

Knavesmire Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 4th October 2024

Mr Cooper and Mr Gardiner's Message

Dear Parents/ Carers/ Families,

Happy Friday!

We hope you've had a good week. In school, we've seen plenty of engaging and exciting learning as our children have progressed towards the Guiding Purpose or Question of their Big Idea. This has included Year 4 spending the afternoon improving their Geography field work skills during a visit around the local area.

In spotting news, our Y5/6 boys and girls teams played last night and went unbeaten. We were so proud of their attitude and skill. What a great start!

As always, we really appreciate your support with attendance and uniform. Thank you.

Have a good weekend

Mr Cooper & 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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NUT FREE SCHOOL



For the safety and health of our school we are committed to being Nut Free

We need your help to make our school a safe place for those with food allergies.

Please do not bring any nut products into school.

Some examples of foods containing nuts - some are not as obvious as others...



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>

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OFFICE ADMIN

When communicating with the school about your child, please remember to include their full name and class.

Please note that as of September 2024 we are required to see evidence of any medical appointments. Please send any screenshots to accompany your absence email so that we can log this absence appropriately.

MENU CHANGES

Please note the kitchen will be working on a reduced menu from Monday 30/9/24 until half term. Full details will be sent out by email next week.

We will only be serving sandwiches and jacket potatoes on Mondays and Wednesdays.

SCHOOL LIBRARY

We have had another fantastic week in the Library with the Year 6 spearheading initiatives to bring more out of the space. Please look out for some of your teacher's favourite childhood books going up on display soon!

Just a reminder that your child has a library session scheduled each week - please ensure that your child's library book is in school on that day to swap for a new one. If you find any library books at home which may have been 'lost' please return them to the box in the School Office.

Miss Smith

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

There is a pause on donation collections for the moment, but please bear this in mind for the future if you have suitable items.

SCHOOL MILK

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

SAFETY ON THE PLAYGROUND

Please be reminded that the use of scooters and bikes is **not allowed on the school playground** - it is too great a risk of injury to riders and others.

Please make sure you wheel bikes and scooters off the playground before riding them.



*Greetings to you, the lucky finder of this Golden Ticket,
from Mr Willy Wonka!*

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

NITS

Please be extra vigilant in checking your child's hair. 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. Whilst we cannot enforce it, we recommend long hair is tied back to help prevent further spread of headlice - thank you.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

LOST PROPERTY

Following a purge of lockers and classrooms at the end of last term, we have 3 full bin bags of lost property. Please take a moment to have a rummage before we recycle / donate anything unclaimed.

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

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/140233959376362/permalink/6818721288194229/>

THE COFFEE CART IS BACK!

FANTASTIC NEWS - KPS Coffee Cart is opening on Monday

I am pleased to share the news that the Coffee Cart will open on Monday 7th October. Mr Taylor, our Pupil Mentor, will be outside Miss Hall's classroom, located near the main gates, every morning (when it's not raining!) before school starts with the Coffee Cart. Mr Taylor will be with some amazing Year 5 students who will be ready to sell some lovely cups of tea, coffee or hot chocolate, exactly what you need to start your morning.

All money raised goes back into restocking the coffee, tea and hot chocolate and any that is left over goes back to the school to help buy essential supplies. The young people who help out gain many skills and they thoroughly enjoy the challenges it brings. Miss Gilligan, our school SENCO will help out on a Friday morning and is available for a quick chat or to answer any questions you may have.

All drinks are only £2.00 and we accept cash or card. Please note that we do not serve coffee or tea to any children at school but we do allow hot chocolate as long as the drink is finished before the start of school and not taken into any classroom.

We look forward to seeing you soon.



CLOTHES LABELS

Our school will receive 30% commission to put towards school funds from every order where the fundraising number is quoted.

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TRIPS, ACTIVITIES AND PERFORMANCES

Year 1

Askham Bryan College Trip - Please see the email sent 27/09/24.

Year 3

York Youth Orchestra Christmas Rehearsal and Concert at Millthorpe School - Please see email sent 09/10/24. The rehearsal is on Wed 11/12/24, 6:45pm to 7:30pm and the concert is on 14/12/24, 3:00 pm. Please sign your child up to attend on ParentPay by **Monday 21/10/24**.

