

Knavesmire Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 22nd March 2024

Mr Cooper and Mr Gardiner's Message

Happy Friday!

It's been brilliant to welcome back our pupils and families to school this week to begin the Summer Term. We've also been pleased to have Mrs Gould return to teaching in Year 4, following her maternity leave.

The summer term is another busy and exciting one with sport events, enrichment opportunities and residential visits for Year 4 and 5. This started nicely with a fantastic choir concert last night. Well done to all those involved.

After the relentless rain of winter, we hope the warmer weather means less colds, flu and bugs in general. Attendance continues to be in the news and we appreciate your efforts to have your children in school every day. We'll continue to do all we can to make Knavesmire a safe and happy place to be and a fun place to learn.

Have a lovely 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):

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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 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:

<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 School Library has now been painted beautifully and we look forward to **opening again** to classes and to parents and children after school from Monday 15th April. Bring on the Summer reading!

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.

NEW SUMMER LUNCH MENU

The new summer menu has been launched this week. However a reduced menu will be offered week commencing 15/4/24 due to staff absences. The new term menu can be found on the website:

<https://www.knavesmireprimary.co.uk/parents/school-dinners-menu>



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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!

SCOOTERS AND BIKES

For safety reasons, please remember that children are **not allowed** to ride bikes or scooters in the school playground at either drop off or pick up.

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-and-nits/>

SCHOOL MILK

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

LOST PROPERTY

Thank you all for your continued efforts in naming clothing coming into school, there's been a substantial decrease in the amount of lost property we usually have!

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

Year 3

Eureka Trip on Wed 24/04/24 - See separate email sent today. Please give consent and make payment ASAP if you have not already.

Year 4

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

Year 5

Geography field work in local area on 16/04/24 - Please see separate email sent today. No additional consent required. Please ensure your child comes to school in shoes and a coat appropriate for the weather.

Carlton Lodge on 22/05/24 to 24/05/24 - Please ensure you are up to date with your payment plan.

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

Year 6

Late Music Concert on Saturday 27/04/24 - See separate email.

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**.

Brass lessons in School

As well as our existing peripatetic music teachers we are going to be having a brass tutor from York Music Education who will offer brass lessons to pupils from Year 1 upwards. If you would like your child to learn a brass lesson in school with the tutor please follow the link to complete the form (instrument hire can also be arranged through York Music Ed):

<https://yorkmusiced.org.uk/index.php/what-we-do/york-music-centre/enrolment-form>

CLUBS

Y3/4 Cricket Club with Mr Scaling

Mr Scaling will run a cricket club with Y3/4s on a Monday lunchtime. Please see email sent earlier this week for full information. Sign up is on parent pay and the 20 places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

KS2 Samba Club for York Pride

We have been invited to take a samba band to march at Pride parade in York on Saturday June 1st. The band is open to any pupils in KS2 who are able to attend the parade but, as the number that we can take is limited, places will be available for the first 20 children to sign up. We will rehearse on Tuesday lunchtimes with Mrs Hardy and Mr Sherwin.

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		
Year 2		
Year 3	24/04/24	Trip to Eureka
Year 4	15 - 17/07/24	Robin Hood's Bay Trip.
Year 5	16/04/24 22 -24/05/24 02/07/24 09/07/24 11/07/24 18/07/24	Geography Fieldwork trip around Rowntree Park and Bishopthorpe Road Carlton Lodge French Cafe Day @ Millthorpe School - full information to follow soon. MAT Arts Fest 2024 at York Barbican. Playhouse Project - all day - full information to follow soon. Forest School - all day
Year 6	27/04/24	Late Music Concert at Millthorpe School
The School House		
Other	11/06/24	South Bank Trust Sports Fest for 12 pupils from Y2, 4, 6.

COOL KIDS CLUB

Bookings are now open for the Summer Term. Please visit <https://www.knavesmireprimary.co.uk/community/kckc> and complete the relevant form.



YEAR GROUP MESSAGES



NURSERY MESSAGES

Hello Nursery!

