



SKA HEADLINES

Friday 3rd March 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 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:
Monday 6 th March	Year 6 Trip – Yorkshire Wildlife Park (Rainforest Experience)
Monday 6 th March	Spring Progress Meetings – YEAR 3 ONLY (1pm – 3:30pm)
Tuesday 7 th March	Spring Progress Meetings – YEAR 4 ONLY (1pm – 3:30pm)
Wednesday 8 th March	Spring Progress Meetings – YEAR 5 ONLY (1pm – 3:30pm)
Thursday 9th March	Spring Progress Meetings – YEAR 6 ONLY (1pm – 3:30pm)
Monday 13 th – Friday 17 th March	Science Week
Tuesday 14 th March	Spring Progress Meetings – WHOLE SCHOOL (3:30pm – 6pm)
Wednesday 15 th March	Special Person Coffee Morning – 9:30am-10:30am – Please see poster shared by PTA
Friday 17 th March	Red Nose Day (details TBC)
Thursday 23 rd March NEW DATE	Spring Progress Meetings – YEAR 6 ONLY (1pm – 3:30pm) PLEASE SEE SEPARATE LETTER SENT TODAY
Tuesday 28 th March	Year 3/4 Movie Night (£1 per ticket)
Wednesday 29 th March	Family Morning (details TBC)
Thursday 30 th March	Year 5/6 Movie Night (£1 per ticket)
EASTER HOLIDAYS	Break up Friday 31st March 2023 at 3:20pm
START OF SUMMER TERM	Back to school Monday 17th April 2023 at 8:45am

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.

Football Before School

It has been brought to my attention that children are playing football before the school day, which is great, however the games are getting too big and family members are being hit by the football when waiting at the beginning of the day. I do not totally want to stop this – I am happy for the children to have a little kick around before school. The message from school staff will be that they keep it as that – a little kick around, not a full game of football and that they are to keep the ball down on the ground. If you know your child plays football when they get to school, please have the same conversation with them. I will monitor this next week and if it does not change, I will have to put a stop to it as I do not want anyone to get injured.

Many thanks for your support with this.

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Valentine's Disco

Our Valentine's Disco raised £175! A huge, huge thank you to our PTA – your support for our school is invaluable and I really appreciate everything you do for us. Watch this space as the PTA have raised £732 to support our school. We have ordered some giant outdoor games so your children have more to do and play with at dinner times.

Year 6 Trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park (Monday 6th March)

A polite reminder that payment is now due for the Year 6 trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park on the MCAS app.

- Children will need to bring a packed lunch. If they receive free school meals, this will be provided by school.
- Children will need to wear their uniform but they can wear comfortable footwear and a coat as it will be cold.
- Please bring any medication in a named bag and hand this to your child's class teacher.
- Children may bring **up to £5 spending money** for the shop.
- The trip will be in the school day so children must be on time but there is no need to bring them in earlier.

World Book Day

Your children looked great in their book day costumes! We had an excellent day of taking part in all things reading, including quizzes, sharing favourite stories, enjoying trips to the library and decorating classroom doors as well-known book covers!

Safeguarding Message

This week's safeguarding message for families is about **Gaming Supporting Positive Outcomes**.

In the guide you'll find a number of potential benefits including a sense of achievement, learning about teamwork and encouraging creativity.

Click on the preview to open the newsletter.



Attendance Matters (Our school attendance target is 95%)

Our whole school attendance figure for **Week 8 of Spring Term** is **94.3%** which is below our school target, but only just! A great result. **It is so important to make sure your children are attending school.** Let's see if we can hit that 95% next week!

Persistent absence has decreased since Christmas, from **33%** to **24%**. This is fantastic and shows that more children are now attending school more regularly. Thank you for getting your children to school each day.

Our class attendance this week:

Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Bretton 97%	Fairburn 91%	Brodsworth 98%	Ackworth 82%
Nostell 96%	Waterton 97%	Wragby 99%	Wentbridge 94%

Well done to **Wragby** for winning this week's attendance with **99%**. **As their reward, they are welcome to come to school in non-uniform on Friday 10th March.**

Have a great weekend.

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