Swimming - Please see the email sent 03/09/24. The voluntary contribution is live on ParentPay.

Year 4

Robin Hood's Bay Parent Meeting on Thursday 17/10/24, 3.30-4pm - Please see email sent 13/09/24.

Year 5

Carlton Lodge - Please see email sent 08/10/24. The ParentPay item is now live on ParentPay. The deposit is due by 07/11/24.

Year 6

Barcelona 2025 - The payment plan is live on ParentPay. Please bring your child's passport into the school office so we can take a copy **before Friday 18/10/24**.

School House

Forest School trip to St Nick's on 17/10/24 - This is for a small number of School House children. Parents of children attending have been given information by email on 08/10/24.

Trip to York Buddhist Centre on 11/11/24 - Please see email sent 08/10/24. Please give consent and make payment by **14/10/24**. This trip is from 10am-11.30am and the children will return to school for normal lunchtime. Please ensure your child has appropriate clothing for the weather e.g. coat if it is raining or cold...or both!

Other

Parents Evening, 12/11/24, 4pm to 7.30pm and 13/11/24, 3.30pm to 5.30pm - Please see email sent 27/09/24. The booking system is now open and will close on 11/11/24 at 11.55pm. Please use the link below to make an appointment:
<https://parents-booking.co.uk/knavesmire>

York Annual Community Carol Concert, York Barbican, Sunday 15/12/24. - Please see email sent 25/09/24. If your child would like to attend, **please complete the item on ParentPay by Thursday 03/10/24**. You will need to transport your child to and from the venue. Full information with plans for the day will be sent in due course.

You do not have to attend the concert as a spectator however, if you would like to, parents are responsible for purchasing their own tickets and can do so at the link below:

<https://www.yorkbarbican.co.uk/whats-on/york-annual-community-carol-concert-2024/>

Young Voices Concert, Friday 10/01/24 - Please see email sent 13/09/24. The deadline to sign up has now passed and we have submitted our final numbers to Young Voices. We are therefore unable to accept any late requests to attend.

Parents are responsible for ordering a T-shirt for their child (if they wish) and for ordering any spectator tickets (children ed a ticket). Please use the link below to order tickets and t-shirts.

<https://yvmusicroom.com/auth/parent/register-referral?code=NDg0OS8xNzlxMTIz>

CLUBS

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. | 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 |

CLUB NEWS

Dance with Miss Caroline

Miss Caroline missed out the times for her after school clubs in her recent letter. To confirm, Tuesday, Years 2-6 finish at 4.10pm and Wednesday, Reception- Year 1 finish at 4pm.

Knavesmire Chess Club - FREE

Knavesmire Chess Club is open to all levels and is FREE. If you as a parent are interested and want to volunteer/learn please let me know using the form, you will need a valid DBS from the school to attend the sessions.

Tuesday sessions will be for Years 4, 5 and 6

Tuesday will run from 3:30 to 4:15 pm. Please fill in the Google form to request a place, there is a limit on the number of spaces.

<https://forms.gle/QzLnkWzypbaSMnLs5>

Thursday sessions will be for Years 2 and 3

Thursday will run from 3:30 to 4:00 pm. Please fill in the Google form to request a place, there is a limit on the number of spaces.

<https://forms.gle/s5EeJRfJneuobeNk6>

If you cannot make any of the sessions but want to attend another club see the links below:

<https://www.yorkchessclub.co.uk/> - Every Wednesday at Guppies (on Nunnery Lane)

York Explore library in town Sundays 2-3 pm during term time

Once you have completed the form I will email all parents more details.

If you have any questions please let me know by email to shroud.king@gmail.com or ask me in the playground. Ask around for Larry.

MUSIC IN SCHOOL



Peripatetic Music Lessons in School

The following music lessons are run in school by peripatetic teachers. Please contact them directly for more information.

| 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 | Andy Hillier | https://yorkmusiced.org.uk/index.php/what-we-do/york-music-centre/enrolment-form |

MUSIC NEWS

School Band, CHANGE TO REHEARSAL TIME - Please see email sent today 04/10/24. The School Band will now practice in the Music Room on Tuesday and Friday lunchtimes.

