

Knavesmire Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 18th October 2024

Mr Cooper and Mr Gardiner's Message

Dear Parents/ Carers/ Families,

Good afternoon and happy friday!

What a fantastic week we have had, including the highlights of some year groups celebrating the Guiding Purpose of their Big Idea: a Mad Hatter's Tea Party in Year 3, a Space Exhibition in Year 5 and Year 4 bringing Magic to Knavesmire in full force!

Thank you for your enthusiasm, support and interest in all of these. They provide the focus and purpose our curriculum is based upon and are fundamental in our children's school experience being engaging, exciting and enriching

Don't forget next Friday is a Training Day so the last day of term is Thursday 24th October and we will be back, after half-term, on Monday 4th November.

Have a lovely 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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*** NEW SCHOOL EMAIL ADDRESS ***

The school email has changed to
admin@knavesmire.elc.org.uk
Please delete any other email addresses which you
may hold for the school



Pumpkin Festival



Also don't forget that the day will be a **spooky dress up/non-uniform day** and it'd be great if you can pay a £1 voluntary donation either via ParentPay or using the QR code on the right, or of course paying cash on the day.

More information about pumpkin carving and other fun on the Friends of Knavesmire page [below](#)



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.

WHOLE SCHOOL INFORMATION



SCHOOL LIBRARY

As the half term comes to an end it has been brilliant to see so many children and parents using the school library this year!

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



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

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.

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

'Tis the season for discarding unnamed warm stuff. We have set up a box for lost hats, gloves and scarves in the gazebo on the playground.

Named clothing, if found, will be sent to class. Unnamed clothing will be donated or recycled if an owner can't be found.

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

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

Little Sips BIG ADVENTURES

Dear parent/guardian,

As you may be aware your child's school has a milk scheme, administered by Cool Milk. Midmorning milk provides a much-needed nutritional boost and keeps children hydrated between breakfast and lunch. Children receive free milk until the age of 5. After that, they can continue to reap the benefits of fresh mid-morning milk at a subsidised* cost.

If you'd like to opt in and have not already done so, simply register your child at www.coolmilk.com/register Your child(ren) will continue to receive free milk whilst under the age of 5 and Cool Milk will get in touch with further information by email shortly before their 5th birthday.

For children who are already over 5, it's not too late – our scheme is flexible! As well as being able to register and make payment straight away, you can join and cancel the scheme at any time. We offer yearly, termly and half termly payment periods and a recurring payment option to give you one less thing to remember. If you already have an online Cool Milk account for a sibling, you can manage your account, make payment and add extra children by logging in at www.coolmilk.com/parents

Should you have any questions or need any help, send us a message at www.coolmilk.com/contact or give us a call on the number listed below – we're here to help!

Cool Milk

☎: 0800 321 3248

🌐: www.coolmilk.com



SCAN TO REGISTER

*Milk for under-5s is fully funded by DHSC via the Nursery Milk Scheme. Milk for over-5s is subsidised by Defra via the School Milk Scheme.

WHOLE SCHOOL INFORMATION



THE COFFEE CART IS BACK!

I am pleased to share the news that the Coffee Cart is back in the playground in the mornings. 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.



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CLOTHES LABELS

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

Our Fundraising
Number Is: 11349

BBC Children in Need

Watch this space for fundraising events and ways to donate!

BBC Children in Need believes that every child should have the chance to thrive and be the best they can be.

For this to happen, we want every child to have someone they can turn to for help or support to overcome challenges they face...



- **Someone able to give...** food clothes and bags to a child without
- **Someone qualified to talk...** to a child who is anxious, isolated or grieving
- **Someone trained...** to mentor teenagers in communities facing inequality, violence or lack of opportunity
- **Someone to be there** for children living with illness, disability or carrying a load that's just too heavy to manage alone

Friday 15th November



Together, we can
MAKE A DIFFERENCE

TRIPS, ACTIVITIES AND PERFORMANCES

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

Merchant Adventurers' Hall, 03/12/24 - Please see email sent today (18/10/24). Please complete the item on ParentPay by **05/11/24**.

Robin Hood's Bay - Please see email sent today (18/10/24). The payment item is now live on ParentPay. The deposit is due by **04/11/2024**.

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.

Choir Members sing in St Helen's Square, 23/11/24 - Please see email sent to Y6 choir members today (18/10/24). Please complete the ParentPay item by **Wednesday 23/10/24**

School House

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: clare@clares-kitchen.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

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

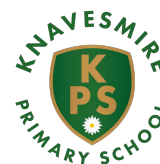
The following music lessons are run in school by peripatetic teachers. Please contact them directly for more information.

