Knavesmire Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Friday 24th May 2024

Mr Cooper and Mr Gardiner's Message

Happy final Friday of the half term!

What a high to finish on! Year 5 have spent a fantastically jam-packed 3 days on a residential trip to Carlton Lodge. We could not have been more proud of the children. They have epitomised Knavesmire Character and it has been an absolute pleasure to see them conquering their fears, having an amazing time with their peer group, and battling through the EXTREMELY wet conditions on Wednesday. To the children, well done and thank you! To Year 5 parents, we wish you a particularly wonderful half term holiday full of laundry!

Elsewhere in the school Year 4 staged a 'Glastonmire Festival' yesterday - again braving the forecast - complete with mocktails, balloon animals and an ice cream van to round off their Big Idea in style. FOKPS hosted the first installment of the Olympic themed Knavesmire Bake Off - it was fantastic to see so much creativity from the children (as well as taste it!) and we look forward to the second round after the half term break.

May we take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support and wish you the most restful of half term holidays!

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):

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

HEALTH & SAFETY

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

WHOLE SCHOOL INFORMATION



SCHOOL LIBRARY

Have a wonderful Half Term Holiday!!

If you find yourself stuck for activities on a wet day then 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

NOW ACCEPTING ALL CLOTHING DONATIONS. 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 www.coolmilk.com/register

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/

Chicken Pox

We have had a number of confirmed cases of chickenpox. For information on recognising and treating, please refer to the NHS website:

https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/chickenpox/

WHOLE SCHOOL INFORMATION



PRIDE ON PARADE

On June 1st a group of children from Knavesmire will be playing in a Samba band in the schools section of the Pride parade with Mrs Hardy and a group from Scarcroft School. We will be marching from the city centre to the Knavesmire. The route can be found here:

https://yorkpride.org.uk/parade/

If you would like to march just behind the band please join us along the route when you see the Knavesmire Primary Pride banner. We will be towards the front of the schools section and possibly right at the front of it!!



If you'd like to order name labels for clothing etc, you may want to use https://www.stikins.co.uk 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

Please name any stuff which is likely to be discarded in the playground during the changeable weather: sun hats, sun glasses, water bottles, jumpers & rain jackets.

Check the Friends of Knavesmire Facebook page to view any valuable #lostandfound items.

Any pieces of unnamed clothing are either recycled into the clothes bank, the refugee appeal 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/

TRIPS, ACTIVITIES AND PERFORMANCES

Year 1

Trip to Harlow Carr on 01/07/24 - See email sent 10/05/24 with full details.

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

<u>Brownlee Foundation Mini-Triathlon on 14/06/24</u> - See email sent 02/05/24 for full information.

<u>French Cafe Day at Millthorpe School 02/07/24</u> - Deadline to complete ParentPay item is today (24/05/24). There are a lot of outstanding consents, please complete this ASAP.

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> - The remainder of the tickets are live to book on the booking system and will be allocated on a first come first served basis. To book extra tickets, please follow the link below:

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

The booking system will close at 11.50pm on Tuesday 04/06/24. A payment item will then be added to ParentPay for you to pay for these tickets.

Barcelona 2025 - Letter from Mr Cooper sent by email on 24/04/24.

Year 6

<u>Crucial Crew Workshop at York College on 12/07/24</u> - See email sent 02/05/24. If you have not yet given consent for this on ParentPay, please do so ASAP.

<u>Treat Day Trip on 16/07/24</u> - See email sent today (24/05/24). Please give consent and meal choice on ParentPay by 03/06/24.

Other

<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. 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 follow this link https://forms.office.com/r/EcTcaRbU9c or for more info, 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 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	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		
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	3-14/06/24 12/06/24 18/06/24 25/06/24 12/07/24 15 - 16/07/24 16 - 17/07/24	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. Pedestrian training Pedestrian training Violin Concert for parents 9.30am 4GR to Robin Hood's Bay. 4GH to Robin Hood's Bay.
Year 5	03/06/24 14/06/24 19/06/24 27/06/24 02/07/24 09/07/24 11/07/24 18/07/24	York Theatre Royal Workshop - 5H AM, 5U PM (IN SCHOOL) Brownlee Mini Triathlon - see email sent 02/05/24 Science workshop at Millthorpe 1:30-2:30 - 5H Science workshop at Millthorpe 9:30-10:30 - 5U French Cafe Day @ Millthorpe School - see email sent 17/05/24. 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	25/06/24 01/07/24 03/07/24 16/07/24 12/07/24	Healthy Child Screening - see email sent 16/5/24 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. Treat Day Trip at Hollywood Bowl and Puttstars Crucial Crew Workshop at York College
The School House		
Other	27-31 May 01/06/24 06/06/24 11/06/24 14/06/24 28/06/24 03/07/24	Half Term Holiday Knavesmire Bake Off for Years 1,2,3,4 Samba band performing at York Pride Knavesmire Bake Off for Nursery, Reception, Years 5 & 6 South Bank Trust Sports Fest for 12 pupils from Y2, 4, 6. Quiz Night for parents and staff Sports Evening (or 5/7/24 if rained off on the 28th)