KEY DATES



| YEAR | DATE(S) | ACTIVITY |
|-------------------------|---|--|
| Nursery | 10/12/24 | 9.30am - 10.15am Christmas Songs |
| Reception | 24/10/24 12/12/24 13/12/24 | 2.55pm - 3.13pm Open Classroom 2pm - 2.45pm Reception Christmas Performance 10am - 10.45am Reception Christmas Performance |
| Year 1 | 14/10/24 10/12/24 11/12/24 | Trip to Askham Bryan College 1.45pm - 2.30pm KS1 Christmas Performance 9.45am - 10.30am KS1 Christmas Performance |
| Year 2 | 10/12/24 11/12/24 | 1.45pm - 2.30pm KS1 Christmas Performance 9.45am - 10.30am KS1 Christmas Performance |
| Year 3 | 15/10/24 21/10/24 11/12/24 14/12/24 | Mad Hatter's Tea Party 2:45pm Film afternoon 'Alice In Wonderland' - bring a blanket/cushion from home 6.45 - 7pm York Youth Orchestra Christmas Rehearsal @ Millthorpe 3pm - York Youth Orchestra Christmas Concert @ Millthorpe |
| Year 4 | 02/04/25 03/04/25 03/04/25 02/06/25 - 13/06/25 13/06/25 18/06/25 - 19/06/25 19/06/25 - 20/06/25 | Play performance 5:30 - 6:30 Play performance 1:30 - 2:20 Play performance 5:30 - 6:20 Multiplication Check TT Rockstar Dress Up Day Robin Hood's Bay Residential- Class tbc Robin Hood's Bay Residential - Class tbc |
| Year 5 | 17/10/24 21/05/25 - 23/05/25 | Space Exhibition 2.30-3.15pm Carlton Lodge Residential |
| Year 6 | 10/03/25 - 14/03/24 | Barcelona Trip |
| The School House | Thursday (weekly this half term) 17/10/24 11/11/24 13/11/24 | For Y6 & Y1 children who attend the school house, we have a weekly forest school session with Mrs Banham. This is the first lesson of the day. If you would like your child to have a change of shoes for this, please feel free to send them in. Forest School trip to St Nick's Nature Reserve with Mrs Banham (1st lesson) Trip to York's Buddhist Centre (Walmgate) Parents' Evening with Miss Smith & Miss Gilligan |
| Other | 23/10/2024 & 12/11/2024 24/10/24 12/11/24 13/11/24 28/11/24 15/12/24 16/12/24 18/12/24 19/12/24 10/01/25 | Flu vaccinations for Reception - Y6 Pumpkin Festival - in & after school - details here dress up/non-uniform Parents Evening 4pm - 7.30pm Parents Evening 3.30pm - 5.30pm 3.25-3.40 KS1 Choir Carols in the playground KS2 Choir, York Annual Community Carol Concert, York Barbican. 3.30 KS2 Choir Carols in the playground Christmas Concert at St Chads - Reception, Year 2, Year 4, Year 6 Christmas Concert at St Chads - Year 1, Year 3, Year 5, Year 6 Young Voices Concert |

FRIENDS OF KNAVESMIRE UPDATE

This weeks Friends' contribution...

Depending on when you're reading this newsletter it is/was our AGM and more importantly our welcome meeting today. We hope a lot of you can make/made it so that we can look forward to more help over the coming months - the busiest for both the school and the Friends in fundraising terms ...

And of course the first big event coming up will be the Pumpkin Festival on Friday the 24th October. There are only two more weeks to go and you should have received a reminder this week in your WhatsApp year groups summarising again how you can get involved. You can bake, donate and/or of course volunteer. As every year it'll also be a non-uniform day to which your child can either come in regular clothes or get dressed up - however they feel comfortable. For that occasion it'd be great if you can donate £1. You'll be able to do that either via ParentPay, a QR code (which you should be able to find on the reminder that was sent out or just on the right, here) or pay in cash on the day. We would really appreciate it.

Secondly, don't forget to get signed up for ParentPay if you haven't already done so in order to be able to take part in this year's Secret Santa. (More detailed information regarding dates and signing up will be sent out after half-term.)

Have a good weekend everyone.



