# **Knavesmire Primary School Weekly Newsletter**

Friday 3rd May 2024

# Mr Cooper and Mr Gardiner's Message

Happy Friday everyone!

What a difference a week makes - we hope that the sunny weather is here to stay so please can we ask that children have sunscreen applied before school and named hats are sent in to be worn at breaktimes.

This week our children have represented the school in Rugby League, performing amazingly, and our Netball stars will be playing tomorrow so we wish them all the very best of luck! One of our classes has also visited the University of York's Sport's Village to take part in some paracycling in the lovely sunshine.

Looking ahead, we have several exciting dates coming up for your diary including Knavesmire Bake Off dates at the end of May and beginning of June, a Parents and Staff Quiz Night on Friday 14th June and Sports Evening on Friday 28th June. More details on all of these events to follow but save the dates!

Have a wonderful sunny and restful weekend!

Mr Cooper and 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
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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 <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 Jobseeker'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: <a href="https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/free-school-meals">https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/free-school-meals</a>

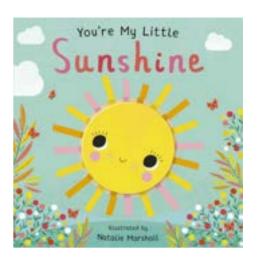
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## **SCHOOL LIBRARY**

We'd still be very grateful for some more of your book-inspired pictures - the box in the office is looking a bit sparse so far. Please draw anything from your favourite book - maybe the cover, your favourite characters etc - and bring it in to decorate the Library!

We have a lot of overdue Library books at the moment - reminders to follow this term. If you have any Library books at home they can be returned to the drop-box in the School Office at any 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!

## **SCHOOL MILK**

If you want to register your child for school milk, simply visit <a href="https://www.coolmilk.com/register">www.coolmilk.com/register</a>

## **HEALTH AND WELLBEING**

#### **NITS**

Please be extra vigilant in checking your child's hair, we have an increasing amount of cases throughout the school. For information on how to spot & treat, please click on the NHS website. Do note that in many instances, nits look a bit like dandruff!

https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-andnits/

#### **THREADWORMS**

We have had a few cases of worms in Year 3. If your child is spotted itching their bottom it might be worthwhile checking out the link below for information on how to spot and treat. <a href="https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/threadworms/">https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/threadworms/</a>

We have had a number of confirmed cases of chickenpox. For information on recognising and treating, please refer to the NHS website: <a href="https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/chickenpox/">https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/chickenpox/</a>

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#### **MARY POPPINS PHOTOS**

Whole cast ensemble photos are now available for the Year 3 and 4 performance of Mary Poppins. For £2.50 you will be sent 4 professionally taken dress rehearsal photos. Please sign into ParentPay to make your purchase.

## **CLOTHES LABELS**

If you'd like to order name labels for clothing etc, you may want to use <a href="https://www.stikins.co.uk">https://www.stikins.co.uk</a> as the school will receive 30% commission to put towards school funds from every order where the fundraising number is quoted. Our Fundraising Number Is: 11349



#### SCHOOL OFFICE ADMIN

- \*if you've moved house or changed phone number recently please remember to update the school office with your new details.
- \*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.

## LOST PROPERTY

In anticipation of all the lost sun hats we expect receive in the office over the coming weeks - please add a name so they can be returned! A box will be set up in the gazebo for stray items.

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/14023395 9376362/permalink/6818721288194229/

## **HEALTH & WELLBEING**

We've received notification that Perfect Smile Dental Clinic York we are now accepting NHS children.

https://www.perfectsmileclinic.co.uk/york-clinic/

## **HEALTH & SAFETY**

We kindly ask that children do not use scooters or bikes on the school playground at pick up or drop off times.

