Knavesmire Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Friday 26th April 2024

Mr Cooper and Mr Gardiner's Message

Happy Friday!

Another wet and unpredictable week weather-wise, but in school we have been embracing the fleeting signs of Spring!

Early Years have been looking at minibeasts and Reception have been particularly excited to welcome some caterpillars to their classroom. Year 3 enjoyed an exciting trip to Eureka! to support their Big Idea learning and some of Year 5 took part in a Nerf Competition at York High.

Lastly, we ended last week on a sporting high with both Year 6 Hockey and Netball teams representing the school fantastically at separate inter-school events with wins in both sports!

Thanks for your ongoing support with all we do and here's to hoping we can enjoy a little bit of sunshine over the 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):

- Whole School Information
- Trips, Activities and Performances
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- Friends of Knavesmire Update
- <u>Cool Kids Club</u>
- Year Group Messages
- <u>Community Messages</u>







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

NURSERY CONSULTATION

As per separate communication earlier this week, Knavesmire is considering both a term-time wrap around facility for its existing nursery AND the possibility of extending to a 2 year old setting.

Your **feedback** is essential to the next steps of building on our existing provision. Could we please ask that anyone with interest, or potential interest, in using a Nursery provision complete the questionnaire linked below. Deadline Friday 3rd May.

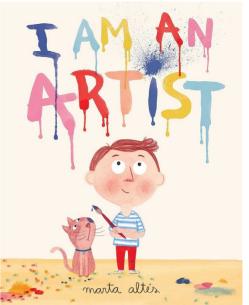
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WHOLE SCHOOL INFORMATION

SCHOOL LIBRARY

Your School Library Needs You! As mentioned in 'The Library Dispatch' Newsletter, sent last week, we need your book-inspired pictures to decorate the School Library by Friday 3rd May - please bring them to the School Office.

We have a lot of overdue Library books at the moment - reminders to follow this term. If you have any Library books at home they can be returned to the drop-box in the School Office at any time.



CLOTHES BANK

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

https://online.fundraiserecycleltd.co.uk/bank?ban kld=KnavesmirePrimary-School

Please use the facility to donate any unwanted clothes.

REFUGEE APPEAL

THE WINTER CLOTHES AND SHOES NEEDED APPEAL IS UP AND RUNNING AGAIN. Donations for all age groups will go to the refugee home in Bradford. Please drop any donations into the school office foyer. **Please make sure all donations are as good as new or new, washed and clean**. There is no capacity to wash once donated so this is really important. Underwear and toiletries including sanitary items are always needed and have to be new. Donations for men in particular are harder to get and most needed. Thank you so much!

SCHOOL MILK

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

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

NITS

Please be extra vigilant in checking your child's hair, we have an increasing amount of cases throughout the school. For information on how to spot & treat, please click on the NHS website. Do note that in many instances, nits look a bit like dandruff!

https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-andnits/

THREADWORMS

We have had a few cases of worms in Year 3. If your child is spotted itching their bottom it might be worthwhile checking out the link below for information on how to spot and treat. <u>https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/threadworms</u> <u>/</u>



WHOLE SCHOOL INFORMATION



MARY POPPINS PHOTOS

Whole cast ensemble photos are now available for the Year 3 and 4 performance of Mary Poppins. For £2.50 you will be sent 4 professionally taken dress rehearsal photos. Please sign into ParentPay to make your purchase.

CLOTHES LABELS

If you'd like to order name labels for clothing etc, you may want to use <u>https://www.stikins.co.uk</u> as the school will receive 30% commission to put towards school funds from every order where the fundraising number is quoted. **Our Fundraising Number Is: 11349**

SCHOOL OFFICE ADMIN

*if you've moved house or changed phone number recently please remember to update the school office with your new details.

*Please remember to include your child's full name and class when sending messages to school to ensure that we can direct them to the right people.

*If your child is not in school first thing, please remember to inform us of their lunch choice before 10.30am. Children will always be fed but this ensures they get the meal of their choice.

LOST PROPERTY

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

Any pieces of unnamed uniform are either recycled into the clothes bank or added to the Friends clothes rail in the office and sold to raise funds for the school.

https://www.facebook.com/groups/14023395 9376362/permalink/6818721288194229/

#lostandfound



HEALTH & WELLBEING

Nursery have had 2 confirmed cases of chickenpox. For information on recognising and treating, please refer to the NHS website: <u>https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/chickenpox/</u>

HEALTH & SAFETY

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

TRIPS, ACTIVITIES AND PERFORMANCES

Year 1

<u>Trip to Howsham Mill on 16/07/24</u> - See separate email sent today (26/04/24). Please give consent on ParentPay by Friday 10/05/24.