Friends of Knavesmire Primary School

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COOL KIDS CLUB UPDATE

Booking Sessions for KCKC

To start making bookings, simply:

1. Click here to access the online booking system (or visit <https://knavesmire-primary.cbfs.uk>)
2. Register your online booking account (5 mins)
3. Use the 'Bookings' dropdown menu at the top of your Dashboard to begin requesting your sessions

Queries and system support

If you have any questions, or difficulties navigating the online booking system, please contact Childcare Bookings for Schools (our partner for any administration, booking and finance aspects of our wraparound care) directly:

T: 01444 523335

E: knavesmire@childcarebookingsforschools.co.uk

Their office operates between 9am and 5pm, Monday to Friday, all year round (including the school holidays).

ALL bookings and changes to bookings, or payment queries, MUST be directed to Childcare Bookings for Schools directly. Neither the School Office nor KCKC staff will be able to assist with these queries.

If you do need to contact the KCKC staff for anything relating to the day-to-day club (a change to the person collecting, a personal note regarding a child on a specific day etc) then please use the contact details below:

T: 07871 272672

E: coolkidsclub@knavesmire.southbank.academy

Lots more information is available on the school website www.knavesmireprimary.co.uk/kckc



YEAR GROUP MESSAGES



NURSERY MESSAGES

We have had another fantastic week in Nursery thinking about where we live, what our houses look like and who lives in them! We have also been practicing our counting to 5 and showing this using our fingers.

As we begin to approach the end of this half term we will be looking at the seasonal changes we can see outdoors as we enter Autumn alongside some Halloween activities.

Please could we ask that all food items are kept in pack up bags only, rather than in school bags. We have noticed an increase in snacks in school bags which children are accessing independently throughout the day. We have snack time and lunch time timetabled into our daily routine which is appropriately staffed to ensure this is carried out safely to remove any potential risks such as allergies and choking. If you have any questions or concerns please do contact us.

Have a lovely weekend.

The Nursery Team 😊

RECEPTION MESSAGES

Hello Reception!

What a wonderful week we've had! The children have been immersed in all things magical and this week after earning enough class stars to fill their jar they got a special treat...fairy cakes!

They had a fantastic time adding multi-coloured icing and various kinds of sprinkles to make the most beautiful creations. I hope they tasted as good as they looked!

The Romans have started to make their magical dragon eggs with lots of glitter and paint and the Vikings children have begun work on their amazing junk model dragon.

In maths we've been learning about patterns, carrying patterns on and creating their own.

In handwriting we are working really hard on establishing strong pincer grips and the children have been practicing 'g' every day. In phonics we have focused on h, b, l and f and have begun our group reading sessions.

We would like to extend an invitation to parents to come and look at the work the children have been doing after school on the last day before half term (Thursday the 24th) from 2.55-3.15. The children can show off their work and also show you around their classrooms!

We hope you have a wonderful weekend, Miss Copping, Miss Coulson and the Reception Team 😊

YEAR 1 MESSAGES

This week, we have had a wonderful time in our Big Idea lessons learning more about how animals move and how their structure helps them. We have looked at the way birds move and the children carefully observed bird feathers using magnifying glasses.

In English, we composed simple sentences to describe how birds move and how they use their wings. In maths, we have been learning how to find 'one less' of numbers. Next week, we are going to be learning about animal classifications on our trip to Askham Bryan (please remember children need a pack up and a warm coat)!

We hope you have a lovely weekend.

The Year One team.

YEAR GROUP MESSAGES



YEAR 2 MESSAGES

Year 2 have had another great week! This week, we have been working hard to use our fingers and arrays to solve multiplication questions in maths. Next week, we will be moving on to division facts and people method. In English, we have been continuing to learn all about features of non-chronological reports in preparation for writing our own fact poster!

In Big Idea, the children have been learning about the Gunpowder Plot, why it happened and why we celebrate Bonfire Night. We even had our own debate as if we were in Parliament ourselves! The children have also enjoyed a Black History Boogie as well as activities for World Mental Health Day.

As we mentioned in last week's newsletter, we would be grateful if children could bring in a small lidded jar for a science experiment next week. Please could these jars be brought in to school by Monday 14th October.

