



SKA HEADLINES

Friday 23rd September 2022

Another busy week completed at SKA! Even though we have only been in school for 4 days, we have crammed lots in. Follow our social media pages to keep up to date with the latest news at school. Details are at the bottom of this page.

P.E Kits

Just a polite reminder that children should not be coming to school in their P.E. kit. They should be bringing it to school and getting changed during the school day. Please refer to the P.E. kit expectations below:

Tops: Children should wear a white or light grey plain t-shirt or polo top

Bottoms: Black shorts or tracksuit bottoms/joggers

To keep warm: A black or grey hoodie/sweatshirt with or without the SKA logo

Shoes: Trainers for outdoor P.E. or black indoor plimsoles/pumps for indoor P.E.

Paperless Letters Home

All letters are now posted on the school's website. Some letters will also be sent using our new school app (MCAS) and a text notification will be sent if a letter is uploaded to our school website. Links to letters will also be posted to our Facebook and Twitter pages. There will be paper copies of each letter in the office available for those families who are unable to access this. Details of our website and social media pages are at the bottom of this newsletter.

MCAS (My Child at School)

Thank you for your patience while we have set up the new app – Mrs Neary and Mrs Studd have worked incredibly hard to make sure it is working as it should. If you have not yet downloaded the app, please find the guide on our website letters page.

Please note that from this week, we will no longer be accepting cash through the office and all transactions must be done through the MCAS app.

Homework

We will be sending a letter home next week about homework expectations and all classes will receive homework at the end of next week – this will include weekly spelling and times table practice, plus our new '50 things' curriculum. Watch this space for this exciting new addition to the SKA curriculum!

Safeguarding Message

This week's safeguarding message is about **YouTube Kids**. Please see the separate document uploaded to our website – you can also find these guides on our safeguarding page.

Weekly Coffee Club

A reminder to existing families and information for new families that we have our weekly coffee club on Thursday mornings at 8:45am in the staff room. Come along and have a cuppa and a chat with school staff – all welcome.

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School Calendar There are a few dates to be aware of for next week.

Date	Event
Monday 26 th September	Year 4 Swimming today – please remember swimming kits After school clubs start this week
Tuesday 27 th September	Year 6 sports club
Wednesday 28 th September	Year 4 sports club
Thursday 29 th September	Coffee club – all welcome – 8:45am start Year 5 & 6 football club, Young Voices club, Games club, Year 3 sports club

After School Clubs

After school clubs will start next week. If your child did not receive a place for a club this time, they will be prioritised for the next round of clubs. A reminder that after-school clubs will run from 3:20pm until 4:15pm and all children must be collected.

Vacancies at SKA

We are currently advertising for two lunchtime supervisors. Do you want to be a part of the team to drive exciting change and improvement at South Kirkby Academy? If the answer is yes, please visit the Waterton Academy Trust recruitment page (www.watertonacademytrust.org and click 'Join Us') for details about current vacancies at our school. You can download an application form or come to the office and speak to Mrs Neary if you would like to find out more information. You can also pick up a paper copy of the application form.

Attendance Matters (Our school attendance target is 95%)

It is important that children are at school as much as possible so they do not miss valuable learning time.

Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Bretton 89%	Fairburn 95%	Brodsworth 88%	Ackworth 92%
Nostell 91%	Waterton 91%	Wragby 90%	Wentbridge 92%

Well done to **Fairburn Class** for winning this week's attendance award with **95%** attendance. What a great result! **As their reward, they are welcome to come to school on Friday 30th September.**

Enjoy the weekend.

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