# Knavesmire Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Friday 14th February 2025

# Mr Cooper and Mr Gardiner's Message

Parents, Carers, Families,

Happy Friday and happy half term!

It's been a really busy but really good six weeks. Thanks for your hard work on attendance in what has been a grey and dark month or so - we're excited for some lighter nights and warmer weather soon.

This week has seen plenty of enriching opportunities with Reception visiting Lotherton Hall and Year 6 hosting a VE Day party to celebrate the end of their Big Idea. The Year 5 netball team represented the school well against Year 6s from Scarcroft and showed great fight to just come up short, while our Y6 hockey team are playing their first friendly this evening...good luck!

We hope the children have a great half term and that you are able to have valuable time with them.

See you on the 24th!

Mr Gardiner



#### **WELCOME TO OUR NEWSLETTER**

We hope that this School Newsletter format will prove helpful in better communicating information between school and home.

While ever evolving we will broadly including the following sections - please click on the links below to move directly to any section (direct links may not work on all devices):

- Whole School Information
- Trips, Activities and Performances
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- Cool Kids Club
- Year Group Messages
- Community Messages









Starting out as a night shelter, Centrepoint's work with young people has evolved beyond all recognition over the last 50 years.

In the centre of London's Soho in December 1969, the Revered Ken Leech opened a night shelter in the basement of his church to give homeless, young people a safe place to sleep. Our services are what make Centrepoint so special, we focus on giving young people not just a bed for a night but a home where they can reclaim their future with the support of our dedicated frontline workers.

Over the years we have grown, offering services around the country and developing truly innovative approaches to help young people. We work in partnership with other charities all over the UK, we learn from each other and we join forces to call for change. We know we can't end youth homelessness alone – it will take collaboration and systemic change but we believe we can do it and are committed to ending youth homelessness.

We started with one small shelter, now we support more than 2,000 young people every day through our floating support, rough sleeping and resettlement services but with almost 136,000 young people at risk of or experiencing homelessness last year – we're needed more than ever.

#### **ADAM'S FUNDRAISING RUN!**

To help combat old age and middle-age spread, I'm doing a fundraising half-marathon at the beginning of April. It's to raise money for a charity that my mum supported and felt strongly about.

If you'd like to support (no obligation), you can scan the QR code here.

Many thanks, Adam



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Adam Cooper

Adam's run for Centrepoint

Fundraising for Centrepoint

# TOGETHER WE CAN END YOUTH HOMELESSNESS





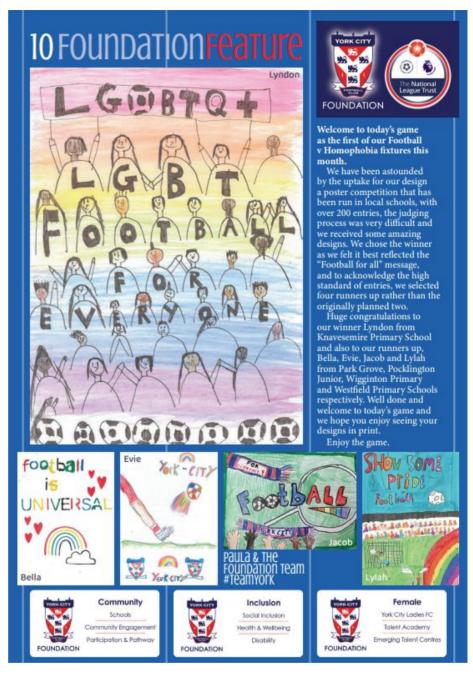
#### **COMPETITION WINNER!!!**

We are delighted to reveal some homegrown artistic talent.

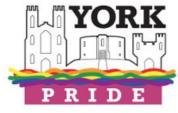
Lyndon, Year 5, has been announced the WINNER of York City Football Club Foundation's 'Football v Homophobia' competition!! The children were asked to design a poster that spreads the message that football is for everyone.

Lyndon's fantastic poster will feature in tomorrow's matchday programme, right.

We are immensely proud of all the entries from Knavesmire children, and a HUGE congratulations to Lyndon for the winning entry!!







York City FC Foundation Poster







#### **CONSENTS REVIEW 2025**

As per the ParentPay email earlier this week, we are revising the consents which we collect from parents/carers in relation to how we can use images of your children. We are also redefining how we approach Educational Visits and how we gain consent for Trips.

The consents and information on the attached form replace all previous consents and information on both use of images and trips.