We hope you have a lovely weekend!

The Year 2 Team

YEAR 3 MESSAGES

Year 3 have had a wonderful week! In Big Idea, the children have designed their savoury and sweet treats, to be served at their Mad Hatter's Tea Party on Tuesday 15th October, and decorated bunting which will be displayed at the tea party. In Writing, the children have learned how to use a dictionary and used it to correct spelling mistakes in their drafted pieces of writing as well as publish their finished informal, persuasive letters to their chosen guests. The children's guests should receive their handwritten informal, persuasive letters over the weekend - fingers crossed! In Maths, the children have continued with adding numbers using the column method, applied their problem solving and reasoning skills and subtracted using a number line. As part of Black History Month, the children took part in a baseball game, created an abstract piece of artwork inspired by the work of Alma Thomas and enjoyed a boogie. To celebrate Jackie Robinson, who was the first black baseball player to play in the American Baseball league, the children played their own baseball game. Additionally, we looked at a range of black music artists and had a boogie to some of their songs! We hope you've enjoyed seeing what the children have been upto on X (formerly known as Twitter) and Instagram.

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 3 Team.

We hope you have a super weekend! The Year 3 Team.

YEAR 4 MESSAGES

In English this week, we have presented opposing views to the question: Should Charlie steal an everlasting gobstopper from Willy Wonka? Here's a snippet from one of this week's star writers:

If Charlie steals the everlasting gobstopper, he could ruin the innocent Mr Wonka's business and show a blatant lack of respect for the law; stealing is illegal. Slugworth is, after all, a stranger, so he might not be telling the truth. Charlie will upset Wonka and he should put him first. Charlie doesn't know if the money is real or fake, even though he would be in the wrong. Furthermore, he could get lost in the factory, searching.

Maths has been focused on defining and calculating area, as well as using 'maths talk' to provide agreed answers to reasoning problems.

Forest School saw us using keys to identify different types of leaves, as well as baking bread around the fire.

Maps were the focus of Friday's Big Idea. We carried out fieldwork on the local area, before creating sketch maps.

Have a good weekend, the Year 4 Team

YEAR GROUP MESSAGES



YEAR 5 MESSAGES

Year 5 have had another fantastic week completing our final preparations ahead of our Space Exhibition on Thursday 17th 2:30-3:15. We have created quizzes on Kahoot all about black holes and galaxies and also painted our clay aliens which we sculpted last week.

In writing, we have worked extremely hard to write a set of instructions on how to survive on our imagined planet and we are looking forward to publishing these next week.

In maths, we have developed our understanding on multiples, common multiples and factors. Next week, we will be learning about common factors, prime numbers and square numbers.

Thank you to all the parents and carers who came to our talk about Carlton Lodge on Monday - the information about this is now uploaded onto the school website for you to refer back to if needed.

Have an incredible weekend,

The Year 5 Team.

YEAR 6 MESSAGES

Year 6 have had an extremely busy week this week. In English, the children have been working hard writing and editing their paragraphs for their Jorvik non-chronological reports. In Maths, we've been busy investigating fractions! The children have been practicing how to divide, multiply, add, and subtract fractions, sharpening their skills with lots of problem-solving activities.

As part of our Black History Month celebrations, we've explored important moments and figures in black history. The children have enjoyed learning about Alma Thomas' life and her contribution to the art world. They even created some beautiful collages inspired by her unique style. We also had a fun and energetic time playing baseball together after being inspired by Jackie Robinson.

We hope you all have a lovely weekend!

Best wishes,

The Year 6 Team

(For those of you who attended the Millthorpe School Open Evening there is a chance to leave feedback [below](#))

THE SCHOOL HOUSE MESSAGES

The School House has been brilliantly busy this week as the children have started to plan for their end goal- 'To design and make a miniature tree house'. The children have really enjoyed being creative and using their imaginations to envision their magical worlds. Next week, the children will start to make their tree houses, using wood they cut themselves in forest school. We will provide a range of materials to create the tree houses however if your child has a specific material/item they would like to include, they are welcome to bring this into school.

Next week, the children will also be busy writing their own chapters of the Magic Faraway Tree! They have created worlds such as: Land of the North Pole and Land of Chocolate! We are really looking forward to reading their final drafts!

