



SKA HEADLINES

Friday 13th 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.

Spring Events

A letter was shared earlier this week with some information about key events for the first half of the Spring Term. I have included this below and more information will be shared about events nearer the time:

Event:	Date:
Non-uniform day – please donate something red, white or pink for the PTA Valentine's Raffle if you can	Tuesday 17 th January 2023
Year 3 and 4 Movie Night	Tuesday 31 st January 2023
SATs Meeting (Year 6 parents/carers only)	Wednesday 1 st February 2023
Year 5 and 6 Movie Night	Thursday 2 nd February 2023
Valentine's Disco	Tuesday 7 th February 2023
Young Voices	Wednesday 8 th February 2023
The SKA Exhibition	Thursday 9 th February 2023
FEBRUARY HALF-TERM	Break up Friday 10 th February 2023 Return to school on Monday 20 th February 2023



Winter Warmer Lunch

On **Thursday 19th January 2023** we will be having a Winter Warmer Lunch. The menu will be:



Main Meal	Vegetarian Option	Jacket Potato	Sandwiches	Dessert
Sausage roll, chips and beans	Macaroni cheese (V)	1 or 2 fillings (cheese, beans, tuna)	Selection of fillings	Chocolate sponge and custard

I have worked at a number of schools and I have to say the dinners at SKA are the best I've had! If your child usually has a packed lunch but would like a school dinner on this day, please pay **£2.50** on the MCAS app. This is also a great opportunity for your child to try school dinners if they haven't had one before!

Valentine's Disco

Valentine's Day is during February half-term this year, so our PTA will be putting on a Valentine's Disco on **Tuesday 7th February** after school. Tickets will be **£1** and available from the office – the disco is open to all year groups and the ticket includes entry, a drink and a hot dog. There will be a tuck shop where your children can buy extra snacks – please do not send your child with any more than 50p. All money raised will be put back into school to buy giant playground games for your children to play with at break time and dinner time.

The PTA have also asked for donations of red, pink and white items for the Valentine's raffle. If you have any unwanted gifts, boxes of chocolates or bottles of bubble bath and are able to donate them, please send them our way! Thank you in advance for your support with another great event being organised by our PTA.

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Trips, Visitors and Workshops

In order to make your child's time with us at SKA as enjoyable and engaging as possible, we make sure that as well as day-to-day learning in class, all children have opportunity to attend trips and workshops where visitors come into school, to discover life outside of South Kirkby. For trips and workshops, there is usually a cost involved, particularly given the nature of where SKA is geographically – we have to take coach transport on almost every trip as we are miles away from large towns and cities! This in itself usually contributes to the majority of the cost of a trip.

All staff at SKA understand that it's tough at the moment with everything becoming more expensive so school **always** contributes to the cost of any trips, visitors and workshops but unfortunately, we are unable to cover the entire cost of these. Without contributions from families, these exciting events that your children enjoy would not be able to happen.



On the Bromcom App, you can pay for events in as many instalments as you would like and can continue to pay after the event. It is important that we receive payment from as many families as possible however please be reminded that we will never stop a child from attending an event due to financial reasons – please speak to myself, Mrs Neary or Mrs Studd if you require support paying for a trip. All matters will be dealt with sensitively and confidentially.

Attendance Matters (Our school attendance target is 95%)

Our whole school attendance figure for **Week 2 of Spring Term** is **94%**. This is an excellent result and almost our school target! Let's see if we can hit that 95% next week. 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 94%	Fairburn 96%	Brodsworth 98%	Ackworth 87%
Nostell 94%	Waterton 98%	Wragby 91%	Wentbridge 92%

Some excellent attendance here! Well done to **Waterton and Brodsworth Class** for winning this week's attendance award with a super **98%** attendance. What a great result! **As their reward, they are welcome to come to school in non-uniform on Friday 20th January 2023.**

Online Safety Message

This week's parent/carer guide is about Instagram (minimum age 13).

[WUW 101 Instagram Guide \(southkirkbyacademy.org\)](https://www.southkirkbyacademy.org/wuw-101-instagram-guide)

In the guide, you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as addiction, unrealistic ideals and the influencer culture.

Have a lovely weekend.

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