#### WHAT DO WE NEED? A form submitting for EVERY child in Years 1-6.

This excludes Nursery and Reception, who are already using these consents. We also do not require a response if your child started at Knavesmire this academic year, as you are already using these consents too.

HOW MANY FORMS DO WE NEED SUBMITTING? We require one form per child so if you have more than one child at the school submit a form for each child.

WHEN DO WE NEED FORMS SUBMITTING BY? By Friday 14th February 2025, ahead of the February Half Term

WHEN WILL THESE RESPONSES TAKE EFFECT? The responses you provide will be updated on your children's records and will take effect from Summer Term 2025, AFTER the Easter Holidays.

Until this point we will continue to refer to your previously provided consents as necessary.

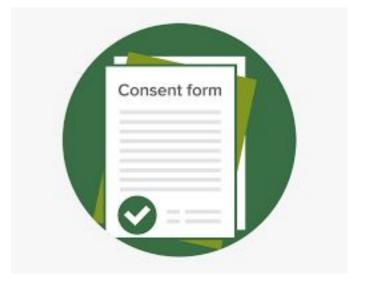
CAN I CHANGE MY RESPONSE TO ANY CONSENT AT A LATER DATE? Yes, just email the school office with your request.

#### CONSENTS REVIEW FORM - IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO PLEASE COMPLETE -

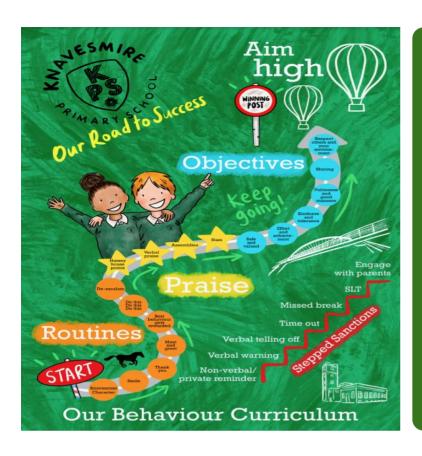
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We know some families who do not usually consent to photos/videos may wish to do so solely for residentials or special trips such as Robin Hood's Bay, Carlton Lodge, Barcelona. We will give you the opportunity to give consent for only these trips at the time.

If you have any queries please contact the School Office.







#### **BEHAVIOUR CURRICULUM**

We're really pleased to share our Behaviour Curriculum, which has been designed in partnership with local artist Ellie Lewis. This poster helps us to show our children what we are trying to achieve, how we should behave and treat each other and what we will do to get there. It isn't exhaustive and works alongside our Behaviour Policy. We wanted it to be child friendly and we have shared it with pupils across school already. It goes hand in hand with our Knavesmire Characteristics, the 50 things and our School Aims, which together complete our school's vision.

#### **MISSING SCOOTER**

Please keep your eyes peeled for a girls scooter very similar to the one pictured. It's been accidentally removed from the bike shed in the school playground. There should be a name sticker on the main centre pole near the bottom.

Please contact the office if you find it! Many thanks





#### FREE SCHOOL MEALS AND THE KNAVESMIRE OFFER

If your family qualifies for free school meals (aside from the universal free school meals for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) you will also qualify for The Knavesmire offer. This means, in addition to free school meals, families can be provided with:



- a school jumper <u>or</u> a school cardigan
- a school footwear voucher
- School milk
- one term free swimming travel costs
- two half-terms of free extra-curricular club participation
- free school trips
- negotiated costs for residential visits

Please come to the school office for a form so we can order your child's jumper/cardigan, shoe voucher and milk.

#### FREE SCHOOL MEALS ELIGIBILITY

Free School Meals are automatically applied to all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. This entitlement can be extended to children where families are in receipt of certain benefits and earnings do not exceed a threshold. These benefits include:

Universal Credit, Income Support, Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance, Child Tax Credit (but not Working Tax Credit)

North Yorkshire County Council have launched an online portal for free school meal applications that will give you an instant decision on whether your application is successful: <a href="https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/free-school-meals">https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/free-school-meals</a>

#### \*\*\* NEW SCHOOL EMAIL ADDRESS \*\*\*

The school email has changed to <a href="mailto:admin@knavesmire.elt.org.uk">admin@knavesmire.elt.org.uk</a>
Please delete any other email addresses which you may hold for the school

#### **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.



#### **SCHOOL LIBRARY**

Year 6 Library Assistants are now in the School Library 3.30 Mon-Thurs to help with all your borrowing needs.

The School Library is open for browsing every day from 3.15-3.30pm, and browsing, borrowing and reading from 3.30-4pm. It would be lovely to see you there!