## TRIPS, ACTIVITIES AND PERFORMANCES

#### Year 1

Trip to Howsham Mill has been cancelled and replaced with a trip to Harlow Carr - see below

<u>Trip to Harlow Carr on 01/07/24</u> - See email sent today, 10/05/24. The deadline to give consent on ParentPay has been extended to Monday 13/05/25. Please give consent ASAP if you have not done so already.

#### Year 2

Trip to Scarborough on 06/06/24 - See email sent 26/04/24 with full details.

#### Year 3

<u>Swimming voluntary contributions</u> - Thank you to everyone who has made payments. For anyone who hasn't made a payment for this term, we would be grateful for any more contributions to help with the cost of this activity.

#### Year 4

Robin Hood's Bay Parents Meeting - 12/06/24 in the Year 4 Classrooms.

4GR to Robin Hood's Bay, 15/07/24 to 16/07/24 - Please make sure you are up to date with your payment plan. 4GH to Robin Hood's Bay, 16/07/24 to 17/07/24 - Please make sure you are up to date with your payment plan.

## Year 5

Carlton Lodge on 22/05/24 to 24/05/24

<u>Brownlee Foundation Mini-Triathlon on 14/06/24</u> - See email sent 02/05/24 for full information. Please give consent on ParentPay by Tuesday 14/05/24.

MAT Arts Fest 2024 at York Barbican on 09/07/24 - See email sent 13/03/24 for full information.

<u>Playhouse Project at York Theatre Royal on 11/07/24</u> - See email sent 02/05/24. Please give consent on ParentPay by <u>Tuesday 14/05/24</u>. The booking system ia open to book tickets and will close at <u>11.50pm on 14/05/24</u>.

<u>Barcelona 2025 -</u> Letter from Mr Cooper sent by email on 24/04/24. Barcelona Parent Meeting on **Monday** 13/05/24 at 4pm.

#### Year 6

Crucial Crew Workshop at York College on 11/07/24 - See email sent 02/05/24. Please give consent on ParentPay 20/05/24.

<u>South Bank Trust Sports Fest on 11/06/24</u> - This is for 12 pupils from Years 2, 4 and 6. Parents of these children have been contacted by email.



## **CLUBS**



## **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. <a href="mailto:www.ignitesportscoaching.co.uk">www.ignitesportscoaching.co.uk</a> or email: <a href="mailto:info@ignitesportscoaching.co.uk">info@ignitesportscoaching.co.uk</a>
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 follow this link <a href="https://forms.office.com/r/EcTcaRbU9c">https://forms.office.com/r/EcTcaRbU9c</a> or for more info, email Miss Caroline: <a href="mailto:dancewithmisscaroline@outlook.com">dancewithmisscaroline@outlook.com</a>
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 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. <a href="mailto:shroud.king@gmail.com">shroud.king@gmail.com</a>

## **MUSIC LESSONS IN SCHOOL**

Instrument	Name	Contact details
Guitar	Steve Powell	stevepowell726@gmail.com
Piano	Carolyn Amos	carolynamos@hotmail.co.uk
Drums	Alex Woolgar	alexwoolgar1@gmail.com
Singing	Alison Pawley	alisunr@yahoo.com
Violin	Marcus Bousfield	marcus.bousfield@btinternet.com
Brass	Oliver Fulwell	https://yorkmusiced.org.uk/index.php/what-we-do/york-music-centre/enrolment-form

