



# SKA HEADLINES

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Welcome Back

It has been a brilliant first week back after the half-term holiday at SKA – it has really struck me how settled your children have been and how hard they have worked right from 8:45am on Monday morning. It has been excellent being back and seeing the exciting learning going on in each class. It is a long newsletter this week so please carefully read the information to make sure nothing is missed.

## Spring Calendar

Please look at the calendar below – this was shared on a separate letter. Further information will be shared about each of the events nearer the time. Progress Meetings are now available for booking through the MCAS app.



Event:	Date:
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	World Book Day (please see separate letter)
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 6 Trip – Yorkshire Wildlife Park (Rainforest Experience)
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Spring Progress Meetings – YEAR 3 ONLY (1pm – 3:30pm)
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Spring Progress Meetings – YEAR 4 ONLY (1pm – 3:30pm)
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Spring Progress Meetings – YEAR 5 ONLY (1pm – 3:30pm)
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Spring Progress Meetings – YEAR 6 ONLY (1pm – 3:30pm)
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Science Week
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Spring Progress Meetings – WHOLE SCHOOL (3:30pm – 6pm)
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Red Nose Day (details TBC)
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 3/4 Movie Night (£1 per ticket)
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Family Morning (details TBC)
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 5/6 Movie Night (£1 per ticket)
<b>EASTER HOLIDAYS</b>	Break up <b>Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023</b> at 3:20pm
<b>START OF SUMMER TERM</b>	Back to school <b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023</b> at 8:45am

## Drinks at School

A polite reminder that children can bring water or dilute to school. They may also bring in a small drink in their packed lunch box, such as a carton of juice. *No other drinks are allowed, including fizzy drinks or bottles of Prime. If any bottles of Prime are found, they will be confiscated until the end of the days so please make sure your children are not bringing them in.*



## Support for Families – Cost of Living

SESKU Community Foodbank are accepting referrals from school if any families need support.

The Greggs Foundation also award grants for appliances, white goods, beds, mattresses, food, clothing and utility bills. Again, if you would like more information or support with this, please speak to myself, Miss Burns, Miss Jones or Mrs Matthews in total confidentiality.

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## Waterton's Got Talent



We had a fantastic talent show during the last week of term where each class showed off their talent to the rest of the school! The judges Miss Burns (Simone Cowell), Mrs Matthews (Amanda Holden), Miss Froggett (Alisha Dixon) and Miss Jones (David Walliams) sent Sophie in Year 4 and Buddy in Year 5 through to the final event. Congratulations and a huge well-done to all who took part – it was a wonderful afternoon of performances.

## Greek Workshop

Year 4 had a wonderful time at their Greek Day Workshop – please visit our social media pages for more information and pictures. If you are yet to pay, please pay via the MCAS app. Mrs Studd and Mrs Neary will be in contact for any outstanding payments.

## Charity Day – Wear Green!

Wow! Year 6 raised a whopping **£312.75** with their charity event in support of the Children's Air Ambulance. Thank you all for your support with this event.



## Emergency Appeal – Syria and Turkey Earthquake

Thank you for your support with our additional, Trust-wide non-uniform day to raise money to support UNICEF to deliver aid to those in need after the recent tragedy in Syria and Turkey. As a school, we raised **£170.40**. Thank you again for your generosity.



## Valentine's Disco

Our Valentine's Disco was another huge success before half-term – we haven't quite finished counting the money for this yet but I will let you know how much we have raised when we do! Thank you again to our fantastic PTA for organising.

## 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 – we have had a number of children this week forget that they should be in a revision club. Children may bring their own snacks and drinks, and can walk home now the evenings are lighter.

## Uniforms

The children have continued to wear their uniforms with pride – they look so smart. I have however noticed a few items of items creep in that should not be worn. A polite reminder that if your child is wearing trainers they should be black and they should not be wearing jewellery to school. Small stud earrings are fine.

## Safeguarding Message

This week's safeguarding message for families is about **Spotify**.

In the guide you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as age-inappropriate lyrics, an audio chat function and recent reports of predatory activity.



Click the logo to open the newsletter.

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

Our whole school attendance figure for **Week 7 of Spring Term** is **92%** 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.

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**Our class attendance this week:**

<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Year 6</b>
<b>Bretton 95%</b>	Fairburn <b>92%</b>	Brodsworth <b>92%</b>	Ackworth <b>89%</b>
Nostell <b>89%</b>	Waterton <b>93%</b>	Wragby <b>92%</b>	Wentbridge <b>94%</b>

Well done to **Bretton** for winning this week's attendance with 95%. **As their reward, they are welcome to come to school in non-uniform on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2023.**



Enjoy the weekend.

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**(Head of School)**

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