Year 2

<u>Trip to Scarborough on 06/06/24</u> - See email sent today (26/04/24) with full details. Please complete consent and payment on ParentPay by Monday 06/05/24.

Year 4

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

Year 5

<u>Carlton Lodge on 22/05/24 to 24/05/24</u> - Please return the medical form by Friday 03/05/24. Please ensure the full balance for this trip is paid by Tuesday 30/04/24.

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

<u>Barcelona 2025 -</u> Letter from Mr Cooper sent by email on 24/04/24. Please complete the item on ParentPay by Thursday, 02/05/24 to advise if your child is interested in attending this trip.

Year 6

Late Music Concert on Saturday 27/04/24 - Children attending the concert should arrive at Millthorpe School at 10:45am for a prompt rehearsal starting at 11am. The concert will start at 1pm and end at 2pm. Please bring a packed lunch and snack spending money. Uniform to be worn from the waist downwards along with a colourful top of your choice.

Family and friends attending the concert can still purchase ticket for £5 each by following the link: <u>https://latemusic.org/york-late-music-education-concert/</u>

School House

Inclusive Cycling Session at York Sports Village on Thursday 09/05/24 - See email sent 16/04/24 for full details.

New Earswick Indoor Bowls on 03/05/24 - See separate email sent 23/04/24 for full details.

Other

South Bank Trust Sports Fest on 11/06/24 - This is for 12 pupils from Years 2, 4 and 6. Parents of these children have been contacted by email.

Brass lessons in School

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

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

CLUBS

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 please follow the link below: https://forms.office.com/r/EcTcaRbU9c

CLUBS IN SCHOOL

The following clubs and music lesson are run in school by external organisations. Please contact them directly for more information or to book a place.

Organisation	Activity	Contact details
Ignite Sports	Ignite run sports clubs after school on a Monday and Friday and also on a Friday lunchtime.	You can sign up for these sessions on Ignite's website. <u>www.ignitesportscoaching.co.uk</u> or email: <u>info@ignitesportscoaching.co.uk</u>
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 <u>https://forms.office.com/r/EcTcaRbU9c</u> or for more info, email Miss Caroline: <u>dancewithmisscaroline@outlook.com</u>
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: <u>stuart@circusskillsyorkcic.org</u> or go to the website: <u>www.circusskillsyorkcic.org</u>
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: <u>www.rocksteadymusicschool.com</u>
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: <u>clareskitchen@yahoo.co.uk</u>
Chess Club	This club in run on Tuesday and Thursdays after school for years 1,2 and 3. The clubs are run by Larry, a parent volunteer. The club is currently full, however, Larry would love more helpers at the sessions so he can accommodate more children.	If you are interested in being a parent helper please contact Larry by email. <u>shroud.king@gmail.com</u>

MUSIC LESSONS IN SCHOOL

Instrument	Name	Contact details
Guitar	Steve Powell	stevepowell726@gmail.com
Piano	Carolyn Amos	<u>carolynamos@hotmail.co.uk</u>
Drums	Alex Woolgar	alexwoolgar1@gmail.com
Singing	Alison Pawley	alisunr@yahoo.com
Violin	Marcus Bousfield	marcus.bousfield@btinternet.com
Brass	ТВС	https://yorkmusiced.org.uk/index.php/what-we-do/york-music-centre/enrolment-f orm

KEY DATES



YEAR	DATE(S)	ΑCTIVITY
Nursery		
Reception		
Year 1		
Year 2	06/06/24 13/06/24 20/06/24 27/06/24	Trip to Scarborough. Forest School Forest School Forest School
Year 3		
Year 4	02/05/24 23/05/24 3-14/06/24 15 - 17/07/24	Ancient Greek Dress Up Day Festival Day 3rd June to 14th June: Multiplication tables check (please be practicing Soundchecks and times tables at home wherever possible) Robin Hood's Bay Trip.
Year 5	22 -24/05/24 03/06/24 14/06/24 19/06/24 27/06/24 02/07/24 09/07/24 11/07/24 18/07/24	Carlton Lodge York Theatre Royal Workshop - 5H AM, 5U PM Brownlee Triathlon - more details to follow closer to the time. Science workshop at Milthorpe 1:30-2:30 - 5H Science workshop at Milthorpe 9:30-10:30 - 5U French Cafe Day @ Millthorpe School - full information to follow soon. MAT Arts Fest 2024 at York Barbican. Playhouse Project - all day - full information to follow soon. Forest School - all day
Year 6	27/04/24	Late Music Concert at Millthorpe School -10.45am. Bring pack up & snacks. Wear School uniform below the waist and a colourful top!
The School House	03/05/24 09/05/24	New Earswick Indoor Bowls Trip 10am-1pm Trip to York Sport to use their cycling track and bikes (pm).
Other	01/06/24 11/06/24	Samba band performing at York Pride South Bank Trust Sports Fest for 12 pupils from Y2, 4, 6.