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	2.45pm - 3.10pm Open Classroom 2pm - 2.45pm Reception Christmas Performance 10am - 10.45am Reception Christmas Performance
Year 1	10/12/24 11/12/24	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	21/10/24 11/12/24 14/12/24	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	21/05/25 - 23/05/25	Carlton Lodge Residential
Year 6	31/10/24 10/03/25 - 14/03/25	Deadline for Secondary School Applications - info below Barcelona Trip
The School House	Thursday (weekly this half term) 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. Trip to York's Buddhist Centre (Walmgate) Parents' Evening with Miss Smith & Miss Gilligan
Other	23/10/24 24/10/24 12/11/24 12/11/24 13/11/24 15/11/24 23/11/24 28/11/24 15/12/24 16/12/24 18/12/24 19/12/24 10/01/25	Flu vaccinations for Reception, Y1, Y3, Y5 Pumpkin Festival - in & after school - details here dress up/non-uniform Flu Vaccinations Y2, Y4, Y6 Parents Evening 4pm - 7.30pm Parents Evening 3.30pm - 5.30pm BBC Children In Need - info to follow ELT choir carol singing at St Helens Square 10am - Y6 choir members 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 2pm. Christmas Concert at St Chads - Reception, Year 2, Year 4, Year 6 2pm. Christmas Concert at St Chads - Year 1, Year 3, Year 5, Year 6 Young Voices Concert

FRIENDS OF KNAVESMIRE UPDATE

This weeks Friends' contribution...

This week, we had to lick our wounds a bit after reeling from the fact that sadly only one parent joined our welcome meeting last week. We were therefore especially grateful to her and of course, all the teachers who showed up. We really appreciated it. But more importantly, we sincerely hope that over the coming weeks, which will be the main season for the Friends' fundraising and hence during which help will be very crucial, we'll find some more helpers. Volunteering is really important as the very few that we are, are in desperate need of your support.

This is also bringing us to next week's first big event of the year: the Pumpkin Festival! Yay!!! We're still in need of some helpers so if you can then please let us know and either write to knavesmirefriends@gmail.com or sign the volunteer list at the front office desk. Otherwise we hope you're looking forward to it as much as we are and please keep all your fingers crossed that the weather will play ball so that we can have the fun in the playground as planned. Naturally this would give us all more space and make it so much more enjoyable. So get your pumpkins ready, get designing, carving and baking. We can't wait to see all your creations in whatever shape or form they will be :)

Also don't forget that the day will be a non-uniform day and it'd be great if you can pay a £1 voluntary donation either via ParentPay or using the QR code that was provided to you last week (and you can find on the right as well) or of course paying cash on the day.

Lastly, we wanted to remind you that it'll be crucial to be signed up to ParentPay for everyone's favourite Secret Santa shop as we're going to be completely cash-free this year.

Have a good weekend everyone and see you hopefully in abundance at next week's Pumpkin Festival.



Friends of Knavesmire Primary School

Registered Charity N° 1050289

COOL KIDS CLUB UPDATE

PLEASE NOTE THAT OUR STAFF TRAINING DAYS ARE AVAILABLE TO BOOK THROUGH CHILDCARE BOOKINGS FOR SCHOOLS - THEY WILL BE FOUND UNDER 'HOLIDAY CAMP' ON YOUR BOOKING ACCOUNT

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 a spooky week in Nursery this week as the children are beginning to get excited about Halloween! We have been very busy creating skeleton pictures which has led to lots of discussion about our body parts. We have also made pumpkin patch paintings, spooky jelly and fruit smoothies!

This week our nursery rhyme has been '1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Once I Caught a Fish Alive'. The children have been working hard using their fingers to count to and represent the number 10.

As we head into the final week we will be producing some more spooky artwork as well as celebrating the end of our Big Idea by creating self-portrait pizzas!

We hope you have a lovely weekend and look forward to seeing you next week for the final 4 days of this half-term!

The Nursery Team

RECEPTION MESSAGES

We have had another great week in Reception.

In Big Idea, we have looked at the book 'The Dot' and created our own dots inspired by it as well as finishing off painting dragon eggs and we are making a giant junk model dragon.

We have loved dancing in PE and doing a Skeleton dance!

On Thursday next week from 2:45-3:10 you are invited in to see the children's magical creature art they have created as well as 'The Dot' art before the Pumpkin Fair.

Have a lovely Weekend!