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

We hope you have a fabulous weekend,
The School House Team

COMMUNITY MESSAGES

A message for parents who attended the Millthorpe School Open Evening

It was wonderful to see so many families at our (Millthorpe's) Y5/Y6 Open Evening on 2nd October 2024.

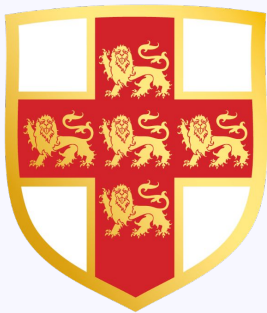
We would really value your feedback about your experiences that evening so that we can share this with staff and continue to improve for next year.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1gtmvhtLrq-1qmQWgzQhS_PajfGGBLfvnOeZCLsKUO_4/edit

We hope to see you during the Transition Programme.

Best wishes,

The Y6 Transition Team.



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COMMUNITY MESSAGES

A research team at the University of York is looking into mental health service provision for parents and caregivers of children with SEND living in and around York.

We know that raising a child or children with SEND can be challenging and are interested in learning about the experiences of mental health support that parents and caregivers of children with SEND have had.

We have devised an initial survey to get an idea of parents'/caregivers' awareness and use of mental health services in the York area. We would like this survey to be filled out by as many parents of children with SEND as possible so that we can get a true picture of how services are being used and how parents/caregivers feel they could be improved.


There will also be an opportunity to register interest for follow-up interviews at the end of the questionnaire. Interview participants will receive a £20 Amazon voucher as a thank you for their time.


https://york.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8wYIjYrdhBad8c6

If you would like more information on this project or on circulating the survey, please don't hesitate to get in touch by responding to this email.

Many thanks,

Astrid Bowen
Associate Researcher
University of York




 UNIVERSITY of York



Are you a parent/caregiver of a child or children with SEND?
Do you live in York or the surrounding areas?

Researchers at the University of York in partnership with Mentally Fit York would like to hear from you about **your experiences of mental health support services** in and around York.

We have created an **anonymous survey** to gather your views. This survey should take 15-30 minutes to complete.

At the end of the survey, you will also have the opportunity to register your interest to take part in a follow-up interview. Interview participants will receive a £20 Amazon voucher as a thank you.

 **Survey Link (Web)**

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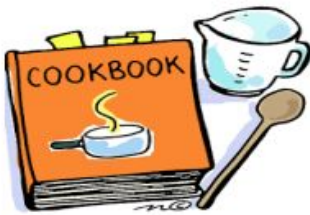
Thanks in advance for your time, and we look forward to hearing from you!

Need more information?
Please contact either: Laura Fox (Project Lead) laura.fox@york.ac.uk
or Astrid Bowen (Research Associate) astrid.bowen@york.ac.uk

COMMUNITY MESSAGES



Are You a Little Chef?



CLARE'S KITCHEN

After-school baking club - Year groups 1-6

Clare's Kitchen's new 'Baking Club' will begin on **Friday 13th** and run weekly after school till 5.30pm.

Fees are £12.50 per session payable upfront.

Contact Clare to sign up:

clareskitchen@yahoo.co.uk

"Supporting children to reach their full potential in life"



CIRCUS SKILLS CLUB

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

Autumn Term (7 sessions per half-term) Friday lunchtime for Reception to Year 6, £6/session + bursaries for low income families

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

Dates: 13th September - 25th October
8th November - 13th December

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

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See full timetable on our website!



DANCE AND PERFORMING ARTS CLASSES!

SPECIAL OFFER FOR KNAVESMIRE STUDENTS - TWO WEEKS' FREE TRIAL IN ALL LESSONS!!!

BALLET - TAP - JAZZ - CONTEMPORARY - FREESTYLE - STREETDANCE - MUSICAL THEATRE - ACRO

QUALIFIED IDTA TEACHERS - PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITIES - GRADES AND MEDALS - FOR AGES 4+ - ALL CHILDREN WELCOME.