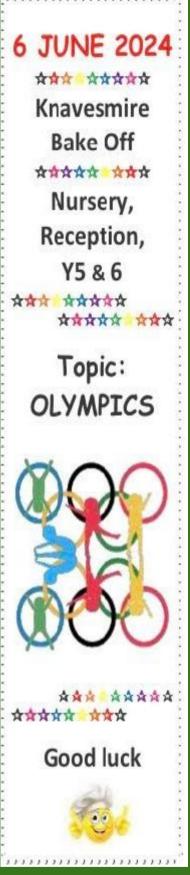
FRIENDS OF KNAVESMIRE UPDATE

What a week is has been. We wanted to say a massive thank you and well done to all the amazing entries for the first round of this year's Knavesmire Bake Off from Years 1 to 4. You all did an amazing job and the judges were absolutely stunned by your creations.

And of course, huge congratulations to our first four Star Bakers: Saoirse O'Gorman (Y1),
Heidi and Rosie Freeman (Y2),
Freddie Greenway (Y3)
Izzy Frampton (Y4).
You did brilliantly and we hope you enjoy your prizes.

Another big thank you has to of course go to everyone who braved the weather and bought some cake. We're really grateful and collected almost £200 with your help. Fantastic!

We now hope you're all looking forward to half term and enjoy the break before we'll do it all over again on Thursday, the 6th June, when nursery, reception, Y5 and 6 will have a go. It'll be the last cake sale of this school year (promise;)) so make it count and get planning everyone. We can't wait for your fabulous ideas!





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!

We've had a fab week finishing off our big idea and talking about minibeasts as well as setting our butterflies free!

In maths we have been looking at 2d shape and in phonics we've moved on to our first digraphs!

Our next Big idea is going to be all about the Olympics so we're very excited about that!!

We hope you have a lovely half term break and that the sunshine returns after a pretty soggy week!!!

Miss Copping and the Nursery Team 💚

RECEPTION MESSAGES

We have had a brilliant final week of school as we focussed on Australia during Culture Week. We learnt about where Australia is, the climate, the great barrier reef, protecting our plant, the animals that live there, phrases and similarities and differences! We created artwork inspired by Aboriginal art as well as chalk art and drawings, we got to show all of this off during Friday's assembly!

As we are a healthy school, please remember to only send in healthy snacks, children should not have cake, crisps or chocolate bars as their snack and please only send water in their bottles.

Have a wonderful half term!

YEAR 1 MESSAGES

This week, we have been very busy finding out about Japan and Japanese culture. On Tuesday, a parent came into school to talk to us about life in Japan and showed us how to make some origami balloons! On Tuesday, we also made sushi and udon noodles and it was fun trying different foods. We have also made some beautiful pictures of cherry trees in blossom and learnt that looking at the beautiful trees is a tradition in Japan. On Friday we shared what we had learnt about Japanese culture with the whole school and found out what other year groups have been learning. After half term, we will begin our new Big Idea which is about being an explorer (more information to follow soon). Year One will also have their statutory Phonic Screening Check during the week beginning 10th June. Please make sure there is lots of reading happening between now and then to help maintain phonic knowledge. Thanks for your support and we hope you have a lovely half term break (and a chance to relax).

Best wishes from the Year One team

YEAR GROUP MESSAGES



YEAR 2 MESSAGES

Year 2 have had a busy week running up to half term! In maths we have been practicing our reasoning and arithmetic skills by doing a varying range of questions. We also went outside to do some 'natural maths' on the playground which involved measuring different objects and creating patterns using symmetry. In English, we have checked through our instructions and shared them with Year 1 - instructing year 1 on how to build our Lego models. Year 1 and 2 worked extremely well together as a team! During our Big Idea sessions this week we have focused on Denmark and the Danish culture as part of Global Culture Week, we designed our own Danish Pastries and Danish Fairytale Characters. Just a quick reminder for our trip in the first week back - please remember to provide your child with a packed lunch (unless otherwise arranged) and weather suitable clothing!

We hope you have a fantastic half term holiday!