We've had a lovely week and are happy to introduce our new student teacher Miss Golding to our class. The children have made her feel very welcome and we've kickstarted our new Big Idea all about Minibeasts!

We've discussed the children's prior knowledge and the things that they like about insects.

We have also welcomed some frogspawn into the classroom and we look forward to watching them grow into tadpoles!! In maths we've been looking at subitising and using number fans, in phonics we've focussed on oral blending and the phoneme 'j'. In handwriting we have launched our name writing and the children enjoyed a visit from their favourite cheeky fairy who had written each of their names in the outdoor area for them to trace and make disappear!!!

Have a lovely weekend!

Miss Copping and the Nursery Team ❤️

RECEPTION MESSAGES

We have had a great first week back. We have started our new Big Idea which is all about Lifecycles and we learnt about tadpoles. We have got a set of frogspawn in the classroom and we will be watching as they transform into frogs. We have also been learning about cress and started to grow our own with an experiment to see how they grow under different conditions. In Literacy, we have been writing about spring animals and in Maths we have been learning about 3D shapes and practising subitising and recalling number bonds to 5. In phonics, we have started phase 4, this half term focuses on reading words with adjacent consonants then it moves onto adjacent consonants with digraphs. Have a great weekend!

The Reception Team

YEAR 1 MESSAGES

Everyone has returned to school with lots of energy ready for the summer term! We have started our new Big Idea which is about plants and how they grow and our end goal is to design and make a sculpture of an imaginary plant. In English, we have re-told the story of Jack and the Beanstalk with actions and have drawn a story map to show key events. In Maths, we have been counting in multiples of 2, 5 and 10 which we have really enjoyed. Please make sure your child has a complete P.E. kit in school, including trainers or plimsolls. We have P.E. on Tuesday and Wednesday, but kits need to be in school all week in case we have additional sessions. Next Thursday, Mrs Gage's class will have Forest School so please make sure your child has a coat with them if they are in 1G.

We hope you have a lovely weekend!

The Year One team.

YEAR GROUP MESSAGES



YEAR 2 MESSAGES

Year 2 have had a great first week back after the Easter holidays! We have launched into our new Big Idea of Lego, exploring when Lego was invented and who it was invented by. Everyone was intrigued to learn that Lego was originally wooden toys before moving onto the plastic bricks that we recognise 17 years later! In maths we have been learning all about place value and different ways that we can show the hundreds, tens and ones in numbers. In English we have been making a start on our narrative unit and understanding how to plan a narrative by using a story mountain to break it down.

Have a great weekend!

The Year 2 Team

YEAR 3 MESSAGES

The children have settled back in extremely well after their break and we are excited to begin our new Big Idea. We have looked at the importance of being fit and healthy this week and looked at the different food groups and how they help our bodies in different ways. During our English lessons, we have continued recapping the features of instruction writing in preparation for writing our own over the coming weeks. In Maths, we have looked at the properties of 2D and 3D shapes and we have even created some of our own using blu-tack and straws. Next week, we will focus on telling the time so any help at home with this would be greatly appreciated. We will also cover adding/subtracting amounts of time and converting between different units of time. Maths homework is ONLINE this week. There is a task linked to shape and a times table task. We will now cover more than one X table a week to continue to improve fluency. Spelling homework will be homophones.

Have a brilliant weekend,

The Year 3 Team.

YEAR 4 MESSAGES

In Year 4, the Summer term kicked off with enthusiasm and excitement as we began our Ancient Greece Big Idea topic. Our English unit will be focussed on narratives, which we plan to turn into comic strips. The children started by examining the features of comic strips, where they identified the use of action, speech and onomatopoeia. Maths has been all about decimals this week, where the children have learned to recognise and partition decimals, next using them to make whole numbers. In Big Idea, we have identified when the Ancient Greek period was on our timeline, examined Ancient Greek artefacts and explored the idea of democracy by taking part in a vote.

Over the next couple of weeks, we will be using film clips to inspire our writing. We will be using short clips from the film Hercules and Percy Jackson to help inspire our Greek narratives.