Miss Smith



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#### **CLOTHES BANK**

Our fundraising and recycling clothes bank is situated at the entrance of the car park to the rear of the school. Please click on the following link to see Mrs Wogan-Wells from Y6 explain a little more about how it all works.

https://online.fundraiserecycleltd.co.uk/bank?bankld=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 <a href="www.coolmilk.com/register">www.coolmilk.com/register</a>

#### **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

YOUNG VOICES: A number of items of lost property have been found on the bus that was taken to Sheffield Arena. If anyone has lost something, please let us know so that we can try to reunite it.

The box for lost hats, gloves and scarves in the gazebo on the playground is overflowing... Please check it out for your missing items.

For valuables, please visit the Friends Of Knavesmire Facebook page and search #lostandfound https://www.facebook.com/share/g/19oEC5BBmk/?mibextid=K35XfP

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



# **NUT & SESAME FREE SCHOOL**



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

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

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







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PEANUT BUTTER







#### 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.





# **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

# TRIPS, ACTIVITIES AND PERFORMANCES

#### Whole School

<u>Parents Evening, 04/03/25 and 05/03/25</u> - See email sent 14/01/25. Appointments can be booked on our booking system at the link below. Booking is open and will close at 11.55pm on Monday 03/03/25. https://parents-booking.co.uk/knavesmire

#### Reception

<u>Lotherton Hall Trip</u>, 13/02/25 - See email sent 24/01/25. If you are willing to make a financial contribution, please do so using ParentPay by 28/02/25.

#### Year 1

<u>Harlow Carr Trip, 07/05/25</u> - See email sent 31/01/25. Please give consent and make payment on ParentPay by 06/03/25.

#### Year 2

<u>York Chocolate Story Trip 26/02/25</u> - See email sent 31/01/25. If you are willing to make a financial contribution, please do so using ParentPay by 03/03/25.

#### Year 3

**Swimming** - The voluntary contribution is live on ParentPay.

Eureka Trip 07/05/25 - See email sent today. Please give consent and make voluntary contribution by 10/03/25.

#### Year 4

<u>Robin Hood's Bay</u> - Please see email sent (18/10/24). The payment item is live on ParentPay. The next payment is due by **28/02/25**.

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# TRIPS, ACTIVITIES AND PERFORMANCES (Continued)

#### Year 5

<u>Dance Festival Performances</u>, 04/03/25 and 08/03/25 (optional) - Please see update email sent 29/01/25. All places for this event have now been filled.

<u>Bikeability</u> - See dates in key dates section. Reminders have sent out today (14/02/25) to people who have not responded. If you have not yet completed the online form, **please do so ASAP** as the deadline has now passed. Thank you to everyone who has completed the online form or emailed the school office.

<u>Carlton Lodge</u> - Please see email sent 08/10/24. The ParentPay item is live on ParentPay. The next payment is due by **28/02/25.** Information from the Parent meeting has been sent out by email and is also available on the Year 5 area of the website.

#### Year 6

#### Barcelona 2025

Payment - The next payment is due by 28/02/25.

**Passports and GHIC Cards** - Thank you to everyone who has brought their child's passport into the School Office. For those using their passports in the half term holidays, we look forward to receiving them after the holidays.

<u>Y6 Choir Members, York Community Choir Festival at Joseph Rowntree Theatre, Sat 08/03/25</u> Please see email sent 21/01/25. Y6 members of the choir have been invited to attend. Please sign up on ParentPay by 03/02/25.

#### **School House**

<u>Inclusive Cycling</u>. 24/02/25 - See email sent 14/01/25. Children should come to school in their school uniform. Children should wear trainers and bring a pack up for the trip. This trip has no impact on drop off or pick up times.

#### Other

<u>KS2 Choir</u> - See email sent 21/01/25. Choir is open to children in Years 3 to 6. If you missed the deadline to sign up, but your child is keen to attend, please email or ring the School Office and we will help where possible.