Derwent Danceworks derwentdanceworks@hotmail.com
DERWENTDANCE.CO.UK **IDTA**



dancewithmisscaroline@outlook.com

07540606684

RE: Lunch and After School clubs

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are so pleased to be back at Knavesmire Primary School again this year, this term we can offer a number of lunch and after school clubs for all students. The clubs run for the whole term September to December (13 weeks). Payment **must** be made before starting the club, these clubs **CANNOT** be paid by PARENTPAY.

Lunch Clubs

KS1 12pm – 12.30pm, **KS2** 12.30pm – 1pm

Tuesdays – Drama Club (Miss Caroline) 10/09 – 10/12

Wednesdays – Cheerleading (Miss Chloe) 11/09 – 11/12

Thursdays – Street/Commercial Dance (Miss Chloe) 12/09 – 12/12

After School Clubs

Tuesdays- Y2-6 Ballet Club (Miss Caroline) 10/09 – 10/12

Wednesdays – Reception & Year 1 Ballet Club (Miss Caroline) 11/09 – 11/12

Prices

Due to increases in costs the price of the clubs has risen slightly, the prices are as follows

Lunch Club £3.50 per week - £45.50

After School Club £5 per week - £65

To sign up for any of the clubs please email by Friday 6th September at 5pm

dancewithmisscaroline@outlook.com

Many Thanks,
Miss Caroline

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AUTUMN 1 SCHOOL SPORTS CLUBS

| Day | Time | Sport | For | Cost |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|-----------|----------------|-------------|
| Monday After School | 3.25pm – 4.25pm | Dodgeball | Years 3 - 6 | £6 per week |

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



AUTUMN HALF TERM 2024 MULTI-SPORT CLUBS

MONDAY 28TH OCTOBER - FRIDAY 1ST NOVEMBER

ACOMB PRIMARY SCHOOL!

**CHILDREN AGES 5-12 (YR1 - YR7)
FROM ALL SCHOOLS WELCOME!!**

£30 PER DAY

CHILD CARE VOUCHERS ACCEPTED!

8.30AM - 4.30PM

10% OFF EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT

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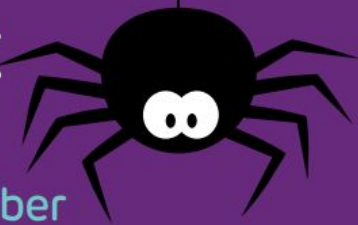
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25% SIBLING DISCOUNT





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Halloween

at the
Skylark Centre



30 & 31 October
10am -3pm (Last entry 2:30pm)

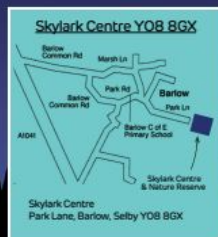
-  Incy Wincy Spider
-  Craft activities
-  Woodland trails
-  STEM challenge



Fancy dress and wellies encouraged



FREE
Book here



PLAYERS WANTED!



HUNTINGTON ROVERS U11S BLACKS

JOIN OUR U11 FOOTBALL TEAM

If your child is currently in year 6 and would like to be part of a welcoming, supportive local football team, please contact us on the details below.

Adam Keady: 07852 911244

adamkeady@paye.net

www.huntingtonroversfc.co.uk



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How Children Learn Maths

A practical 10 week course for parents and carers to show how children are taught Maths in Primary Schools. You will learn how teaching progresses from Reception through to Year 6.

You will share ideas and fun activities that will help you support your child's learning at home.

Tuesday mornings 9.30 - 11.30, 24 Sept - 4 Dec

St Nicholas Church Hall, Wigginton

Thursday mornings 9.30 - 11.30, 26 Sept - 6 Dec

Acomb Explore Library, Front Street

Thursday afternoons 12.45 - 2.45, 26 Sept - 6 Dec

St Aelred's Community Centre, Fifth Avenue

Monday evenings online 7.30 - 9.00, 23 Sept - 3 Dec

You can do a Maths qualification in the follow on course.