## **KEY DATES**



YEAR	DATE(S)	ACTIVITY
Nursery		
Reception	16/05/24	Rowntree Park (during school hours)
Year 1	01/07/24	Trip to Harlow Carr
Year 2	06/06/24 13/06/24 20/06/24 27/06/24	Trip to Scarborough. Forest School Forest School Forest School
Year 3		
Year 4	23/05/24 3-14/06/24 12/06/24 15 - 16/07/24 16 - 17/07/24	Glastonmire Festival Day. Details TBC 3rd June to 14th June: Multiplication tables check (please be practicing Soundchecks and times tables at home wherever possible) Robin Hood's Bay parents info meeting 3.30pm in Y4 classroom. 4GR to Robin Hood's Bay. 4GH to Robin Hood's Bay.
Year 5	13/05/24 22 -24/05/24 03/06/24 14/06/24 19/06/24 27/06/24 02/07/24 09/07/24 11/07/24 18/07/24	Barcelona Parent Meeting Carlton Lodge York Theatre Royal Workshop - 5H AM, 5U PM (IN SCHOOL) Brownlee Mini Triathlon - see email sent 02/05/24 Science workshop at Milthorpe 1:30-2:30 - 5H Science workshop at Milthorpe 9:30-10:30 - 5U French Cafe Day @ Millthorpe School - full information to follow soon. MAT Arts Fest 2024 at York Barbican - see email sent 13/03/24. Playhouse Project - all day - see email sent 02/05/24 Forest School - all day
Year 6	13/05/24 16/05/24 25/06/24 01/07/24 03/07/24 12/07/24	SATS Week Millthorpe Friendship Afternoon - parents have been sent a letter with all details from Millthorpe School. Healthy Child Screening. Letter to follow Millthorpe Transition Evening 5-7pm parents have been sent a letter with all details from Millthorpe School. Millthorpe Transition Day 8.45am - 3.15pm parents have been sent a letter with all details from Millthorpe School. Crucial Crew Workshop at York College - see email sent 02/05/24.
The School House		
Other	22/05/24 01/06/24 06/06/24 11/06/24 14/06/24 28/06/24	Knavesmire Bake Off <b>for Years 1,2,3,4</b> Samba band performing at York Pride Knavesmire Bake Off for <b>Nursery, Reception, Years 5 &amp; 6</b> South Bank Trust Sports Fest for 12 pupils from Y2, 4, 6. Quiz Night for parents and staff Sports Evening

## FRIENDS OF KNAVESMIRE UPDATE

We wanted to invite all Knavesmire pupils to show off their baking skills ... for the great **Knavesmire Bake Off**. As the entries last year were not just delicious but also aplenty we will however do this over two dates this year so that the judges won't fall into a sugar coma.

Therefore, on 22 May we would welcome entries from potential star bakers in Year 1, 2, 3 or 4. (Everybody else will get their chance after half-term, on the 6 June. So please be patient:))

Everyone who wants to enter can leave a nut free cake or bake with their name and class in the office. All entries will then be anonymised before the judges will taste their way through sugar heaven.

We will also sell the cakes after school on the days so that you can have a try too (- albeit not through all of them I would imagine).

Enjoy the sunny weekend - you'll never know how long it'll last.







## **COOL KIDS CLUB UPDATE**

May Half Term

Bookings are now open, please visit https://www.knavesmireprimary.co.uk/community/kckc and complete the relevant booking form.

The activities for the half term holiday are as follows:-

Tuesday 28th May
No Bake Cornflake Cookies
Paper Spinner

Wednesday 29th May
Butterfly/Dragonfly Cotton Bud Painting
Jellyfish Craft

Thursday 30th May Paper Plate Weaving Bird Collage

Friday 31st May Jar Painting Wool Octopus

#### **Mobile Phones**

Children are not permitted to have their mobile phones on them whilst at KCKC. We ask that if your child has a phone, they hand it to a member of staff on arrival, and it will be returned to them when they leave.

#### Bookings for the Autumn Term

KCKC is changing the way in which Parents book sessions and make payments from September. Information regarding this will be sent out to all Parents soon, so please ensure you keep an eye on your emails for this important update.



## YEAR GROUP MESSAGES



## **NURSERY MESSAGES**

Hello Nursery!

What a lovely week,we've continued with our big idea all about Minibeasts and this week we've been comparing different features! We've sorted the bugs based on number of legs, whether they can fly and their patterns.

We've continued with our handwriting and new names will be going home this week.

