



NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 10th SEPTEMBER, 2021



MRS GIBSON'S FRIDAY MESSAGE

Happy Friday everybody and welcome back to the autumn term! Gosh it has been so wonderful to have everyone back this week. It has felt so good walking around school all week - seeing all the children's beaming faces and seeing them playing beautifully together. We have spoken to several parents this week about concerns, or to answer questions, and we have received several emails too, so I'd like to clarify some points for everybody below:

No more bubbles: We're really pleased with how lovely it has felt in school this week and how happy the children have been, although we do understand that the decision to go back to our normal timetable was a challenging one for some of you. To *not* have phased break and lunch times has enabled the teachers to have freedom over their timetables again (as opposed to the fixed, set timetables that we had last year) and we are able to plan and start to run lunchtime clubs again. Changes such as these enable us to provide the enrichment and broad and balanced curriculum in the way that we used to, and we have truly missed it. This will provide essential to support pupil well-being, although we will keep reviewing our practice and school health and safety.

Playtimes have obviously felt busier but all the staff have been very positive about having the children altogether again. It's just such a long time since we have been able to do so that it feels strange, but equally wonderful. Mr Bentley is launching Zonepark next week, which will enrich playtimes with fun playtime games and equipment and Year 5 and 6 are enjoying having sole use of the MUGA for their more active ball games. We are very mindful that many children have not experienced a 'whole school' playtime before but please be assured that the teachers have been working hard behind the scenes to prepare and check in with the children daily to see how they are finding the experience and overall, it has been a really positive experience.

Lunchtimes have equally had a very positive feel about them this week. The children go into the canteen in their classes/phases, so although a lot of you have had concerns about lunchtime, again, please rest assured that the children have been prepared and once they have eaten their lunch they are straight out to play. It's going well so far.

Assemblies: In our Monday email, I said that one of the things I was most looking forward to was conducting my whole school assemblies again, but many of you were very worried about this. We therefore changed our practice and instead we will have *Key Stage Assemblies* for now. I will do assembly for KS2 on a Friday and EY/KS1 on a Monday. It was lovely to see KS2 in assembly today, I have to admit to feeling rather emotional as I do love assemblies. It's such a precious time to bring us all together, share our celebrations and remind everyone of our core Knavesmire Character Values. We will aim to get back to a whole school assembly in time, but for now, Key Stages will be in the hall with all its doors and windows open.

The Playground We had a few teething problems at the start of the week with regard to a bottle neck feeling near the Lorne Street gate but we believe that this has eased with the return of the 'green' wavy line on the playground. Please can we remind anyone dropping off / collecting children from Year 1 and 2 to *stand behind this line* to reduce crowding and especially to enable the teachers to have better visibility for handover at the end of the school day. We would also like to remind parents that it is still a recommendation of the government to wear a face covering in enclosed and crowded spaces. If you feel that the playground is becoming rather busy in this way, you may wish to put your mask on, as I'm sure many of you still do at the supermarket etc.

Revised Start time We have seen a great improvement in children arriving before 9:00am as the week has gone on but we are still having many late arrivals, i.e. after 9:00am. Please can you aim to ensure that your child is in class, sitting down for registration, **at 9:00am** please. Thank you.

Medication in school Please see the school message below about **medication in school**, if your child requires medication in school, this is incredibly important. Thank you in advance for your cooperation with this.

I hope that this information helps you to understand how good our first week back to the autumn term has felt. We are all so happy to be back with all the pupils and school has a lovely feel to it. Here's to a fantastic term! Wishing you a great weekend whatever you are up to.

SCHOOL MESSAGES

Late arrival – Anyone arriving in school after the gates and doors close at **9.00 a.m.** must be signed in by an adult. The deadline for ordering a school lunch is 9.30 a.m. After this time you will need to provide a packed lunch.

Medication in school – If your child requires medication in school, for example an inhaler, epipen, insulin etc. you **MUST** complete a '**Permission to Administer Prescription Medication**' form. Without this, we are unable to give your child any medication. There are a number of inhalers in school without completed forms. If you have not already done so, please

complete the following online form over the weekend <https://forms.gle/AnmrnCB9ctFeVyJt7>
Please remember to check that medication that is kept in school long term is in date.

Clubs – starting from next week onwards. To book please contact providers directly. Please have a look at the school website for more details <https://www.knavesmireprimary.co.uk/community>

Cycle training consents – Year 5 and 6 cycle training consent forms were sent home with at the beginning of the week and need to be returned to the office ASAP. Replacement forms can be collected from Mrs Maxwell in the office on Monday, Wednesday or Friday.

Family Support Groups - We have recently been approached by some parents asking if we could help set up two support groups for families of children at Knavesmire. The first group would be for families of Adopted/Looked After children, and the second group for families of Autistic children. The aim would be to help parents and children within these groups make connections with other families in a similar position to offer friendship and support. These groups would initially take the form of a WhatsApp group with the potential for some scheduled get togethers down the line.

If you would like to be a member of the Adoption/LAC group please text Olivia on 07879466479, and if you would like join the Autism group please text Vicki on 07545262868.