For more information call 01904 554277

email york.learning@york.gov.uk or

visit www.yorklearning.org.uk



Autism Support for Parents from the Specialist Teaching Team for Autism

Wednesdays Autumn 2024



Fortnightly **Topic Talks** Wednesdays in Autumn Term 2024:

Early Years 18.9.24 - 10-11a.m. online & 1.30-2.30 p.m. in person

Masking 2.10.24 - 10-11a.m. online & 1.30-2.30 p.m. in person

5-Point Scale 16.10.24 - 10-11a.m. online & 1.30-2.30 p.m. in person

Autism and Adolescence 6.11.24 - 10-11a.m. online & 1.30-2.30 p.m. in person

Comic Strip Conversations 20.11.24-10-11a.m. online & 1.30-2.30 p.m. in person

Coping with Christmas 4.12.24- 10-11a.m. online & 1.30-2.30 p.m. in person

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.

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

Wednesday **11th September** 9 a.m. -12 noon & 1.30 - 2.30 p.m.

Wednesday **25th September** 9 a.m. -12 noon & 1.30 - 2.30 p.m.

Wednesday **9th October** 9 a.m. -12 noon & 1.30 - 2.30 p.m.

Wednesday **23rd October** 9 a.m. -12 noon & 1.30 - 2.30 p.m.

Wednesday **13th November** 9 a.m. -12 noon & 1.30 - 2.30 p.m.

Wednesday **27th November** 9 a.m. -12 noon & 1.30 - 2.30 p.m.

Wednesday **11th December** 9 a.m. -12 noon & 1.30 - 2.30 p.m.

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.

COMMUNITY MESSAGES

<https://www.parentcarerforumyork.org> October 10th 2024

 **NEWS LETTER**
connect@pcforyork.co.uk

Listening Event
Maxine Squire,
Assistant Director of
Education and Skills

Meet Maxine at this online Listening Event on **Wednesday 23rd October at 6:30 online.**
Hear about council changes and an open question and answer session.
Email connect@pcforyork.co.uk for a joining link



**Coffee Morning**
Come Join us for a peer support coffee morning. All welcome. The first drink is on us.

This informal meet up is a great way to share your experiences and get tips from others like you
Thursday 17th October, 10:30
Acomb Library, Front Street

Have you looked at our newly refreshed website ?
Visit <https://www.parentcarerforumyork.org>.

Next Edition October 24th 10th October 2024

 **NEWS LETTER**

Support for Young people and Mental Health
Drop In 4-7pm on Monday and Thursday evenings. Anyone aged 14-21yrs (25 SEND) are free to come to the drop-in to access support or simply access a safe place. There is NO REFERRAL required young people can simply turn up. They can also access sexual health advice and substance misuse advice and support from YorSexual Health and Change, Grow, Live who are present at the drop in on a regular basis. All details can be found on the Yormind website
<https://www.yormind.org.uk/>

Expressive Minds is a brand new group support project for young people aged 11-18. This is now open to referrals and young people can self-refer or parents/carers/other professionals can make a referral on their behalf. The first group will begin in November and referrals are now open via this link
<https://www.yormind.org.uk/mental-health-services/expressive-minds/>




 **DAISY CHAIN**
Autism & Neurodiversity
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Free Workshops with Daisy Chain AVAILABLE NOW
Eventbrite bookings now open
24th October 24 10:00 am - 12:00 noon
Folk Hall, New Earswick
Understanding sensory processing differences
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/understanding-sensory-processing-differences-tickets-1026735685627>



Next edition 24th October 10th October 2024

Meet Hannah and Jodie from **Accessible Arts and Media**, on a musical adventure of bits and bobs. What will we get up to? You decide! There'll be games a plenty, grooving along to your favourite tunes and exploring different instruments. We'll craft our own instruments, maybe create our own soundscape and finally we'll float away with some sensory bits and bobs.

All our IMPs holiday clubs are fully inclusive and you don't need any musical experience to take part.
When: **Wednesday 30th October**
Time: **1.30-3.30pm**

Who for? For ages 9+ for those with a disability and their siblings and friends who don't have a disability.
Where? **Clifton Explore**, Rawcliffe Drive, YO30 6NS

Clifton Explore is a fully accessible building; There is also a cafe and library for you to hang out in before, or after the session.
Cost: £12, payable on the day, cash or card. We don't want the cost to be a barrier, so please ask about sibling discounts or subsidies.
How to book:
Use the online form: <https://forms.office.com/r/c0LAQkAqEg>
Email: imps@aamedia.org.uk
Phone or text: 07547 288786



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