#### **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 <a href="https://forms.office.com/r/fhfW6GHqax">https://forms.office.com/r/fhfW6GHqax</a> or for more info, email Miss Caroline: <a href="mailto:dancewithmisscaroline@outlook.com">dancewithmisscaroline@outlook.com</a>
Circus Skills	Circus Stu runs a circus skills club for all school aged children. This takes place on a Friday lunchtime.	To sign up please email Stu:  stuart@circusskillsyorkcic.org or go to the website:  www.circusskillsyorkcic.org
Rocksteady	Rocksteady are in Knavesmire on a Wednesday in school hours. Children can choose from the electric guitar, keyboard, drums or vocals.	For more information and to sign up, go to Rocksteady's website:  www.rocksteadymusicschool.com
Clare's Kitchen	Clare runs sessions for all school aged children after school on a Monday and Friday. These sessions give children the opportunity to plan, prepare & cook their own nutritional meal, then dine together.	To sign up please email Clare: <u>clare@clares-kitchen.co.uk</u>
Chess Club	This club in run on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school for years 1,2 and 3. The clubs are run by Larry, a parent volunteer.	Please see details below with sign up information.

#### **CLUB NEWS**

#### **Knavesmire Chess Club - FREE**

Knavesmire Chess Club is open to all levels and it is FREE. If you as a parent are interested and want to volunteer or 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. <a href="https://forms.gle/bpGkdwkVuSgcE6fD7">https://forms.gle/bpGkdwkVuSgcE6fD7</a>

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. <a href="https://forms.gle/kRfsNU4RBSvELeGz7">https://forms.gle/kRfsNU4RBSvELeGz7</a>

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**



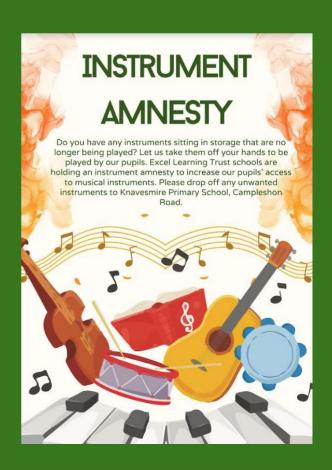
# **Peripatetic Music Lessons in School**

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**

Please check back for updates



# **KEY DATES**



YEAR	DATE(S)	ACTIVITY
Nursery		
Reception		
Year 1	07/05/25	Harlow Carr Trip
Year 2	26/02/25	Trip to York's Chocolate Story
Year 3	02/04/25 03/04/25 03/04/25 07/05/25	Play performance 5:30 - 6:30 Play performance 1:30 - 2:20 Play performance 5:30 - 6:20 Eureka Trip (Drop off at 8.30pm and pick up at 3.45pm)
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	04/03/25 08/03/25 18/03/25 19/03/25 25/03/25 26/03/25 21/05/25 - 23/05/25	School Sports Partnership Dance Festival at York High School (signed up children only) Everybody Dance Festival at York Theatre Royal (signed up children only) 5T Bikeability 5T Bikeability 5H Bikeability 5H Bikeability Carlton Lodge Residential
Year 6	24/04/25 - 28/02/25 08/03/25 10/03/25 - 14/03/25	El Cim School visiting York Community Choir Festival (Y6 signed up choir member only) Barcelona Trip
The School House	24/02/25	Inclusive Cycling, Railway Institute. Trainers and pack up needed.
Other	04/03/25 05/03/25	Parents Evening, 4pm - 7.30pm. Booking opens at 10am on Tues 21/01/25. Parents Evening, 3.30pm - 5.30pm. Booking opens at 10am on Tues 21/01/25.

# FRIENDS OF KNAVESMIRE UPDATE

Happy Valentine's Day to all the Knavesmire families!

This week we would just like to remind you that, should you have any costumes gathering dust at home because your children have outgrown them or they have become unloved for other reasons, then we would very much appreciate if you consider donating them to the school. We will be putting out our costume rack for World Book Day after half-term and would love some new additions.

Also, if anyone has a sturdy double clothes rail they can donate, our uniform rail collapsed this week and is on its last legs!

And then of course, don't forget that we are also looking for new volunteers - throughout the year but especially for our planned Easter Fair on 1 April. So please get in touch via knavesmirefriends@gmail.com.

Enjoy half-term and have a great break everyone.





#### **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

#### **February Half Term**

Spaces are still available for February Half Term,

#### **Easter Holidays**

Bookings will shortly be open for the Easter Holidays. We will be open as follows:-

Monday 7th April to Friday 11th April
Monday 14th April to Thursday 17th April

#### **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).

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

#### **CLUB INFORMATION**

#### **EMAIL ADDRESS**

New Email Address - our email has changed to coolkidsclub@knavesmire.elt.org.uk Please delete any other email addresses which you may have for KCKC.

#### **BREAKFAST CLUB**

We serve Breakfast between 7.45am and 8.30am. If you require your child/children to have breakfast, please ensure that they are at KCKC no later than 8.20am.

