



SKA HEADLINES

Friday 4th November 2022

Please have a quick read to keep up to date with everything going on at school. Don't forget to follow our social media pages and keep up to date with letters on our school website – the details are at the bottom of the page. Apologies for the lengthy newsletter this week but there's lots of information to share!

Halloween Disco Fun

Thank you to our fantastic PTA for organising their first event of the academic year. It was a brilliant disco and the children had a great evening – there were so many spooky costumes and even spookier dance moves!

The event raised **£100** which will go towards buying new giant games for our playground, such as Jenga and Connect 4. An excellent result for our first event!

If you are interested in joining our school PTA, please see me or Miss Burns.



Facebook

It has come to my attention that some parents are speaking about school in a negative way, and even naming individual staff on Facebook. Please remember that this is not appropriate and that all staff at SKA want what is best for all children who attend school. All school staff work extremely hard to foster a culture of transparency and an ethos of working with our parents to resolve any issues as and when they arise. I therefore remind all families to speak to the child's class teacher as the first point of call. If you do not feel the issue has been resolved, please speak to myself or any member of the senior leadership team. You can also catch me every morning on the gate or give me a ring and I will speak to you as soon as possible. Thank you for your support with this.

School Photos

On Monday, the children will be having their individual school photos. Please make sure your child is dressed smartly in full uniform, including jumper or cardigan.



INSET Day Change

The INSET day scheduled for **Monday 5th June 2023** has been moved and will now be on **Tuesday 3rd January 2023** (school is closed Monday 2nd January 2023 as it is a bank holiday in lieu of New Year's Day, which falls over the weekend). School will be open to **staff only** on Tuesday 3rd January 2023.

After School Club Apologies

We are sorry for the cancellation with some after-school clubs this week. Our sports coaches were unable to attend school this week and let us know last minute, and we have had members of staff off poorly. After school clubs will be running again as normal next week.

Bike Sheds

The bike sheds on the main playground are in use again. Please make sure your child's bike/scooter is put in here at the beginning of the day rather than by the main entrance. Make sure bikes and scooters are locked up as unfortunately, school cannot accept responsibility for bikes and scooters.



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Children in Need

On **Friday 18th November**, we will be raising money and awareness for the BBC's Children in Need charity.

- To find out more about this charity, please follow this link:
[What we do - BBC Children in Need](#)
- To find out about how BBC's Children in Need have helped locally, please follow this link:
[There For Children Near You - BBC Children in Need](#)



We are inviting all children and staff to come to school dressed in yellow or spots (or both!) for a donation of any amount to support what I am sure you will all agree is an extremely worthwhile cause.

Year 3 and 4 Movie Night

On **Thursday 10th November**, Year 3 and 4 children are invited to the first SKA Movie Night of the year. Children will vote on a number of new films at the beginning of the week. Tickets are £1 which include popcorn and a drink. The hall will be set out like a cinema so there is no need to bring cushions or blankets. Please buy your ticket at the office. Collection will be at 5:30pm at the main entrance – all children must be collected due to the dark evening



Year 5 and 6 will have their movie night on Thursday 17th November.

All profits will be added to the PTA fund to go towards new playground games.

Remembrance Poppies



There are Remembrance poppies, wrist bands and zippers available for **£1 donation per item**. School councillors will be going around school next week to classes to sell the poppies. All proceeds will go to the Royal British Legion.

Year 4 Sublime Science

The Year 4 children were full of awe and wonder at the Sublime Science workshop, where they even made and ate their own sherbet! Please see our Facebook and Twitter pages for more photos and thank you all for your support with this exciting event.



Wakefield Cost of Living Support

Please click on the following link to open a guide book with advisory services and support linked to the current cost of living crisis. This will open an electronic booklet.

[Wakefield Cost of Living Support - V1 \(pagetiger.com\)](#)

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

Date	Event
Monday 7th November	Year 4 Swimming today – please remember swimming kits Individual school photographs today – full uniform please
Tuesday 8th November	Year 6 sports club
Wednesday 9th November	Year 4 sports club
Thursday 10th November	Year 5 & 6 football club, Young Voices club, Games club, Year 3 sports club Year 3 and 4 movie night – 15:30 – 17:30
Friday 11th November	Coffee club – all welcome – 8:45am start **please note change of day** Remembrance service at South Kirkby Cenotaph (not all children)

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Attendance Matters (Our school attendance target is 95%)

Our whole school attendance figure for **Week 8** is **93% ↑** which is just below our school target but a huge improvement compared to the week before half-term! Thank you for getting your children to school on time.

Our class attendance this week:

Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Bretton 90%	Fairburn 96%	Brodsworth 90%	Ackworth 90%
Nostell 97%	Waterton 95%	Wragby 91%	Wentbridge 93%

Well done to **Nostell Class** for winning this week's attendance award with **97%** attendance. What a great result! **As their reward, they are welcome to come to school in non-uniform on Friday 11th November 2022.**

School attendance rewards:

Please find a quick reminder of rewards in school for good attendance below:

Weekly Celebrations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Each week, the class with the highest attendance is announced in assembly and they receive a certificate in praise assembly.• They are also able to come to school the following Friday in non-uniform, as shared on our weekly newsletter (SKA Headlines).• Children whose attendance is 95% or above for the week will get entered into the Attendance Raffle.
Half-termly Celebrations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Children whose attendance is 95% or above receive a certificate of recognition and receive a 'Lucky Dip' prize.• The winning class with the best attendance receives a special treat at the end of each term.• At the end of the half-term, there will be a raffle to win a £50 Amazon Gift Voucher for the child and their family. This is linked to the weekly Attendance Raffle – the more weeks your child is at school 95% of the time or more, the more chances they will have to win. For example, if their attendance is better than 95% for 7 weeks, they will get entered into the raffle 7 times.• At the end of the half-term, the child with the most improved attendance will also receive a £50 Amazon Gift Voucher for them and their family.

Enjoy the weekend when it arrives.

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