If you feel there is a need for other themed family support groups, and would like to offer to set one up, please contact the school office on 01904 806545 or by emailing schooloffice@knavesmire.southbank.academy

FRIENDS OF KNAVESMIRE

The Friends of Knavesmire will be holding our AGM after school on Friday 24th September (further details TBC) to look at what we can do to raise money for school. We encourage everyone to come along and get involved - we need lots of new ideas and faces!

KCKC MESSAGES

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to all our regulars and welcome to all new Parents and Children joining us this term. We hope that you have all had a great Summer!! KCKC just have a number of items we would like to remind/inform Parents about.

Bookings

All bookings are to be made via Arbor. Can all Parents please take the time to double check their Child/Children's portal on Arbor to ensure that they have correctly booked all required sessions for both Breakfast and After School Club. We have noticed that, especially in the case of siblings, children are not always booked in correctly. Where one sibling is booked in, the other/others are not. Whilst we appreciate that many Parents have regular sessions, it is your responsibility to ensure that they are booked correctly. We should never have to turn a Child/Children away, but if Staff/Child ratios are at capacity, then we may have to.

Cancellations

A member of KCKC can only do cancellations on Arbor. If you need to cancel a session, please contact KCKC by email. If less than 2 weeks' notice is received (term time), you will be charged at the standard rate for the session.

Invoices

KCKC invoices sessions in arrears, so any new Parents will receive their first invoice (for September) at the beginning of October. This will appear on ParentPay and Parents can pay through ParentPay, or if you have access to them, you may pay by Childcare vouchers. KCKC does not send a physical invoice to Parents. All information relating to the sessions charged for is on

ParentPay

Can all current Parents please check ParentPay for any outstanding invoices. There are a number of invoices outstanding. The non-payment of invoices causes additional and unnecessary work for KCKC staff. KCKC invoices are due within 2 weeks of the day that they are added to ParentPay. This date should be visible to Parents when they view their invoice and should be adhered to.

Lost Property

We have a number of items of Lost Property that have been left over the Summer. We will do our best to return named items to Children this week. If you think that your child may be missing something, please pop by KCKC to check the pile. Any unnamed items that remain unclaimed by the end of September will be disposed of or donated to charity.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us by email at coolkidsclub@knavesmire.southbank.academy or, you can ring us on 07871 272672. Please note that during the hours of 9.15am-3pm, the phone may not be answered as KCKC is closed. If you leave a message either Wendy or Claire will call you back as soon as they can.

Best Wishes

KCKC

NURSERY MESSAGES

Hello Nursery!

What a wonderful 1st week back we've had; the children have made us all very proud and have settled beautifully!

From next week we will be doing PE on a Tuesday morning and a Thursday afternoon, please can we ask that the children come into Nursery in comfy clothes such as jogging bottoms or leggings and trainers where possible!

Our Big Idea this half term is linked to our book study which is 'The Little Red Hen' next week we are looking forward to baking some bread!

It's been great to see happy, smiling little faces this week!

We hope you have a lovely weekend.

The Nursery Team ♥

RECEPTION CLASS MESSAGES

The Reception team would like to firstly express just how hugely proud of the children we are! They have been amazing at entering in the mornings and every single one of them has settled into the new school routine so well. It has been a pleasure to watch them smile and take each transition in their stride. The parents have done very well as well!

This week our sole focus has been making the children feel safe, secure and happy in their new setting. As we move into next week and the children all enter school at the 'normal' time of 8.50-9am we will begin to introduce some more focus carpet sessions. We will of course ease the children into this and all of our sessions will follow our Knavesmire Character of being fun and engaging for all children!

So some of the formalities - Please remember to bring your child at 8.50-9am next week, all children will be arriving during this window. We will all be there ready and waiting to welcome the children in with smiles and cuddles where needed. Please remember to send in - a book bag (backpack is ok if you are not able to get one yet,) a named snack (in book bag), a named water bottle and a pack up if you would like your child to have one. We will begin PE next week so if you haven't already done so, please send in a PE kit.

Please have a look at the Reception section on the school website, here you will find our timetable along with our Big Idea overview for this year that you may find of interest.

Have a lovely weekend and we will see you soon!

The Reception Team

- Please have a look at the Reception Newsletter at <https://www.knavesmireprimary.co.uk/news/reception>

YEAR 1 CLASS MESSAGES

We have a great start to the new term and are extremely proud of how well the children have settled into their new classrooms and routines. It has been lovely meeting some of you as you drop off or pick up at the end of the day and we hope to get to say "hello" to more of you very soon! The children have had lots of fun exploring the different areas of provision and finding new friends to work and play with. We all enjoyed our P.E. lessons outside and 1G had a great Forest School session with Mrs Banham (1H will have their turn next Thursday afternoon). You will soon receive a letter giving more details about what the Year One children will be doing this term and ways in which you can help your child at home.

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

- Please have a look at the Year 1 Newsletter at <https://www.knavesmireprimary.co.uk/news/year-1>

YEAR 2 CLASS MESSAGES

We would like to say a huge 'WELL DONE' to all of the Year 2 children for being fantastic this week! We know that the change from Year 1 to 2 can sometimes be challenging but we have been really impressed with the confidence and kindness they have shown in their first week.