#### **BIKES**

Now that the evenings have drawn in, we advise Parents that bikes should be locked-up in the bike shed in the staff car park to the rear of school, so that they are easily accessible when collecting your child/children from KCKC in the evening.

#### **OUTSTANDING INVOICES**

We note that there are a large number of outstanding invoices on ParentPay from before the change over to the new booking and payment system. Please can all Parents check their ParentPay accounts and pay any outstanding balances. If you believe that you have already paid by vouchers please can you provide KCKC with all the relevant information regarding payment, including voucher type, amount paid and date of payment.



# FEBRUARY HALF TERM @ KCKC

Monday 17th to Friday 21st February 2025

Full Day = 7.45am = 6.00pm - £30.00 per child per session Half Day = 7.45am = 1.00pm or 1.00pm = 6.00pm = £20.00 per child per session Please do not attempt to drop your child off for an afternoon session before 1pm

We use an external provider to manage our bookings – Childcare Bookings for Schools. Please visit <a href="https://knavesmireprimary.co.uk/kckc/">https://knavesmireprimary.co.uk/kckc/</a> and following the instructions for booking spaces.

Monday 17th	Paper Plate Dinosaur	Stone Age Art	
Tuesday 18th February	Greek Mythology Paper Craft	Make your own Roman Pottery	
Wednesday 19th February	Anglo Saxon Brooch	Viking Longboat Paper Craft	
Thursday 20th Medieval Castle February Paper Craft		Wooden Knight and Peg Dragon	
Friday 21 <sup>r</sup> February	Victorian Illusion Toys	Dolly Peg Doll	

#### **HOLIDAY CLUB REMINDERS**

- · We ask that all children bring a named water bottle with them.
- A packed lunch and snacks are needed each day depending on sessions booked. We
  recommend a snack for both the morning and afternoon sessions and, lunch if
  attending in the morning (lunch is at 12.30pm). KCKC does not supply meals during
  holiday sessions. KCKC cannot heat up food. NO NUTS OR NUT PRODUCTS.
- Sensible shoes or trainers are to be worn. Children must have indoor shoes to change into if they wear wellies to walk to KCKC
- Scooters and bikes must be locked up outside in the bike sheds in the car park and NOT left in the corridor or in the cloakroom.
- · Children who require inhalers must bring them each day they are in.
- We ask that children do not bring their own toys as we cannot be held responsible for any loss or damage.



#### YEAR GROUP MESSAGES



#### **NURSERY MESSAGES**

We have had a lovely final week to the half term, finishing our Big Idea about 'People Who Help Us'. On Monday we had our final visitors, York Rescue Boat, who came in and shared their job with us as well as giving us lots of information about how to stay safe around water. The children have been very involved in their learning and asked lots of fantastic questions over the last 6 weeks.

We also visited Forest School on Tuesday this week. We learnt about the hedgehogs who are currently hibernating and then Mrs Banham found some that were awake! So we worked in teams to make them nests to sleep in, using resources from around the Forest School area.

After half term we will be focusing on the book 'Journey' for the first 2 weeks as part of a whole school focus in celebration of World Book Day. As part of this we will be carrying out an art project!

Have a wonderful half term and we look forward to seeing you in a weeks time

#### **RECEPTION MESSAGES**

Hello Reception!

What a wonderful half term we've had, topped off by a fantastic trip to Lotherton Hall yesterday. The children represented the school beautifully and made us all proud, the staff were in fact very impressed with their knowledge and brilliant questioning!

Thank you to all of the parents who gave up their day to come along too!
We hope you all have an amazing half term and we look forward to seeing you in a week

The Reception Team

#### YEAR 1 MESSAGES

This week, we identified what we liked about the toys we had made and shared these ideas with our friends. In English, we wrote sentences about different toys with wheels and how to make them move. In Maths, we have used part-whole models to help us with number bonds to 20. After half term, we will be working on a mini Big Idea about seasonal changes and exploring what happens during the different seasons.

Thank you to everyone who offered to help on our trip to Harlow Carr. We have pulled names out of a hat and have been in contact with those involved.

Please can we ask that all toys are left at home. This will help to prevent children losing toys and getting upset. We do not have show and tell in Year 1. Thank you for your help with this.

We hope you have a super half term break and return fresh and ready for Spring 2! Best wishes from the Year One team.

# YEAR GROUP MESSAGES



#### YEAR 2 MESSAGES

Year 2 have had a great end to this half term. In Maths, the children have practised their times tables and have used cm and m to measure the length of objects. We will be continuing with different measures after half term. In English, the children have written an amazing news report about key events from a circus! We have finished our Circus Big Idea by consolidating everything we have learnt.