FRIENDS OF KNAVESMIRE UPDATE

Two weeks into the new term a lot of amazing things seem to be awaiting and the Friends of Knavesmire are very happy to be able to contribute to them.

Both Year 1 and Year 3 have received from us £500 each for their trips to Howsham Mill and Eureka respectively. And most excitingly, Year 5 have been given £450 for attending the Brownlee Triathlon in Harrogate. Congratulations for being accepted and most importantly, good luck to you all.

We will share some more dates for upcoming fundraising events hopefully next week so that we can start filling those pots again - nudge, nudge :) Of course, none of this would be possible without your help. So thank you for your continued support.

Have a good weekend everyone.



COOL KIDS CLUB UPDATE

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





NURSERY MESSAGES

Hello Nursery!

What a lovely week we've had, the children have carried on with their Minibeast Big Idea and enjoyed doing some planting with Mrs Thompson to grow their own sunflowers!(Now we just need some sun!!) In phonics we've looked at 'w' and in maths we've been identifying and carrying on repeated patterns! We have also had an arrival of caterpillars so that the children can enjoy watching the life cycle play out in real life!

We hope you have a lovely weekend!

Miss Copping and the Nursery Team 😊

RECEPTION MESSAGES

Our caterpillars arrived this week in Reception, so we have been very excited to look at them through magnifying glasses and watch them grow. We have been learning about the life cycle of a butterfly and we are excited to watch the process in purpose! In Literacy, we have been looking at the story of The Three Little Pigs and we have started to write sentences about the start of the story. In Maths we have been looking at teen numbers, we have focussed on how teen numbers are made up e.g. 14 is 10 and 4 and practised putting them in the correct order., We have started Tennis in PE and have planted seeds during Forest school. Please can all toys stay at home, quite a large amount are being brought into school and they cause dustraction, problems and are at risk of getting lost or broken! Please come and speak to a member of the reception team if you need to talk about this further. We are going on a local trip to Rowntree Park to sketch flowers and nature on Thursday 16th May from 1:10-3pm. If you are able to come please let a member of the reception team know, we need 12 volunteers for the trip to go ahead.

Thank you and have a great weekend! The Reception Team

YEAR 1 MESSAGES

This week in Big Idea, we have drawn and named a variety of wild and garden plants and identified deciduous and evergreen trees. In English, we have written our own version of Jack and the Beanstalk and have included some very different characters and events in our stories. In Maths, we have worked on making arrays making sure we can say how many in each row or column. Next Thursday it will be Forest School for Mrs Gage's class. Please make sure your child has a coat with them on that day as the weather is so unpredictable! We hope you have a lovely weekend.

The Year One team



YEAR 2 MESSAGES

Year 2 have had another great week! In maths we have been revising our knowledge of 2D and 3D shapes and their properties. In English we have been writing our narratives this week, we wrote them and edited them over the week before publishing them on Friday morning. When writing our narratives we have really focussed on our spelling and joined up handwriting. In Big Idea we have explored the different uses of Lego and looked further into the properties which make Lego suitable for building with. This afternoon we made our own Lego bricks using 3D shape nets. We loved linking our maths to our Big Idea this week! Please see ParentPay for a short letter regarding our school trip next half term.

Have a great weekend! The Year 2 Team

YEAR 3 MESSAGES

We had an amazing day out at Eureka! and we hope you have heard all about it already! During our English lessons, we have written our own set of instructions based on how to make a scone. Next week, we will be moving on to looking at non-chronological reports. We will be building up to writing our own about the human body. In Maths, we have continued to work on time and will continue to do so at different points throughout the rest of the year. We also have begun to focus on money and how to convert between different units. Next week, we will add and subtract amounts of money and find change from a given amount. During our Big Idea sessions, we have looked at vertebrates and invertebrates and why our skeleton is so important. Also, we have learned the names of the more unusual parts of the skeleton and identified the key parts. Maths homework is ONLINE this week. There is a task linked to money and a 2x table task also. We will now cover more than one X table a week in class to continue to improve fluency. Spelling homework is based on Year 3/4 common exception words.

Have a brilliant weekend,

The Year 3 Team.

