



# SKA HEADLINES

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

It has been a great, busy week again at SKA – I can't believe we are at the end of Week 3 already! Thank you for your support as always with everything going on at school. There's lots of information on this week's newsletter – please make sure you read it through until the end so you don't miss any key details.

## Updated Spring Term Calendar



Event:	Date:
<b>*NEW*</b> Times Tables Rock Stars Day (dress as a rock star or in bright clothes)	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> January 2023
Year 3 and 4 Movie Night	Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> January 2023
<b>SATs Meeting (Year 6 parents/carers only)</b>	Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> February
Year 5 and 6 Movie Night	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February 2023
Valentine's Disco	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February 2023
Young Voices	Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> February 2023
<b>The SKA Exhibition</b>	Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> February 2023
<b>FEBRUARY HALF-TERM</b>	<b>Break up</b> Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> February 2023 <b>Return to school on</b> Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> February 2023

## Red, White & Pink Donations – Valentine's Raffle

A huge **thank you** on behalf of myself, the school staff and the PTA for your extremely generous red, white and pink donations. Our wonderful PTA have made up some hampers and there are pictures of these on our Facebook and Twitter pages. **Tickets are available in the office for £1 per strip.**

## 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Times Tables Rock Stars Day

Please see the following letter sent out this week about Times Tables Rock Stars day. Click the logo to open the letter.



## Waterton Academy Trust – NEU Strikes Letter – Important

Please read the following letter sent out this week about the proposed NEU strikes. Click the logo to open the letter.



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## SATs Boosters

A reminder that Year 6 revision classes will start next week. Please collect your child from the **main entrance** at 4:15pm promptly. **After evaluation and the evenings now becoming lighter, we are happy for children to walk home. Please contact the school office to give verbal permission if you would like your child to walk home.** These will run on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

## Trips, Visitors and Workshops - Reminder

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.

## Greek Workshop

A polite reminder that payment is due for the Year 4 Greek workshop on Bromcom. The workshop last year was fantastic – the children loved it and learnt loads! (See picture above).



## Attendance Matters (Our school attendance target is 95%)

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

Contact the school office as soon as possible with a reason for your child's absence. If you require advice of when to send your child back to school, please ask during this phone call.



Contact the school office **each day** that your child is off school. This is so the correct registration code can be allocated.



No contact with school will result in your child being registered as having an unauthorised absence.

If your child has 10 or more unauthorised sessions (a session is a morning/afternoon) you may be issued with a penalty.

Our whole school attendance figure for **Week 3 of Spring Term** is **91%** which is well below the national average and our school target of 95%. **It is so important to make sure your children are attending school.** Let's see if we can hit that 95% next week.

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### Our class attendance this week:

Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Bretton <b>98%</b>	Fairburn <b>93%</b>	Brodsworth <b>90%</b>	Ackworth <b>84%</b>
Nostell <b>90%</b>	Waterton <b>92%</b>	Wragby <b>90%</b>	Wentbridge <b>94%</b>

Well done to **Bretton** 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 Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2023 (Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January is Times Tables Rock Stars day).**

### Coffee Club

Don't forget our weekly coffee club in the staff room every Friday at 8:45am until 9:45am. Come along, have a chat with other parents and carers, and speak to school staff while enjoying a brew and a biscuit! **Everyone welcome.**



### Online Safety Message

This week's parent/carer guide is about Twitter. Click the Twitter icon to open the guide.

In the guide, you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as trolls and bullying, fixation on view count and interaction with strangers.



Thanks for reading this week's newsletter!  
Have a great weekend.

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**(Head of School)**

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