We have started our first Big Idea which is a book study of 'The Yeti and the Bird' by Nadia Shireen. Our end goal for the unit is to write and illustrate our own version of the story. In our English lessons, we have been drawing a story map so we can retell the story orally before we start writing our own version. This week, in Big Idea, we started learning about maps and we made our own map for the bird that gets lost in the story! Next week, we are going to be learning about compass directions.

In Maths, we have been revising numbers up to 20 and simple additions and subtractions.

You will shortly receive our half termly newsletter which will provide you with more Year 2 specific information, but here is a useful list of reminders for you:

Our PE lessons are on Monday afternoon and Tuesday morning. Please ensure your child has a named PE kit which is suitable for all weathers.

Please ensure your child has a named water bottle every day.

We will be sending your child home with a banded reading book once we have checked their colour band.

If you have any questions at all, please come and chat to us!

Kind regards,

The Year 2 team

(Miss Smith, Miss Crosby, Mrs Schofield, Ms White and Miss Willan)

- Please have a look at the Year 2 Newsletter at <https://www.knavesmireprimary.co.uk/news/year-2>

YEAR 3 CLASS MESSAGES

We hope you have all had a good summer and are ready to get back into the school routine! With this in mind, we are just getting the children settled into their new classrooms this week and making sure they know all of the new school routines. We will send out an email/letter next week explaining how the routines will be in relation to reading books, spelling, homework etc.

PE lessons will be every Monday and Friday afternoon, so please ensure your children have their PE kits in school on these days.

In maths this week, we have been focussing on place value and the value of digits up to 1000.

We have been reading 'The Great Paper Caper' as part of our book study. The children have created a range of interesting and thoughtful questions about the book that will help them achieve their end goal which is to 'design and make a paper aeroplane'.

In English, we have been looking at using appropriate adjectives and verbs in sentences and checking our use of punctuation. If you have any questions or queries, then please don't hesitate to ask a member of the Year 3 Team.

YEAR 4 CLASS MESSAGE

The children have made an amazing start to the year and settled in so beautifully to Year 4!

This week, we have started our new Big Idea which is the book study 'The Day I Fell into a Fairytale.' In English, we have created front covers for our upcoming fairytale narratives, found the features of a narrative and emphasised descriptive language using drama. In Maths, we have started our TT Rockstar training and spent time deepening our understanding of place value. We have also created fairytale maps, taken part in our first swimming lesson of Year 4 and had an amazing afternoon transforming our classrooms into a reading cafe and visiting the school library!

The Year 4 team would like to say a very big well done to all of our wonderful children for such positive and passionate attitudes this week! Please take a look at the Year 4 page on the school website where you can find a video tour of the Year 4 classrooms and a PowerPoint containing key information.

Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Year 4 team.

Big Idea: Book Study: The Day I Fell Into A Fairytale.

Reminders: Swimming on a Thursday morning.

A reminder about Swimming Lessons

Can we just clarify a few things about our Thursday morning timetable.

The children in Mrs Gould's class need to be in school by 8.50 a.m. prompt. The coach leaves for Energise at 9.05 a.m. and we need to make sure the children have put their belongings away and been to the toilet before we leave.

Thank you very much for your continued support.

The Year 4 team :)

YEAR 5 CLASS MESSAGES

It has been brilliant to have all the children back this week after the summer break! They have settled into their new classes really well. This week, we have revisited column addition and column subtraction in Maths, and the children have written a non-chronological report about themselves in English. We have also launched our new Big Idea "The Land of Neverbelieve" and are looking forward to learning more about it over the next few weeks. The children should have brought home a letter about Bikeability cycle training, please could we ask that you return that to the school office as soon as possible - thank you if you have returned this form already. A final reminder, could we please ask that the children have their PE kits in school each Monday and Friday.

YEAR 6 CLASS MESSAGES

Barcelona - For those of you who didn't manage to get to the last zoom meeting in July, there will be the same meeting taking place on Tuesday at 4pm (by zoom). The link will be sent out to at the start of next week.

What a first week! We've made our own jam, we've completed a team Maths challenge and we've got stuck into our book study, The Wolves in the Walls by Neil Gaiman. It has been so lovely to have all of the children back in school and has been particularly delightful to see how kind and considerate our Year 6 children have been with the younger children. We know how tired the children will be after their first week back at school so we hope they have a restful weekend!

In Year 6 this year, our PE days are on a Tuesday and Thursday, so children will need to ensure they have their PE kits in school. We will be sending out a Year 6 Newsletter with all of the necessary housekeeping information very soon.

Have a lovely weekend,

The Year 6 Team

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY	WHAT'S ON
Friday 22 nd October 2021	- Break up for October half term

Monday 1 st November 2022	- Back to school
Friday 17 th December 2012	- Break up for Christmas holidays
Monday 3 rd January 2022	- Bank Holiday – school closed
Tuesday 4 th January 2022	- Training day – school closed
Wednesday 5 th January 2022	- Back to school

Best wishes

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