Knavesmire Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Friday 1st March 2024

Mr Cooper and Mr Gardiner's Message

Happy Friday!

We hope you've had a fantastic week. At school, there have been loads of opportunities for our children to engage in fun learning and experience a broad range of enrichment activities. We've taken part in a dance festival, been to Forest School, had visitors from York Cocoa House and had an educational visit to the Minster. Year 5 also began their Bikeability course this week, learning how to ride safely on the roads.

It was nice to welcome parents into school for Parents Evenings this week and we hope you found the time informative. As always, please continue to speak to your child's teacher when you have questions, concerns or things you'd like us to know.

Our Year 6 pupils received their offer for secondary school places today and we know this can be an unsettling time. We know it is helpful to reassure children about secondary school and look to prepare them positively. We will work hard on this between now and July in school to complement the preparation you will be doing at home. Any parents who want to get in touch about concerns, please do so.

The next few weeks of this short half-term continue to be jam-packed with many of our Y6 pupils visiting Barcelona next week, World Book Day coming up and much more.

Have a great weekend.

Mr 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):

- Whole School Information
- Trips and Performances
- Key Dates
- Friends of Knavesmire Update
- Year Group Messages
- Community Messages





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 <u>or</u> 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

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

The Library will be painted during the Easter Holidays. In preparation for this the **Library will close for the term from Friday 14th 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?bankld=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!

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/140233959 376362/permalink/6818721288194229/

TRIPS, ACTIVITIES AND PERFORMANCES

Year 1

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

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 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 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 latest payment was 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 February instalment was due by 29/02/24.

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 was due yesterday.

York Trips and Activities on 04/03/24 to 08/03/24 - see separate email sent previously.

School House

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

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

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

Knavesmire's Got Talent Showcase

Mrs Hardy will be in touch by email next week with an update about the Knavesmire's Got Talent Showcase.

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

Message from Marcus, Violin teacher - I have a number of spaces available in Knavesmire for violin lessons. If your child is interested in learning the violin, please contact me on the details below. Thank you!

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
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: <u>clareskitchen@yahoo.co.uk</u>
Chess Club	This club in 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

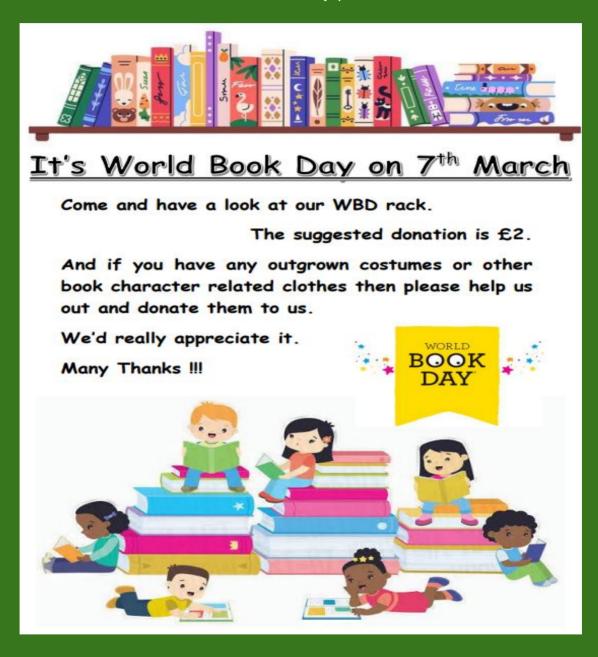


YEAR	DATE(S)	ACTIVITY
Nursery		
Reception		
Year 1	13/03/24	National Railway Museum Trip
Year 2	21/03/24 (change of date)	Forest School
Year 3	20/03/24 21/03/2024	Y3&4 Play. 1.30-2.30pm and 5.30-6.30pm. Y3&4 Play. 5.30-6.30pm.
Year 4	20/03/2024 21/03/2024 15 - 17/07/24	Y3&4 Play. 1.30-2.30pm and 5.30-6.30pm. Y3&4 Play. 5.30-6.30pm. Robin Hood's Bay Trip.
Year 5	05/03/24 06/03/24 22 -24/05/24	5U Bikeability 5H Bikeability Carlton Lodge.
Year 6	04 - 08/03/24	Barcelona trip/York trips and activities
The School House	13/03/24 14/03/24 21/03/24	(10am- lunch)- York High School Pentathlon competition (10am- lunch)- trip to York Mosque (10-11.30)- Visit to All Saints Church
Other	07/03/24 14/03/24 15/03/24 20/03/24	World Book Day Knavesmire's Got Talent Comic Relief Rocksteady Concert for parents - Rocksteady will contact parents directly with details.