The children have enjoyed the sunny weather and we've been looking at the signs of summer and the importance of sun safety!

We hope you have a wonderful weekend!

Miss Copping and the Nursery Team



## **RECEPTION MESSAGES**

We have had a wonderful week! We have been working on adding and taking away in Maths, using first, then, now to explain the number sentence. In Literacy, we have been writing the conclusion to our 3 Little Pigs stories. It has been exciting to watch the caterpillars turn into cocoons and we have been enjoying the sun! As the weather is warming up, please send your child into school with a water bottle, sunhat and sunscreen on, we have spares if anyone forgets or doesn't have any! Sunscreen can not be shared amongst children and we do not keep school sunscreen due to allergies. Have a great weekend!

The Reception Team

## **YEAR 1 MESSAGES**

This week in English, we have created text maps for one of the poems we have worked with and then we changed some of the lines to help us create our own poem. In Maths, we have found a quarter of an object and quantity. In Big Idea, we painted pictures of what we would like our plant sculptures to look like. On Thursday, it will be Forest School for Mrs Gage's class. Please make sure your child has a coat with them on that day. Next week, we will be getting creative when we write poems about a fruit or vegetable of our own choice and we are looking forward to sharing these with each other once they are finished!.

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

## YEAR GROUP MESSAGES



## YEAR 2 MESSAGES

This week, Year 2 have been working incredibly hard! In Maths, we have been revising our knowledge of fractions of shapes and amounts. Next week, we will be recapping our key mathematical methods. In English, the children have been innovating instructions whilst also practising how to sequence steps in chronological order. Next week, the children will be writing their instructions for their own Lego sets which they have been excitingly designing this week. The children have been amazing throughout this Big Idea so far and we are blown away by their enthusiasm! Next week, the children will be preparing for our end goal: To make our own Lego Movie! The children will build settings and film their own stories. Thank you as ever for your continued support with the children's learning. Have a lovely weekend and enjoy the sunshine!

The Year 2 Team

## YEAR 3 MESSAGES

What a busy yet fun week we have had in Year 3! This week, we have continued with our paper mache fun and have completed painting our caterpillar for the Rowntree Park Scarecrow Festival. We have also made a model of a human hand using string, foam, straws and beads. In Maths, we have looked at adding and subtracting fractions and finding the whole. Next week we will be moving on to looking at fractions of an amount. During our English lessons, the children have furthered their research on the human body and in particular the skeletal and muscular systems. This will form the basis of the children's Non-Chronological report on The Human Body which they will start to write next week. Maths homework is ONLINE and linked to adding and subtracting fractions. Spelling homework (CEW recap) will be stuck in homework books. If your child doesn't have their homework book in school or it is full, you should find the sheets in their school bag! We have loaned out several towels and other swimming paraphernalia during the last few weeks. Thank you to those who have washed and returned some of these items. However, we are still missing several towels so if you find a damp one in the bottom of a bag somewhere and don't recognise it then it's probably one of ours! We'd be grateful if these can be cleaned and sent back in next week prior to our swimming session. Have a brilliant weekend.

The Year 3 Team.

#### YEAR 4 MESSAGES

Year 4's week has started with a change of Big Idea Topic, to Festivals. The children have answered the guiding question, 'How can we stage a festival?'. This week, they began the topic by answering the questions, 'What is a festival and why do we have them?' and 'How many types of festival are around the world and what are they?'. We have been exploring what makes a festival and looking at various festivals around the world, including some unusual ones. We will also be finding out 'How do we hear sound?' within Science.

In Writing, we have moved onto poetry, starting by assembling lines from Pie Corbett's 'Owl' into the order we thought they belonged in. We identified a variety of figurative language found in poetry, such as metaphors, personification, hyperbole, repetition and similes. The children also gave their opinions on the poem, pointing out lines and phrases they enjoyed, and describing how the poem made them feel.

