



SKA HEADLINES

Friday 6th January 2023

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.

Welcome Back

A warm welcome back to you all – I hope you all had a lovely Christmas and New Year. We started the week with a busy day in school for staff, who have been working hard reviewing the SKA curriculum to make it even better for your children. It was a dark, dreary January morning on Wednesday which was soon brightened up by your children arriving at school. They arrived to school looking smart in their uniform and eager to learn with a brilliant attitude to being back after a couple of weeks off. This continued throughout the week and even though it was a shorter week, we sure crammed a lot in.

Parking

There were lots of cars parked on the yellow zig-zag lines outside of school on Wednesday morning in particular. A reminder that cars should not be stopped on these lines as it poses risk to the children arriving and leaving school. Driveways and junctions should also be kept clear to respect the school's neighbours. Please use the cricket club car park to drop off and pick up, as school pays a fee to use this facility.

Christmas Hairstyles

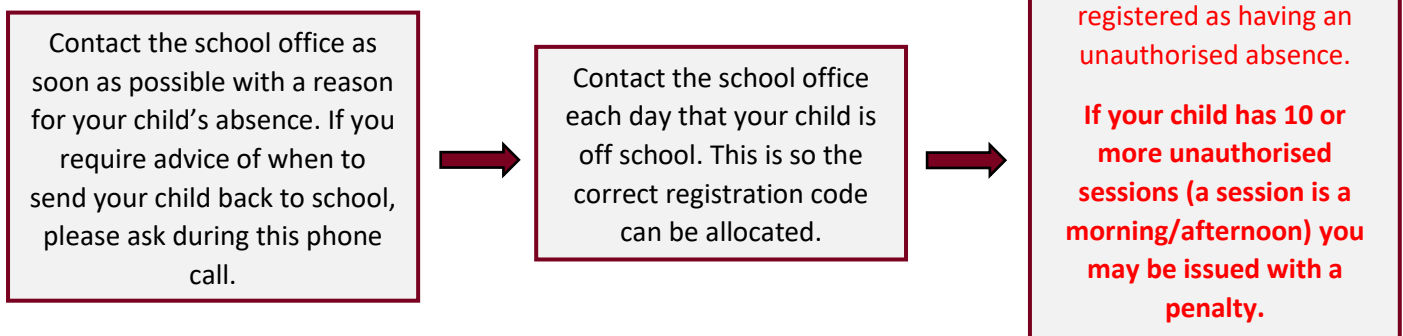
Back in December, a couple of parents/carers caught me on the gate asking if it was okay for their child to have different hairstyles that wouldn't usually be allowed by school over the festive season, extending into the new term. My answer was of course – it's exciting to change your hairstyle! I am however asking that these more 'extreme' hairstyles are changed if possible by the week commencing Monday 16th January 2023. Thank you for your support with this.

Spring Calendar

I will be sharing an events calendar over the next week with important dates for the upcoming term – watch this space. Key dates will then be added to our weekly SKA Headlines newsletter as usual.

Attendance Matters (Our school attendance target is 95%)

REMINDER: If your child is going to be absent from school:



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Our whole school attendance figure for **Week 1 of Spring Term** is **93%**. This is a drastic improvement compared to before the holidays. Thank you for getting your children to school on time – every day and minute counts!

Our class attendance this week:

Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Bretton 99%	Fairburn 97%	Brodsworth 99%	Ackworth 84%
Nostell 90%	Waterton 93%	Wragby 86%	Wentbridge 96%

Some excellent attendance here! Well done to **Bretton and Brodsworth Class** for winning this week's attendance award with a whopping **99%** attendance. What a great result! **As their reward, they are welcome to come to school in non-uniform on Friday 13th January 2023.**

Safeguarding Message

Lots of children were telling me about new devices they were gifted at Christmas holiday! With this in mind, please view this week's online safety message here:

[NOS Stay Safe on New Devices Guide \(southkirkbyacademy.org\)](https://southkirkbyacademy.org/nos-stay-safe-on-new-devices-guide)

It highlights a number of tips such as double-checking your news sources, taking breaks from being online and not sharing personal information.

I look forward to another great week at SKA.

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