



SKA HEADLINES

Friday 3rd February 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.

Dates next week:

Please be aware of a couple of changes in bold.

Event:	Date:
SATs Meeting (Year 6 parents/carers only) *new date*	Monday 6 th February 2023
Valentine's Disco – tickets available in the office	Tuesday 7 th February 2023
Young Voices	Wednesday 8 th February 2023
The SKA Exhibition *cancelled – to be rearranged for next half-term*	Thursday 9 th February 2023
Wear Green Day – Y6 Charity Day *new*	Thursday 9 th February 2023
Coffee Morning	Friday 10 th February 2023
FEBRUARY HALF-TERM	Break up Friday 10 th February 2023 at 3:20pm Return to school on Monday 20 th February 2023

Leadership Change

Mrs Thompson (Executive Headteacher) will no longer be overseeing South Kirkby Academy and my work as the Head of School. The day to day running of the school will not change and the senior leadership team consisting of myself, Mrs Stephenson (Assistant Headteacher) and Miss Burns (SENCO and Inclusion Manager) will remain the same.

Movie Nights

Thank you for supporting our movie nights this week. The children (and staff who volunteered to stay!) enjoyed the film and popcorn. You raised another **£77** which will be added to the pot to help raise money for our giant outdoor games.

Greek Workshop

A polite reminder that payment is due for the Year 4 Greek workshop on the MCAS app. Thank you if you have already paid. Remember, you can split payments in instalments through the MCAS app.

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.

Children can bring a change of clothes in a bag which they will have chance to change into at the end of the day. 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.

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E-Scooters

An important reminder that bikes and scooters should not be ridden on the school playground.

It has been noted that E-Scooters have been ridden on the school site this week. It is legal to own an electric scooter in the UK however there are lots of restrictions surrounding where they can be used. Currently, electric scooters can only be used on private land with permission from the land owner. It is illegal to use them on public roads and pavements. Any uses of E-Scooters on or directly outside of the school grounds will be reported to the police.

Charity Day – Wear Green!

As part of our PSHE curriculum, Year 6 are holding a fundraising event on Thursday 9th February 2023. They have decided to hold a 'Green Day' where everyone wears green to school, and a bake and juice sale to raise money for the Yorkshire Children's Air Ambulance. Please send your child to school dressed in green. We are suggesting a £1 donation; however, any donation will be greatly appreciated.

There will also be a bake and juice sale during breaktime – please send your child to school with some change if they would like to purchase a cake.

If you are able to donate any cakes for the sale, please give these to your child's class teacher. Staff will also be donating cakes to raise as much money as possible for a great cause and to support the Year 6s with their work.



Thank you in advance – I am aware this is another financial ask given the current climate, however any donations will be gratefully received.

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.**



SATs Revision Clubs

A reminder that SATs revision boosters have now started. Please remind and encourage your children to stay for these for additional help with their learning. Children may bring their own snacks and drinks, and can walk home now the evenings are lighter.

Attendance Matters (Our school attendance target is 95%)

Our whole school attendance figure for **Week 5 of Spring Term** is **93%** which is below our school target and the same as last week. **It is so important to make sure your children are attending school.** Let's see if we can hit that 95% next week.

Our class attendance this week:

Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Bretton 98%	Fairburn 95%	Brodsworth 96%	Ackworth 87%
Nostell 94%	Waterton 93%	Wragby 96%	Wentbridge 89%

Well done to **Bretton** for winning this week's attendance with 98%. **As their reward, they are welcome to come to school in non-uniform on Friday 10th February 2023.**

Have a lovely weekend.

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