The children are excited for our next Big Idea all about the history of chocolate in York. On this note, please see the shared information regarding our trip to York's Chocolate Story on Wednesday 26th February. We are still in need of parent volunteers to make this trip happen. Please email the office as soon as possible if you are able to help.

When we return to school after half term, we politely ask that children have a complete PE kit with appropriate clothing for outdoor lessons. Thank you for all of your help and support this half term and enjoy your break! The Year 2 Team

#### YEAR 3 MESSAGES

Year 3 have had a wonderful last week of the half-term! In Writing, the children have planned, drafted and edited their independently written persuasive letters addressed to humans. In Maths, the children have continued their unit on measurement and completed the week with a times table quiz and end of unit Maths quiz. In Big Idea, the children fulfilled their guiding purpose of making an information video, completed a key word evaluation and collected questions for their new Big Idea which will be their play! In PE, the children completed the Golden Mile. The children have worked incredibly hard this half-term and deserve a well-earned break!

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

The Year 3 Team.

#### YEAR 4 MESSAGES

This week in Year 4, we have completed the construction of our locomotives. Using our knowledge of circuits, we have added a circuit with a switch and a motor attached to pulleys. The locomotives can travel both forwards and backwards, and we have tested them on various surfaces to see what happens to the speed.

In Maths, we have learned how to find a fraction of an amount, which has put our times table knowledge to the test!

Finally, in English, our non-chronological report focus has concluded with tourist information guides on York, our final stop around the world.

We hope that the children have a great break after working very hard this half term. Please practise the times tables where possible, focussing on those your child finds particularly tricky.

The Year 4 Team

#### YEAR GROUP MESSAGES



#### **YEAR 5 MESSAGES**

Year 5 answered their guiding question this week: Can we create our own rainforest? by making a rainforest terrarium! We hope you like them and that they grow at home.

In writing, we drafted and edited a non chronological report about a rainforest animal they have discovered. In maths, we started to look at decimals and used sporting examples to determine the order of results using decimals.

Next term, we are starting our new big idea which is all about Anglo-Saxons and we are looking forward to working with the children to guide their learning throughout this topic.

There will be no homework set over half term so there will be no tests on Friday 28th February. All the children have been a pleasure to teach over the half term and we hope they all have a well earned and incredible half term.

Have a safe, healthy and fun-filled half term, The Year 5 Team.

#### YEAR 6 MESSAGES

We have had a brilliant end to the half term in Year 6 this week. In English, we have been writing scenes inspired by the story of Anne Frank. In DT, we have been creating real rationing recipes and in PE we have been perfecting our VE Day Jive dances. We would like to say a huge well done to the children for hosting such an incredible VE party for our end goal. Thank you parents and carers, for the children's wonderful costumes they looked amazing and it really brought the day alive and transported us back in time.

We will not be setting the children homework over half term as we would like them to enjoy a well-deserved break and rest.

Have a lovely half term. Year 6 Team

#### THE SCHOOL HOUSE MESSAGES

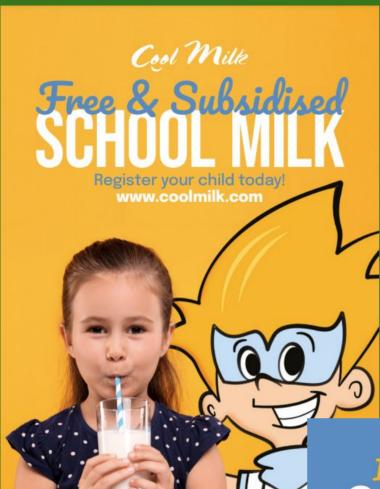
We have had a magical end to Spring 1 in the School House!

This week, the children have blown us away with their sentence types, spellings and times tables tests. We have also worked hard on reading and handwriting. All children have been sent home with a new levelled reading book and a reading for pleasure book for them to enjoy over half term.

We LOVED our Disney movie night! The children played a really big part in planning and preparing the night, which was a huge success! Look out for a video on our school instagram.

Next half term, we will be answering the guiding question 'what and when was the space race?' We will share a knowledge organiser in the first week back sharing details of the Spring 2 half term.

Thank you for your ongoing support and have a lovely half term break! School House Team.





Children in receipt of benefits-based free school meals are eligible for free school milk. Speak to the school for further information.

