



# SKA HEADLINES

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Children in Need

Your children looked brilliant in their yellow and spotty outfits last Friday. As a school, we raised **£150** for Children in Need – a great result! Thank you for your donations.



## INSET Day Change – Final Reminder

I will not include this on next week's newsletter, but just in case you haven't yet seen it:

The INSET day scheduled for **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023** has been moved and will now be on **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023** (school is closed Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023.

## Movie Nights

The children really enjoyed our movie nights – we raised **£114** for our PTA fund for new playground games. Thank you for your support as always with these events.



## Lost Property and Naming Items

The lost property box is 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.

## 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 \(pagetiger.com\)](https://www.pagetiger.com/wakefield-cost-of-living-support-v1)

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

Date	Event
<b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Year 4 Swimming today – please remember swimming kits Year 5 Trip to Filey
<b>Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Year 6 sports club
<b>Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Year 4 sports club
<b>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December</b>	Year 5 & 6 football club, Young Voices club, Games club, Year 3 sports club
<b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December</b>	Coffee club – all welcome – 8:45am start **please note change of day**

**Safeguarding Message** This week's safeguarding guide is about **TikTok**. Please click the following link to read it: [NOS TikTok Guide \(southkirkbyacademy.org\)](https://www.southkirkbyacademy.org/nos-tiktok-guide)

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I sent a text with a link to our updated calendar of events. This can be found below and by clicking this link: [Autumn-Christmas-Events-Update.pdf \(southkirkbyacademy.org\)](#)

Event:	Date:
Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Dinner*	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December 2022
Christmas Craft, Carol and Coffee Morning, followed by Christmas Fayre – <b>Families Invited*</b>	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 2022
Autumn Progress Reports to Families	Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December 2022
Year 3 Nativity – <b>Families Invited*</b>	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December 2022
<b>Christmas Parties in Class (am)*</b> The SKA Christmas Sing-Off (pm)	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2022
<b>CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS</b>	<b>School closes</b> Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2022 (3:20pm)
<b>BANK HOLIDAY (IN LIEU OF NEW YEAR'S DAY)</b>	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January 2023
<b>INSET DAY – SCHOOL OPEN FOR STAFF ONLY</b>	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2023 <small>This is instead of the INSET on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023.</small>
<b>BACK TO SCHOOL</b>	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2023

### After School Club Notice

After school clubs will not run during the final week of term (**week commencing Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2022**) due to a number of Christmas events happening that week. Thank you for your understanding.

### 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%)

Bugs and germs have spread through school this week so unfortunately our whole school attendance figure for **Week 11** is **89% ↓** which is much lower than our school target. 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 89%	Fairburn 88%	Brodsworth 88%	Ackworth 82%
Nostell 89%	<b>Waterton 91%</b>	Wragby 80%	Wentbridge 83%

Well done to **Waterton Class** for winning this week's attendance award with **91%** attendance. What a great result! **As their reward, they are welcome to come to school in non-uniform on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2022.**

Enjoy the weekend.

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