



SKA HEADLINES

Friday 24th 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.

Upcoming Dates

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.

Event:	Date:
Tuesday 28 th March	Year 3/4 Movie Night (£1 per ticket)
Wednesday 29 th March	The SKA Exhibition – See letter here
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

Red Nose Day



You raised £75 for Comic Relief – thank you for your kind donations. For those of you who don't know, the money raised on Red Nose Day helps people live free from poverty, violence and discrimination.



This week's Online Safety Guide

Click the following preview to read all about *iPads & Tablets*.

Waterton's Got Talent



Yesterday evening marked one of Waterton's biggest events of the year, organised by school parliament and staff from the Trust central team.

Buddy and Sophie were an unlikely duo – they both performed extremely well in their individual auditions and the judges simply could not decide on a winner. When asked if they were friends before Waterton's Got Talent, Sophie's words were "I've never seen Buddy before in my life!". The band 'Note Special' was formed and last night they put on a mesmerising performance of 'Seven Nation Army' on the big stage at Normanton Junior Academy in front of hundreds of people.

I felt nervous simply having to get on stage with a microphone to introduce the act, so their fearless attitude and bravery was just so impressive. There wasn't a wrong word sung or an off note played – they performed with such charisma and confidence, and I know there were some very proud family members in the audience giving them the loudest cheers. The audience raised the roof at the end of their performance and quite rightly so - I could not be prouder of South Kirkby Academy's resident rock stars! Well done Buddy and Sophie.

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Communication Reminder

A polite reminder of our 'communication cascade' when raising issues with members of staff. We pride ourselves on having an 'open door policy' and are always happy to resolve any issues you may have.

In the first instance, you should contact your child's class teacher if you have any issues. The best time to catch them is at the end of the day, though they will also be on classroom doors in the morning.



In the unlikely event of the issue not being resolved, you can speak to a member of the senior leadership team. We are usually available before and after school but may ask that you make an appointment if we are unavailable.

There are a number of staff on duty each morning on the playground including members of the senior leadership team.

Please see Mrs Studd for any attendance issues.

Please see Mrs Neary or Mrs Studd for any issues regarding payments, the MCAS app, trips, clubs etc.

Attendance Matters (Our school attendance target is 95%)

Our whole school attendance figure for **Week 11 of Spring Term** is **92.5%** which isn't as good as last week or our school target. There has been a nasty sickness bug travelling around school.

Please see the guide on the next page about what to do if your child is unwell.

Our class attendance this week:

Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Bretton 90%	Fairburn 96%	Brodsworth 97%	Ackworth 88%
Nostell 88%	Waterton 95%	Wragby 89%	Wentbridge 95%

Well done to **Brodsworth** for winning this week's attendance with **97%**. **As their reward, they are welcome to come to school in non-uniform on Friday 31st March 2023.**

Persistent Absence Reduction

Between February half term and now, persistent absence (children who are at school less than 90% of the time) has dropped to 19%. This is a fantastic result. Between October half-term and Christmas, 37% of our school (80 children!) had attendance of 90% or less. If a child gets to the end of the school year with 90% attendance, they have missed **4 whole weeks of school**. Thank you for making sure your children are at school as much as possible!

Have a lovely weekend and we will see you all on Monday.

Mr Adam Potter

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Is my child well enough for school? (Sourced from the NHS)

When your child is unwell, it can be hard deciding whether to keep them off school. A few simple guidelines can help.

Not every illness needs to keep your child from school. If you keep your child away from school, be sure to inform the school on the first day of their absence.

Use common sense when deciding whether or not your child is too ill to attend school. Ask yourself the following questions.

Is your child well enough to do the activities of the school day? If not, keep your child at home.

Does your child have a condition that could be passed on to other children or school staff? If so, keep your child at home.

Would you take a day off work if you had this condition? If so, keep your child at home.



Common conditions

If your child is ill, it's likely to be due to one of a few minor health conditions. Whether you send your child to school will depend on how severe you think the illness is. This guidance can help you make that judgement.

Remember: if you're concerned about your child's health, consult a health professional

Cough and cold - A child with a minor cough or cold may attend school. If the cold is accompanied by a raised temperature, shivers or drowsiness, the child should stay off school, visit the GP and return to school 24 hours after they start to feel better. If your child has a more severe and long-lasting cough, consult your GP. They can give guidance on whether the child should stay off school.

Raised temperature - If your child has a raised temperature, they shouldn't attend school. They can return 24 hours after they start to feel better.

Rash - Rashes can be the first sign of many infectious illnesses, such as chickenpox and measles. Children with these conditions shouldn't attend school. If your child has a rash, check with your GP or practice nurse before sending them to school.

Headache - A child with a minor headache doesn't usually need to be kept off school. If the headache is more severe or is accompanied by other symptoms, such as raised temperature or drowsiness, then keep the child off school and consult your GP.

Vomiting and diarrhoea - Children with these conditions should be kept off school. They can return 48 hours after their symptoms disappear. Most cases of vomiting or diarrhoea get better without treatment, but if symptoms persist, consult your GP.

Sore throat - A sore throat alone doesn't have to keep a child from school. If it's accompanied by a raised temperature, the child should stay at home.

Conjunctivitis - Children with conjunctivitis need to be kept off school until antibiotic eye ointment has been applied for 24 hours.

Impetigo - Children with impetigo need to be kept off school until there is no more blistering or crusting, or until 48 hours after antibiotic treatment has been started.

Tell the school - It's important to inform the school if your child is going to be absent. On the first day of your child's illness, telephone the school to tell them that your child will be staying at home. The school may ask about the nature of the illness and how long you expect the absence to last.

If it becomes clear that your child will be away for longer than expected, phone the school as soon as possible to explain this.

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