Maths has had a continued focus on time, with the children reading an analogue clock, converting time and calculating the difference between two different times. We then moved on to conversion between the 24 hour clock and the 12 hour clock.

## YEAR GROUP MESSAGES



## **YEAR 5 MESSAGES**

Year 5 have had a super week! We can't believe it's the end of Week 5 - this half-term is flying by! Year 5 have been busy discussing the importance of heroes and role models, in Big Idea lessons, as well as planning what they'll be packing in their rucksacks and suitcases for Carlton Lodge. In Writing, the children have planned their narratives, with the purpose of entertaining their audience, with 'choose your own' options. In Maths, the children have been working hard to add and subtract decimals using the column method. During class assemblies, children have been discussing body image and their opinions on whether it matters what you look like or not. They have really impressed us with their well-articulated perspectives. In PE, the children have begun their tennis unit and are delighted to be enjoying developing their skills in the nice weather outside!

If you have any questions or queries about anything at all, please don't hesitate to contact or speak to a member of the Year 5 Team. We're always happy to help!

We hope you have a lovely, sunny weekend!

The Year 5 Team

## **YEAR 6 MESSAGES**

Year 6 have been working incredibly hard on the build-up to SATs and are all incredibly excited about the prospect of toast at 8am every morning! We have also designed and made our own summer salads and have been learning about eating healthily. We have sent out a separate letter regarding specific information for SATS week. We have not set any specific homework, but have liked lots of useful resources on GoogleClassroom if your child would like to access them. This weekend, it is hopefully going to be very sunny so we recommend a lovely weekend in the sunshine with a few early nights so they are ready to come to school bright and early on Monday morning!

Thank you for all of your support this term, The Year 6 Team

## THE SCHOOL HOUSE MESSAGES

The School House children have had another brilliant week. A highlight of the week was going to York Sport to use their cycle track. The children got to use a range of accessible bikes, depending on their cycling ability, and they had lots of fun! It linked in brilliantly with our Big Idea all about the Olympic Games and it gave the children an opportunity to try another sport!

Next week, we are looking forward to welcoming a local Tennis Coach who is going to give the children a tennis 'master class'. Over this half term, the children have tried a wide range of sports, from archery to bowls! They will be using these experiences to create their own Olympic Sport for our 'Mini Olympic Games' in the final week of this half term.

As always, if you have any questions, please come and chat to us.

Have a lovely weekend, The School House Team

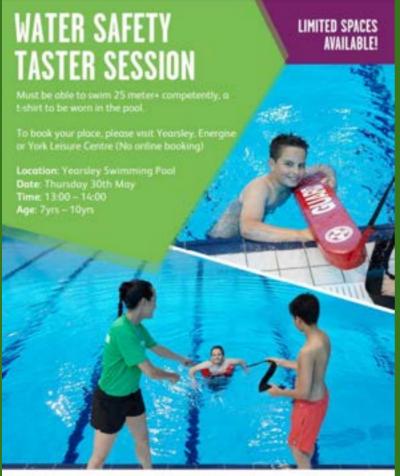
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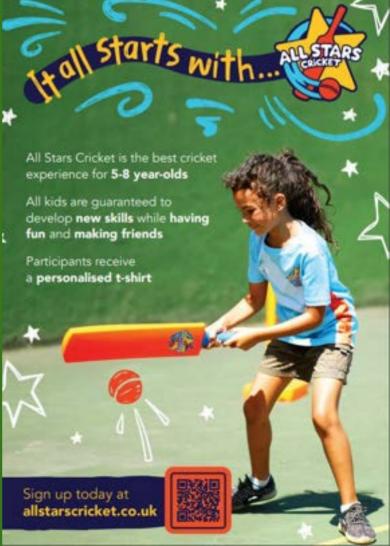


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## **COMMUNITY MESSAGES**





## COMMUNITY MESSAGES MESSAGES FROM THE FRIENDS OF ROWNTREE PARK