FRIENDS OF KNAVESMIRE UPDATE

A big thank you to everyone who baked (- we've been told it was very hard to work in the office that morning because of all the amazing smells) and of course also thanks to all those who bought cakes and helped, including all the Y6 helpers - we couldn't have done it without any of you. In the end, we collected almost £250. Absolutely amazing!!!

We hope you're now looking forward to World Book Day next week. If you're still looking for a costume, then maybe have a browse on the rack in the office foyer. And if you have any dressing up items left and want to get rid of then please consider to donate them to us. We would really appreciate it. Have a good weekend everyone and a lot of fun for Y6 in Barcelona next week. Enjoy the sun





COOL KIDS CLUB

Booking Forms for the Easter Holidays and the Summer Term will be available via the school website during week commencing Monday 4th March.

We remind Parents that once you have 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!

In PE we have been swimming away from sharks and practicing our throwing and catching. In phonics we've been looking at the letter 'u' and in maths we've been working on our matching of numerals to quantity! We are enjoying learning a little more about the planets and their different properties!

We hope you have a lovely weekend



Miss Copping and the Nursery Team

RECEPTION MESSAGES

Happy Friday!

This week in Phonics we have been learning how to read longer words with double letters, such as 'rabbit' and 'ladder'. In Literacy, we have been learning about instructions. The children practised writing instructions to make a fruit salad, using 'bossy words' at the start. In maths, we have looked at odd and even and doubles up to eight. In PE, we have continued our skills of dribbling and practised carefully passing the ball to our partner using the inside of our foot. During Forest School, we had a go at planting the seeds we found when we tried lots of different fruits last week. We are excited to see what happens to them! In Big Idea, we used paint to create large fruit bowls, like the ones from Handa's Surprise. These will look great with fruit the children created using chalk and paint. On Friday, we introduced what maps are. We explored the different kinds of maps and how they are used. These skills will be needed next week when we use maps to identify where our fruit comes from around the world.

The Reception Team

Have a lovely weekend,

YEAR 1 MESSAGES

This week, Year One have been identifying and labelling different types of vehicles and finding out what early vehicles were like. In English, we practised writing compound sentences making sure we joined two clauses using 'and'. In Maths, we have been reading and writing numbers up to 50 and counting in multiples of 10. Our goal at the end of the current Big Idea is to make our own vehicles. To enable us to do this successfully, each child will need at least 4 matching plastic bottle tops. These can come from milk bottles, drinks bottles etc and can either be kept at home or brought into school and stored for the last week of term when we will make our models. We also need more volunteers for our trip to The National Railway Museum on Wednesday 13th March. If you are able to help between 9:30am and 12:00pm, please speak to either the Year One team or the office staff.

We hope you have a lovely weekend, from the Year One team.

YEAR GROUP MESSAGES



YEAR 2 MESSAGES

What a brilliant week we have had! On Tuesday, we were lucky to have York Cocoa House lead a workshop with us in school, teaching us all about the journey of a cocoa bean. As part of this, we became chocolate tasters and enjoyed exploring the flavours of different chocolate. Thank you for your donations towards this experience. If you have not contributed but would like to, please contact the office. Next week, we will be looking at how factories have changed throughout history. In English, the children have written amazing character descriptions about characters in Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. In Maths, we have solved word problems involving money and started to tell the time using o'clock and half past. We will be continuing with time after we have done our consolidation quizzes next week. We will be doing forest school next Thursday and are excited to say that (weather dependent) we will be going to Rowntree Park to have our final session on Thursday 21st March. Thank you for your time at Parents' Evening this week. If you were unable to attend please talk to the Year 2 Team to arrange an alternative time.

We hope you have a lovely weekend. The Year 2 Team

YEAR 3 MESSAGES

In maths, we have completed some reasoning and problem solving quizzes and the children have worked extremely hard. During our English lessons, we have planned and finished a biography based on Marie Curie. Over the next few weeks, we will focus on using speech in our writing. In our Big Idea sessions, we have designed kites which we will then make and fly over the coming weeks.

Maths homework is ONLINE again this week and it is based on fractions. The X table quiz will be on the 8x tables next week so any practise on TT Rockstars would be great. Spelling homework will be Year 3/4 common exception words.

Have a great weekend.

The Year 3 Team.

YEAR 4 MESSAGES

This week in Year 4 we've had fun persuading Harry Potter fans to come to a special "Mischief Managed" event using a selection of persuasive language. We are making great headway with learning the techniques used to persuade our audience. During maths, we have moved onto decimal numbers, dividing numbers by 10 and 100 and solving reasoning problems. Finally, following the children's question, "Can we make umbrella art?", we learned what relief printing involves, using foam shapes to create Mary Poppins themed printing blocks. We look forward to using the prints we made for bunting to decorate our stage for the play. Information about costumes will be sent home soon.