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Register online



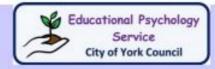
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#### **COMMUNI**

#### Clare's Kitchen Baking Club @ Knavesmire Primary Free Taster Session For Year Groups 5 & 6













Baking Club runs on a Friday after school until 5.30pm. Our team of little chefs plan, prepare and bake their own food. We do all kinds of recipes from pizzas to gingerbread. We are offering a Free Taster Session this term to Year groups 5 & 6 on a first come first served basis. To redeem this invite, contact Clare at clare@clares-kitchen.co.uk or whatsapp 07813182216. You will simply need to complete a booking form! This offer is only for those pupils who have not previously attended Clare's Kitchen.

Clare's Kitchen has been delivering Cookery Clubs in schools since it was founded by Clare in 2014. See us in action on social media;

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# **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

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#### ROWNTREE PARK TENNIS CLUB

SPRING PROGRAMME OF TENNIS COACHING SESSIONS WITH OUR LTA COACH JILL LE PLA



Every Monday from 3.3.25 - Junior sessions Red group (3.45pm- 4.45pm), ages 5-7 Orange group (4.45pm - 5.45pm), ages 8-11

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- Every Saturday from 1.3.25 Beginner Adult (Tennis Express) session (9am-10am) 6 WEEK COURSE
- Every Saturday from 1.3.25 Improvers session (10am-11am). PAY and PLAY
- Every Saturday from 1.3.25 Intermediates session (11am-12noon) PAY and PLAY
- Every Tuesday from 4.3.25 CARDIO tennis session (9.30am -10.30am) PAY AND PLAY



For full details of courses including prices and booking options, please scan the QR Code or search for 'Rowntree Park Tennis Club/Coaching'

For enquiries, please contact Jill Le Pla on 07531 598 512 or jlptenniscoaching@gmail.com



#### **MEET AN OLYMPIC GOLD MEDALIST!!**

Friday, February 21st · 11:30am - 2pm GMT The Mount School York Dalton Terrace York YO24 4DD

Are you a fan of the Olympics? Do you love swimming? Or have you been captivated by Strictly Come Dancing?

Best of all, tickets are FREE! Just be sure to book in advance to secure your spot. This is a family-friendly meet and greet.

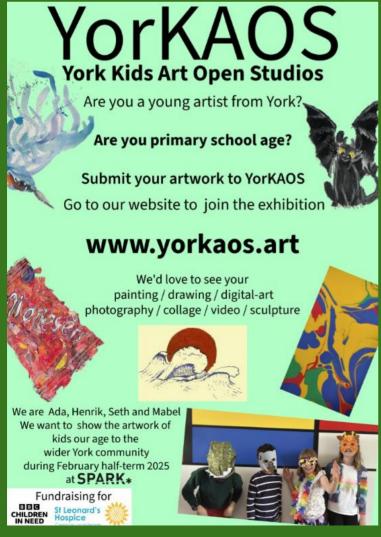
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#### Coffee Mornings



nday 24 February 2025 10.30am - 12.30pm YHA.Clifton



10:30 - 12:30pm Acomb Explore Library, Front Street

Meet other parents and carers who share your lived experience. Swap tips, offload, get updates or share without judgement.

The first hot drink is on us as a thank you for allowing us to use your experience to inform our work with education, health and social care on parent carer voice.

We'll be easy to recognise with the table top sign. All are very welcome but if it's your first time and you would like to meet someone first, email Mary: connect@pcfyork.co.uk



#### PARENT CARER FORUM YORK 2025 Annual Conference & AGM



Wed 26 February 2025

Delta Hotels, Marriott, York

09.30am - 2.30pm

Join us for a packed agenda on the themes of

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TICKETS NOW

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Interactive workshops

Meet other Parent Carers

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#### Carer Forum

#### Get Involved

a Parent Carer Member Representative

PCF York is looking for parent carers who would like to use their experience and expertise to ensure that parent carer voices in York are represented at specific planning meetings. The representative's aims will be to ensure that the forum's views inform meetings and that lived experience of parent carers is fed into decision makina.

Meetings may be in person or remote and you will be reimbursed for parking, travel and/o childcare costs.

If you have some time to spare and would like to find out more please email Mary connect@pcfyork.co.uk to arrange an informal chat



NHS York and Scarborough **Teaching Hospitals** 

# Listening Event Carer Experience in Hospital



With Emily Douse, Patient Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Lead at York and Scarborough Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

Share your experiences, needs and feedback as a parent carer in hospital.