YEAR 4 MESSAGES

Year 4 have had another great week studying Ancient Greece, beginning with more Olympic sports (relay racing and shotput) and a Reading session based on Ancient Greek Settlements; what they looked like and the sorts of structures which could be found within a city.

In Maths, we have started to look at money, identifying coins and what they represent and converting from pennies to pounds. We took part in a shopping activity, working out how much money we would need to purchase certain items and comparing the amounts using greater than and less than symbols. The children have made brilliant progress with their times tables practise this week and we appreciate the efforts of those at home to encourage them to practise their soundchecks. Please could you continue to do so as we approach the multiplication check.

During English, we wrote our first draft of our independent narratives, using onomatopoeia, dialogue, figurative language and plenty of description. Next week, we look forward to publishing our work as comic strips.

During the Big Idea, the children created their own myths, coming up with some weird and wonderful stories! Comparing the Olympics then vs now, they studied modern art based around the Paris Olympics. We finished with some drama, where the children acted in role as modern or Ancient Greek athletes, comparing their roles.

The Year 4 Team



YEAR 5 MESSAGES

Year 5 have had a brilliant week this week. In Big Idea, the children have answered a number of questions: Who are some of the most famous explorers? Who has been to the Antarctic? What is a pilgrimage? They drew incredibly detailed sketches of Ernest Shackleton, a famous explorer, and mapped the route of the Hajj. In Writing, the children have been working very hard to publish their explanation texts in the form of leaflets titled 'How to be an Explorer'. Now that they are finished, they will share their published pieces with Year 4. In Maths, the children have learned about 3-D shapes, both regular and irregular polygons as well as coordinates and plotting them on a grid. In PE, the children have worked very hard to perfect their gymnastic routines, using a combination of balances and movements, to create a routine consisting of an explorer on an exciting adventure! Earlier in the week, a group of children from 5H attended a 'Nerf Adventure', which involved a lot of fun, and finished in 3rd place! They should be very proud of themselves as they represented themselves and the school brilliantly. On Wednesday, the children also took home a 4-page paper booklet about Carlton Lodge which was packed full of exciting information! Parents/ carers have also received an electronic copy of this information. If you have any questions or queries about anything at all, please don't hesitate to speak to a member of the Year 5 team. We hope you have a wonderful weekend!

YEAR 6 MESSAGES

This week, Year 6 have been working hard to prepare for their upcoming SATs and also working hard learning about the heart, brain and major organs of the human body.

A huge congratulations to our hockey teams - particularly our pink team, who won - for their performances at the hockey tournament last week. Another big congratulations to our two netball teams, who dominated their tournament last week; the final match ended up being a Knavesmire v Knavesmire! Have a great weekend.

The Year 6 Team

THE SCHOOL HOUSE MESSAGES

The School House has had another brilliant week! In writing, the children have been researching (using the Chromebooks) why York should host the Olympic Games. They have researched: fun facts, sporting venues, accommodation and fun family things to do. Next week, the children will be using their research to write their persuasive letter to the International Olympic Committee.

In Big Idea, they have been doing lots of Geography and using maps and atlases to locate past Olympic host cities. They also learnt about the history of the Olympic Rings and which continents these represent.

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

Have a wonderful weekend, The School House Team







 Rugby League skills and fun sessions for Primary

 School-aged Girls

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

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Free English lessons

Lower level (A2/ Entry Level 2) classes: 13 to 24 May 24 June to 24 July 7 - 19 Oct

Higher Level (B2) classes: 28 May to 11 June 24 June to 24 July 21 Oct to 5 Nov



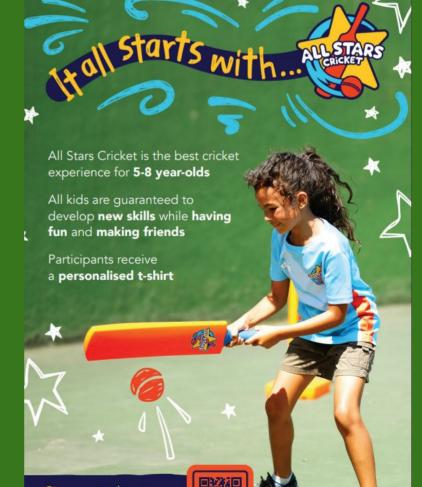
Join us for fun English lessons at York St John University. Practice your English and meet people from all over the world.

You don't have to come every day just come when you can!

Sorry - these classes are not suitable for beginners, and you must be 18+.

Come to De Grey reception (Lord Mayor's Walk) at 12.15 to join each class - we look forward to meeting you soon!

Email celta@yorksj.ac.uk to register for future classes.



Sign up today at allstarscricket.co.uk

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