The Year 4 Team

YEAR GROUP MESSAGES



YEAR 5 MESSAGES

Year 5 have had a wheelie great week this week! Many of the children took part in their cycle training, on either Tuesday or Wednesday, completing Levels 1 and 2. A small group of children from Year 5 and 6 attended a dance festival at York High School and enjoyed performing a 'dance-themed' routine to a mash-up of three songs. They did themselves proud and all said how much fun they had! In Writing, the children have innovated an introduction to the story 'The Anglo-Saxon Boy' which is in preparation before writing their own next week. In Maths, the children have learned how to round decimals, recognise percentages and find equivalent decimals to percentages. In Big Idea, the children have learned why the Anglo-Saxons invaded England and learned more about Alfred the Great and his significance during the Anglo-Saxon period. Next week is assessment week where the children will complete a number of assessments in Reading, Writing and Maths. It was great to meet with so many families, earlier this week, during our parents evening appointments on both Monday and Tuesday. If you weren't able to meet with your child's class teacher, please don't hesitate to get in touch and contact them to arrange a meeting. If you have any questions or queries about anything at all, please don't hesitate to contact a member of the Year 5 team. We hope you have an awesome weekend! The Year 5 Team.

YEAR 6 MESSAGES

This week has been a busy one in Year 6 with the continuation of our Barcelona vs York Big Idea. We have looked at the architecture of Antoni Gaudi and have decorated our own designs in his style. We have also been planning our balanced argument texts: we are comparing the various merits of York and Barcelona in preparation for creating our own travel videos. We have tried to answer as many questions as we can about the Barcelona and York trips and have been looking at maps of the cities so that those who are going are able to navigate their way around. We enjoyed seeing you all at parents' evening and are very much looking forward to the adventures of next week's trips. We have not set the children any homework this week to give them the time to prepare for their upcoming trips.

Have a great weekend and we will see you bright and early on Monday morning. Year 6 Team.

THE SCHOOL HOUSE MESSAGES

This week has been fantastic in the school house and we have been very busy learning about religions around the world! In English, the children have started to think about their special places and they have continued to learn about how to write acrostic poems. The children have written some brilliant similes and learnt how to use alliteration for effect. It's been lovely playing with language! On Thursday, we went to York Minster and had a brilliant time completing their nature trail. We looked at important things around the Minster and learnt why it is important to Christians. It was amazing to see the children engage fully and they represented the school brilliantly.

As always, have a wonderful weekend, The School House Team

A message from Miss Gilligan:

The School House Big Idea is currently linked to religions. The guiding purpose for this Big Idea is to host a celebration. For this, I would like to invite family members to a School House coffee morning on Friday 22nd March 9:00-10:00am to celebrate all of the wonderful School House achievements that have been made so far.

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!





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.

And you can join us after half term, for the next 5 weeks of fun for just £40!

Find out more and take up your space.

www.bolshee.com/young-creatives







Easter Egg-Stravaganza!

The Lengendary 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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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









FREE Parenting Clinics



www.anisalewis.com

To book visit: https://anisalewis.as.me/theclinic or email: hello@anisalewis.com

March

7th, 12.30 pm

Behaviour

April

11th, 12.30 pm

Anxiety

May

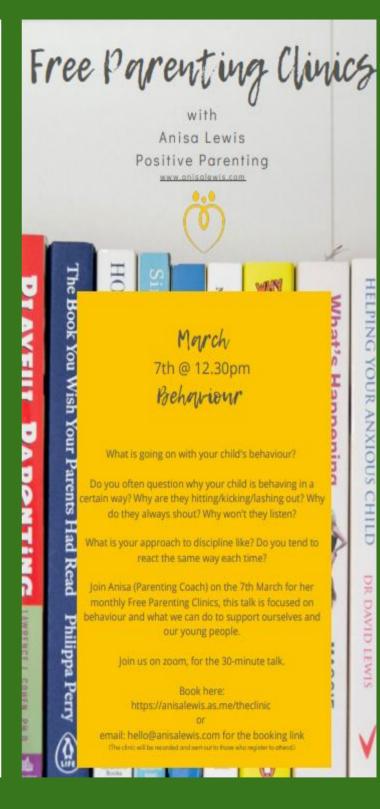
9th, 12.30 pm

Enrly years

June

6th, 12.30 pm

Emotions



Football





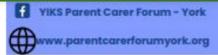
The Mount School York

GYM & FITNESS

Why not sign up & use the facilities while waiting for your childs session to end



For more info please contact gymandfitness@mountschoolyork.co.uk



February 29th 2024



NEWS LETTER

engagement@yiks.co.uk

contact for families

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 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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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.