Email Mary at connect@pcfyork.co.uk for the meeting link

#### **Hospital Doors Theatre Performance** 20% Discount for Parent Carers, using code CARE20



**Evening and Matinee Performances** Theatre@41

Hospital Doors has been developed over 18 months working with unpaid carers, LGBTQ+ adults, disabled people and mental health service users, through co-creation and exploration workshops. It offers a window into intersecting conversations about disability sexuality, illness and care all held within the same, chaotic family frame. Four of the performances will be accompanied by a Playback Theatre performance, encouraging the audience share their own stories that are inspired by the play, which will be improvised by a team of performers and musicians



and book tickets here.

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# February Half Term Finding Inclusive Clubs and Activities



York Mumbler details all accessible activities throughout the year.

Click here to view February Half Term activities along with ideas for days out and places to visit.



Activities, clubs, groups and things to do for children and young people aged 0-25 in York, including those aimed specifically for children with special educational needs and disabilities.

Click here to search for activities and clubs during February Half Term and beyond.



If you need help finding suitable activities, childcare or holiday clubs, York Family Information Service can assist you.

#### JOIN THE PCF YORK FACEBOOK GROUP





# Are you a Carer? York Carers Centre is here to support you.

If you support a friend or family member who couldn't manage without you due to illness, disability, a mental health problem, or addiction, you're a carer. York Carers Centre is here to support you. We tailor our support to different age groups.

#### Young Carers (aged 5 - 17 years)

One-to-one support, fun activities, drop-ins at some secondary schools and the chance to connect with others your age who understand.

#### Young Adult Carers (aged 18 - 25 years) Social groups, events, and guidance to help

balance caring with work, study, and life.

#### Adult Carers (aged 26+ years)

Free advice, emotional support, and help navigating services - plus groups and events to connect with others.

Register with us and let our team know how



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children who are at an early stage of com how early communication skills can be practically supported within the EYFS

This \*FREE\* training session is suitable for professionals who work in a prim or early years setting with children who are at an early stage of language development, across York, Selby, Scarborough, Whitby and Ryedale.

Date and time: Thursday 27th March 2025- 3:45-5:00, Thursday 24th April 2025 3:30-5:30 For more information or to book a place please email us at

yhs-tr.childrenstherapytraining@nhs.net ookinas will close one week before the above date















February
11th @ 12.30 pm
Screens

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- Does your child resist turning off the TV, tablet, or games console?
- Do you dread the meltdowns when it's time to step away from a screen?
- Are you frustrated by endless arguments over screen time limits?
- Do you feel unsure about how much screen time is too much?

If any of these sound familiar, you're not alone. Join Anisa Lewis (Parenting Coach) for her monthly Free Parenting Clinic in February. This month, we'll tackle the challenges of screens and share practical tips to create healthier habits for your family.

#### Details:

- \* On Zoom
- 30-minute session

Book your place here:

https://anisalewis.as.me/theclinic

or email: hello@anisalewis.com for the booking link

The clinic is recorded and the replay sent out to all who register to often

# FREE Parenting Clinics



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January 14th, 12.30 pm

Confidence

February 11th, 12.30 pm

Screens

March 11th, 12.30 pm

Anxiety
April
29th, 12.30 pm

Friends

THE UNIVERSE



We at the Dickens Theatre Company are thrilled to be bringing our 5★ adaptation of Shakespeare's Scottish tragedy, MACBETH, to the GRAND OPERA HOUSE, YORK from 24-26 FEB 2025.

In this, our 6th year of taking Macbeth on tour to students, parents, teachers & lovers of literature alike across the UK, we are delighted to once again bring this highly acclaimed production to the Grand Opera House in York.

Our adaptation of Macbeth is both accessible & engaging, with all the original key themes, speeches & characters - but with the added bonus of our Porter narrating in modern verse throughout.

Most suited for students in Years 5, 6 & above, our 85 min + interval version of Macbeth provides young people with the perfect introduction to enjoying and understanding Shakespeare performed live on stage.

With special DISCOUNTED TICKET RATES for school groups of just £15, plus a FREE post-show Q&A session with the cast after our matinees, this is a "must-see" production for primary school pupils wanting to familiarise themselves with Shakespeare and for secondary pupils studying the text for their GCSEs.

#### **PERFORMANCE TIMES:**

Monday 24 Feb and Tuesday 25 Feb 7pm Wednesday 26 Feb 1pm

Book here to avoid disappointment ...

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OR CALL THE BOX OFFICE FOR THE DISCOUNTED TICKETS ON: 020 7206 1174