The Year 2 Team

YEAR 3 MESSAGES

We have had a busy week in Year 3! The children have completed some maths quizzes and the effort has been amazing throughout.

During our Big Idea sessions, we have looked at the digestive system in detail following on from our trip to Eureka!. Our next Big Idea will be Flags, Food and Football with the End Goal being decided after the half term break.

There is no homework this week as the children deserve a break! TT Rockstars, Number Gym, Spelling Shed and reading books are all available still if you would like to keep things ticking over at home.

Have a great half term,

The Year 3 Team.

YEAR 4 MESSAGES

This week, we have concluded our poetry unit, writing poetry about the Alps as part of Global Celebration week. As part of this, we shared our work in the Global Celebration assembly. Our poems brought the magic of mountains alive, including lots of figurative language to describe the mountains, in first the Winter and then the Summer. In Maths, we have moved onto shape, looking at (and creating our own) angles, and comparing them in size. We also identified shapes, comparing regular and irregular polygons, examining vertices and the features of quadrilaterals. Finally, our Big Idea preparations have come together as we created Glastonmire festival! We had a wonderful, celebratory day as we embraced our inner rockers: singing, dancing and, of course, enjoying ice cream! The children worked hard preparing acts, workshops and stalls and everyone enjoyed letting loose to some music!

The Year 4 Team

YEAR GROUP MESSAGES



YEAR 5 MESSAGES

Wow, what an incredible three days Year 5 have had! They've done themselves and the school extremely proud. They've displayed so many Knavesmire Characters from having fun, taking risks, having high expectations of themselves to being sporty and resilient. Throughout the duration of the residential, each group of children have had the opportunity to take part in a number of adventurous activities: high ropes, raft building, bouldering, caving, gorge walking, a scavenger hunt, a night walk and kayaking. We hope you've thoroughly enjoyed seeing the photos of the children, whilst doing their activities, on Twitter as well as watching the video montage. We really hope you enjoy hearing all about their stories and adventures over the course of the residential half-term.

We hope you have a super half-term and we hope it's not filled with too much washing from Carlton Lodge! The Year 5 Team.

YEAR 6 MESSAGES

Another exciting week in Year 6 as we audition for our end of year production! More details about this production will follow but needless to say that the excitement is palpable. Our huge thanks to Edwin Thomas for writing us our personalised show!

Writing will continue in earnest after half-term and we will be redrafting all of our pieces of writing; it is important that your child is in school for this writing period. Rehearsals for the show will begin after half-term and scripts will be going out today.

Please have a relaxing and enjoyable holiday. It has been a long term but a very rewarding one!

The Year 6 Team

THE SCHOOL HOUSE MESSAGES

The School House has had a busy week, despite some Year 5s going to Carlton Lodge! We have finished our Big Idea and the children hosted their own mini Olympics on Monday morning. Children from Nursery - Year 6 attended our Olympics and they all had lots and lots of fun playing the children's games.

Our final Big Idea of the year is, 'Every Child's An Artist' and the children will be looking at a range of artists and experimenting with their creativity!

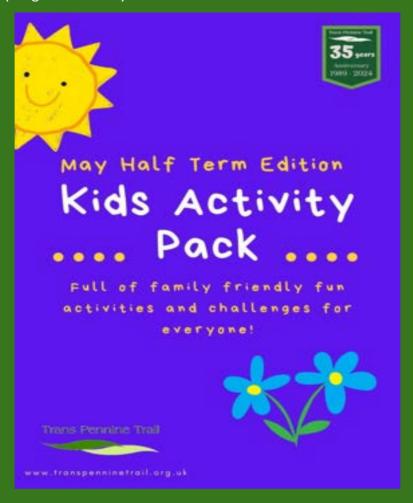
We hope that you all have a wonderful half term and take the time to rest and relax.

Kind regards, The School House team



COMMUNITY MESSAGES

Trans Pennine Trail Kids Spring Bank Activity Pack now available to download - click on the flyer







SUMMER 2 SCHOOL SPORTS CLUBS

Day	Time	Sport	For	Cost
Monday	3.25pm	Dodgeball	Years	£5 per week
After	_		3 - 6	
School	4.25pm			
Friday	12.30pm	Multi Skills	Years	£2.50 per
Lunchtime	_	1	1&2	week
	1pm			200 - 2000 000
Friday	3.25pm	Football	Years	£5 per week
After	-		4 - 6	
School	4.25pm			

Any questions please contact James Shimmin info@ignitesportscoaching.co.uk











COMMUNITY MESSAGES MESSAGES FROM THE FRIENDS OF ROWNTREE PARK