YEAR 1 MESSAGES

Year One have had an exciting and fun-filled week. On Monday, we went to Askham Bryan Wildlife Park to learn about animal classification. It was lovely seeing lots of animals and we all enjoyed the workshop too! Thank you again to all the parent helpers who joined us on our trip - we hope you enjoyed it too. In English, we composed sentences for our animal fact boxes and then wrote them out using our best handwriting. In Maths, we have been comparing amounts using the language of greater, more, fewer and fewest. Next week, we will be making our fact boxes including the writing we have done and some art work.

This week, we also welcomed Miss Holland who will be completing her first and second PGCE school experience in Mrs Gage's class; she will be with us until just before Christmas and then again in the Spring term. As we have a training day next Friday, please make sure reading books are in school on Thursday 24th October, so we are able to change them before the half term break.

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

YEAR GROUP MESSAGES



YEAR 2 MESSAGES

Year 2 have had a fantastic week! We have continued our Big Idea and we performed a simple scientific test to investigate what would happen when we mixed water, oil and food colouring together. The result was that we created some awesome shooting colours that looked like fireworks in a jar! In addition, we created amazing firework pictures using pastels and enjoyed exploring lines, patterns and shapes. In English, we have planned our Halloween report by selecting exciting facts in preparation for writing our posters next week. In Maths, we have practised using arrays to answer multiplication questions and we have begun to look at division facts. Next week we will be looking at people method to answer division questions. As we are not in school next Friday, we will have our spelling quiz on Thursday next week instead.

We hope you have a lovely weekend!

The Year 2 Team

YEAR 3 MESSAGES

Year 3 have had a marvellous week - kick started by fulfilling their Guiding Purpose to host a Mad Hatter's tea party. We'd like to thank all of our guests, who attended the tea party, for coming to enjoy refreshments over good conversation on Monday afternoon. We hope you've enjoyed seeing the photos, from Monday afternoon, on Instagram!

In Maths, the children have been subtracting numbers using number lines and column subtraction. In Writing, the children looked at the indefinite articles (a and an) and used prepositions to describe nouns in relation to others. In PE, the children enjoyed learning how to play baseball, in celebration of Black History Month, against their peers.

If you have any questions or queries at all, please don't hesitate to speak to a member of the Year 3 Team. We hope you have a wonderful weekend!

The Year 3 Team.

YEAR 4 MESSAGES

And, just like that, Year 4 are York's Quidditch champions! What a wonderful time we had this week, training with York University's Quidditch Team Coach!

This was followed by our Harry Potter dress up day, which saw us perform Charms, make potion mocktails and share the excitement of Harry discovering Hogwarts.

In Maths, we've continued to develop our reasoning skills in problem solving, whilst in English, we have made a wonderful start on our independent discussion text, considering whether Harry and Ron should fly Mr Weasley's car to Hogwarts.

Have a lovely weekend, The Year 4 Team.

YEAR GROUP MESSAGES



YEAR 5 MESSAGES

Firstly, we would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who was able to make our Space exhibition on Thursday. All the children have worked so hard throughout the term and we thought they were excellent hosts at showing off all their incredible work which they have been completing throughout the term. Next week, we will be evaluating the Big Idea and starting to ask questions about our next Big Idea - World War 1. In writing, we have been working on grammar principles, specifically complex sentences and using commas correctly. This work on punctuation and commas will continue into next week. In maths, we have been learning about prime numbers and square numbers and next week we will be moving onto multiplying by 10, 100 & 1,000. Please note that next week we will be completing our spelling test on Thursday.

Have a lovely weekend,

The Year 5 Team.

YEAR 6 MESSAGES

We've had a busy week in Year 6! On Monday, we were visited by two incredible Vikings who gave us a glimpse into what life was like in Jorvik. The children were fascinated by their stories and learned so much about Viking history and culture. In English, we have been hard at work publishing our non-chronological reports on Jorvik, showcasing our research and writing skills. It's been great to see Year 6's creativity and attention to detail! In Maths, we've been focusing on percentages, and the children are making excellent progress with understanding how to calculate and apply percentages in different contexts. To finish off the week, we had an exciting netball tournament in PE. The children showed brilliant teamwork and sportsmanship, making it a fun and competitive event for everyone. As we have been doing some practice assessments this week and into next week, we will not be setting the children homework this week other than their reading homework.

Wishing you all a lovely and restful weekend!

The Year 6 Team

THE SCHOOL HOUSE MESSAGES

The School House has had a brilliant week! The children have been eagerly writing their own chapters of The Magic Faraway Tree and they have definitely been using their imaginations! They have written a mix of magical and spooky stories!