Best wishes from Year 4

YEAR GROUP MESSAGES



YEAR 5 MESSAGES

It has been lovely to welcome all the children back to Year 5 for our exciting summer term! This week, we have dived right into our new Big Idea - Heroic Tales - where we have begun learning about explorers and adventures ready to accomplish our end goal: to be an explorer. We have looked at how we can make different shapes by using balancing in our explorer themed gymnastic routine and started working on our explanation text of how to be an explorer in writing. Next Tuesday afternoon, we are going to explore the local area and complete some geography fieldwork. We also have Sam Watda (a computer specialist) coming in on Wednesday afternoon who will be talking to the children about user experience (UX).

We hope you all have a lovely weekend,

The Year 5 Team

YEAR 6 MESSAGES

Welcome back to the final full term of Year 6! We are all working incredibly hard in Year 6 to prepare for the upcoming SATs assessments, which will take place from the 13th to the 17th May (with the all-important details regarding morning toast to follow)! Then, the SATs writing period will run until the middle of June. This week, we have been working incredibly hard on our specialism non-chronological reports- thank you for all of the hard work you did to prepare for these over the Easter holiday, we certainly have learnt alot about a range of interesting topics. We have been playing rounders in PE and our hockey team has been training hard each morning for the hockey finals, which take place soon- we wish them all the best as they go to represent our school. The usual spelling and arithmetic homework will be sent home today and this will be due next Friday. Have a lovely weekend.

The Year 6 Team

THE SCHOOL HOUSE MESSAGES

We have enjoyed a productive first week back and have particularly enjoyed hearing all the lovely holiday stories from their well deserved Easter break.

We are now getting stuck into our summer term topics and activities and look forward to updating you over the coming weeks.

Wishing you a great weekend

The School House Team

COMMUNITY MESSAGES



TRAINING TOP COMPETITION

Miss Hall will give all children a colouring sheet to take home today (Friday). Please return it to the box in the office by Friday 19th April so Miss Hall can hand them over to the York Knights.

York RLFC are delighted to bring back our popular design a training top competition for 2024.

This year, the winning design will be produced by Oxen and worn by the team in the warm-up at their Betfred Championship League game against Sheffield Eagles on 30th June. This game will be played at the LNER Community Stadium and themed as the York RLFC Education Day, a tribute and thank you to all our partners.

From colour scheme to design elements - the more creative the better!

*The winning design will be produced and worn by the York RLFC Knights players whilst warming up for the game.

*The winner will receive a free warm-up shirt of their design and a complimentary family ticket to the game. They will also have the opportunity to walk out with the players at the game as a player mascot.

The design will be available to purchase via our website for the general public.



FULFORD SCHOOL

SCHOOLSHOP



2 Exclusive Uniform Sizing Days for Year 7 pupils starting at Fulford School in September

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RUGBEES GIRLS RUGBY LEAGUE



Rugby League skills and fun sessions for Primary School-aged Girls

Who: Girls aged 7 -11 years
Where: York St John University Sports Park, YO31 8TA
When: Every Monday from 22nd April, 7-8 pm
Cost: £3 per session



COMMUNITY MESSAGES



Autism Support for Parents from the Specialist Teaching Team for Autism



Wednesdays Summer 2024

Fortnightly Topic Talks Summer Term 2024:

Sleep Wed 17th April 10-11a.m. online & 1.30-2.30 p.m. in person
Anxiety Wed 1st May 10-11a.m. online & 1.30-2.30 p.m. in person
Managing Meltdowns 15th May 10-11a.m. online & 1.30-2.30 p.m. in person
Transitions Wed 5th June 10-11a.m. online & 1.30-2.30 p.m. in person
Successful trips out Wed 19th June 10-11a.m. online & 1.30-2.30 p.m. in person
Online Safety Wed 3rd July 10-11a.m. online & 1.30-2.30 p.m. in person

Fortnightly Phone line (mornings) and drop-in (afternoons) Summer 2024:

Wednesday 10th April 9 a.m. -12 noon & 1.30 - 2.30 p.m.
Wednesday 24th April 9 a.m. -12 noon & 1.30 - 2.30 p.m.
Wednesday 8th May 9 a.m. -12 noon & 1.30 - 2.30 p.m.
Wednesday 22nd May 9 a.m. -12 noon & 1.30 - 2.30 p.m.
Wednesday 12th June 9 a.m. -12 noon & 1.30 - 2.30 p.m.
Wednesday 26th June 9 a.m. -12 noon & 1.30 - 2.30 p.m.
Wednesday 10th July 9 a.m. -12 noon & 1.30 - 2.30 p.m.

Parent Group: Topic Talks virtual (a.m.) and repeated in person (p.m.)

Topic Talks led by the Specialist Teaching Team for Autism, including time for questions and peer support.

Virtual: 10-11 a.m. On Microsoft Teams. Due to confidentiality issues, we will be unable to discuss named children during this time.

In Person: 1.30-2.30 p.m. at The YIKS All About Autism Hub, Clifton Children's Centre, (In front of Clifton Green School), YO30 6BF.

Parent/Carer Phone Line and Drop-in

The Specialist Teaching Team Autism are offering parents/carers the opportunity to talk to a member of the team regarding general issues and concerns about children/young people with autism.

Phone line support: 9-12 noon 20 minutes is allocated per phone call.

In person drop-in support. 1.30-2.30 p.m. at The YIKS All About Autism Hub, Clifton Children's Centre, (In front of Clifton Green School), YO30 6BF

To book a 20 minute phone line call or to book your virtual place on a Microsoft Teams Topic Talk session, please email your name stating which Topic Talks you would like to book to: parentcarerautismsupport@york.gov.uk. For phone support, we require your name and a contact telephone number for us to call you. We will send you a time slot for your 20 minute call. If we receive a high volume of requests we may need to allocate spaces on the session on a first come, first served basis. **This is an admin email address and we are unable to forward or respond to queries via this email. Bookings close the Thursday before the session. For in person drop-in sessions, you do not need to book and you are welcome to simply arrive on the day.** Please be aware, sessions may be busy and you may need to wait to speak to a member of the team.



CIRCUS SKILLS CLUB

Come and learn circus skills such as juggling, diabolo, poi, plate spinning, flowersticks and slacklining!

Summer Term (7 1st half, 6 2nd half) Friday lunchtime for Reception to Year 6, £5/session + bursaries for low income families

Time: 12:00-12:30 KPS main hall

Dates: 5th April - 24th May
7th June - 12th July

Bookings are per half term - please sign up at <https://www.clubenrolment.com/CSY>
(Club location - "Knavesmire Primary School")

For any questions or offline booking please contact...

Circus Stu, Circus Skills York CIC
stuart@circusskillsyorkcic.org
07871 545388

COMMUNITY MESSAGES



YORK HIGH SCHOOL



PRESENTS

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Main School Hall
York High School
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17th, 18th & 19th April 2024
Doors Open 6:30pm Show 7pm

Tickets
Adults: £4 Children: £3

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COMMUNITY MESSAGES

MESSAGES FROM THE FRIENDS OF ROWNTREE PARK

 THE FRIENDS OF ROWNTREE PARK

Rowntree Park & Me

People of the Park!

We want to know more about you and your memories & experiences in Rowntree Park!



Complete our quick survey by scanning the QR code below and/or attend a drop in session on 25th or 27th of April
Thurs 25th 1.30-3.30pm/Sat 27th 10-12pm
at the York Explore Reading Cafe in Rowntree Park

   @friendrowntreepark

 THE FRIENDS OF ROWNTREE PARK

Art Competition

Rowntree Park in 50 years!



Art competition for 5-16 year olds.
More information by scanning the QR code below.



Deadline for entries 30th April 2024

  @friendrowntreepark

 THE FRIENDS OF ROWNTREE PARK

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

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www.rowntreepark.org.uk

 THE FRIENDS OF ROWNTREE PARK



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 - CRAFTS

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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