



SKA HEADLINES

Friday 11th 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.

Remembrance Service

Our children represented our school perfectly at the remembrance service today. Their behaviour walking down from school was exemplary and they showed so much respect at the service while we remembered those who sacrificed so much. Well done to all of our representatives from each class – we are so proud of you. The deputy mayor commented on how beautiful the wreaths were that the children have worked hard making in their classes too.



We will share the total raised with you once the money has been counted by the Royal British Legion.

A reminder that children should not be wearing poppy bands next week. Thank you for your support.

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.

Yellow Zig-Zag Lines



I would like to remind all families that they **must not** park on the zig-zag lines outside of school as it causes danger to our children crossing the road and causes disruption to the residents who live opposite school.

One of our Year 5 parents works for Wakefield Council and has pushed hard for the lines to be reinstated and for a patrol to ensure that vehicle owners are using the road carefully.

Please remember that school pay the Cricket Club to use their car park, so you can park in there to pick up and drop off your children.

Packed Lunches

Please speak to your children about eating their packed lunches at dinner time. We have a number of staff on duty in the hall however we have noticed that some children are eating quickly to get out to play and binning some of their lunch before finishing it. Please ask your children to take home any items they have not eaten so we can work together to monitor what your children are eating during the school day. Thank you.



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 these.



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Year 5 and 6 Movie Night

On **Thursday 17th November**, Year 5 and 6 children are invited to the upper school movie. 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 5:15pm at the main entrance – all children must be collected due to the dark evening



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

Lost Property and Naming Items

We are only 2 weeks in to the second half of the autumn term and the lost property box is already overflowing! Please come into school if you are missing any items of uniform or P.E. kit. The box is in the main foyer.

Please help us keep track of uniform items by making sure each item of clothing is labelled with your child's name.

Curriculum Newsletters

Please follow the link below to find out what your children are learning about this half-term:

[Curriculum Newsletters - South Kirkby Academy](#)



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 14th November	Year 4 Swimming today – please remember swimming kits
Tuesday 15th November	Year 6 sports club Year 5 trip to Filey Young Voices club **please note change of day**
Wednesday 16th November	Year 4 sports club
Thursday 17th November	Year 5 & 6 football club, Young Voices club, Games club, Year 3 sports club Year 5 and 6 movie night – 15:30 – 17:30
Friday 18th November	Coffee club – all welcome – 8:45am start **please note change of day** Children in Need – Please see last week's newsletter for information by clicking here

Vacancies at SKA

We are currently advertising for one teaching assistant. 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 by clicking the link ([Recruitment - Waterton Academy Trust](#)) 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. We look forward to hearing from you.

Safeguarding Message This week's safeguarding guide is about **online bullying**. Please click the following link to read it: [NOS Anti-Bullying Week Guide \(southkirkbyacademy.org\)](#)

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Bag 2 School – ‘The more we weigh, the more we pay’

The PTA have organised **Bag 2 School** to collect used clothing to raise money to buy school equipment and reuse/recycle clothing.

Used clothes are collected, bagged up and weighed, and then school receive a payment based on the weight of items that have been donated. Please hand your donations to your child’s class teacher and visit the website for more information: [Bag 2 School](#).



Thank you in advance for your support with this excellent fundraiser!

Attendance Matters (Our school attendance target is 95%)

Our whole school attendance figure for **Week 9** is **91%** ↓ which is lower than last week. Let’s try and get this back up to our school target of 95% next week!

Our class attendance this week:

Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Bretton 86%	Fairburn 98%	Brodsworth 88%	Ackworth 91%
Nostell 89%	Waterton 85%	Wragby 96%	Wentbridge 93%

Well done to **Fairburn Class** for winning this week’s attendance award with **98%** attendance. What a great result! **As their reward, they are welcome to come to school in non-uniform on Thursday 17th November (Friday 18th November is also non-uniform day for Children in Need).**

Have a lovely weekend.

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