 am
Book on [Eventbrite](#)



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March
7th, 12.30 pm
Behaviour

April
11th, 12.30 pm
Anxiety

May
9th, 12.30 pm
Early Years

June
6th, 12.30 pm
Emotions

Next edition 1st March 2024
8th February 2024

 **NEWS LETTER**



First cuppa on us

Coffee Morning
Come Join us for a peer support coffee morning. All welcome.
Wednesday 6th March 10:30 am
York YHA
Water End, Clifton
YO30 6LP

Have your say
We have been asked to circulate the following questionnaires by our partners in education and health.

This is a housing needs assessment regarding the vulnerable residents of our communities
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8WTF9TQ> Housing in York and North Yorkshire: Tell us what you think

Please also see below the link to our current SEND Survey. This survey will structure our current Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and Joint Commissioning Strategy whilst helping us to understand what is working well and what changes can be made in regards to the Special Educational Needs and/or Disability system. We ask that you complete the survey honestly, and support us with practical examples of how you feel we can make positive changes to our system.
This survey ends on March 6th
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CYCStaffandParentSENDSurvey>