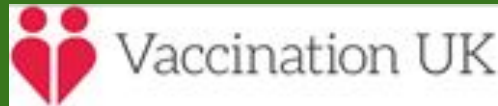
The main highlight of the week however has been making their own miniature tree house worlds! The children have used their designs to create their own play worlds and have been busy crafting, using a range of materials. We are really looking forward to showcasing these in the whole school assembly and then taking them home to play with!

Next week, the children will be spending time evaluating their miniature tree house worlds and also doing some halloween activities!

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

Have a wonderful weekend,
The School House Team

COMMUNITY MESSAGES



Vaccination UK is attending our school for flu vaccinations on the following dates:

Wednesday 23rd October 2024

Reception

Year 1

Year 3

Year 5

Tuesday 12th November 2024

Year 2

Year 4

Year 6

Any child scheduled to receive their vaccination on 23/10/24 who is unable to attend school on that day.

As a reminder:

For your child to receive their Nasal flu vaccination in school, please complete a **YES** consent form using the link below.

<https://ynv.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2024/northyorkshire>

If your child **cannot** have the Nasal spray, the injectable flu vaccine is available, and you will be able to choose that method on the consent form.

If you **DO NOT** wish for your child to have a flu vaccination, please complete a **NO** consent via the same link.

An NHS poster titled "flu: 5 reasons to vaccinate your child". The poster features a smiling young girl with curly hair in a red dress, with her arms raised. The text is in blue and black. The NHS logo is in the top right corner.

NHS

flu: 5 reasons to vaccinate your child

- 1. Protect your child**
The vaccine will help protect your child against flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia
- 2. Protect you, your family and friends**
Vaccinating your child will help protect more vulnerable friends and family
- 3. No injection needed**
The nasal spray is painless and easy to have
- 4. It's better than having flu**
The nasal spray helps protect against flu, has been given to millions of children worldwide and has an excellent safety record
- 5. Avoid costs**
If your child gets flu, you may have to take time off work or arrange alternative childcare

COMMUNITY MESSAGES

A reminder for Year 6 Parents/Carers...

The application deadline for Year 7 applications is approaching for those who have not yet applied.

Open Evenings have now finished and applications should be made online via ParentPortal by 31st October 2024. The link can be found at www.york.gov.uk/admissions

Mainstream applications should be made to the home Local Authority and applications can include up to 5 preference schools and we advise that the catchment school is included in the preferences.

If a child is moving to a private school, the Admissions Team must be told in writing at education@york.gov.uk confirming the child's details and which school they will be attending.

If there are any queries parents/carers can contact the Admissions Team at education@york.gov.uk or 01904 551554 option 2



Apply online

Secondary school admissions

Apply by:
31 October 2024

If your child was born between 01 September 2013 and 31 August 2014, apply online now for a Year 7 secondary school place in September 2025.

- Log onto: york.gov.uk/ParentPortal

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)**

Scan me with your phone!   Click me!

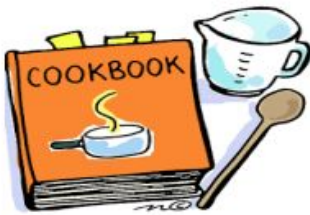
Thanks in advance for your time, and we look forward to hearing from you!

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!!!

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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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25% SIBLING DISCOUNT

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Halloween

at the
Skylark Centre



30 & 31 October

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

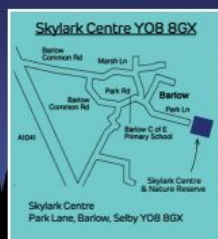
-  Incy Wincy Spider
-  Craft activities
-  Woodland trails
-  STEM challenge



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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Free Parenting Clinics

with
Anisa Lewis
Positive Parenting
www.anisalewis.com



November
7th @ 12.30pm
Behaviour

What is going on with your child's behaviour?

Do you often question why your child is behaving in a certain way? Why are they hitting/kicking/lashing out? Why do they always shout? Why won't they listen?

What is your approach to discipline like? Do you tend to react the same way each time?

Join Anisa (Parenting Coach) on the 7th November for her monthly Free Parenting Clinics, this talk is focused on behaviour and what we can do to support ourselves and our young people.

Join us on zoom, for the 30-minute talk.

Book here:

<https://anisalewis.as.me/theclinic>

or

email: hello@anisalewis.com for the booking link

(The clinic will be recorded and sent out to those who register to attend.)

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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

2023 WINNER
for the best charity
in the north

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-1026735605627>



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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