



SKA HEADLINES

Friday 21st April 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.

Summer Calendar

Please see the calendar I shared with everyone at the beginning of this week with some key events for this half term.

Event:	Date:
BANK HOLIDAY	Monday 1st May 2023
SKA Coronation Celebration Day	Friday 5 th May 2023
BANK HOLIDAY (IN LIEU OF CORONATION)	Monday 8th May 2023
Year 6 SATs Week	Tuesday 9 th May – Friday 12 th May 2023
Year 3 Trip to Magna Science Museum (Payments now due on MCAS please)	Thursday 11 th May 2023
Movie Night (All Years) - £1 for ticket, popcorn and drink	Wednesday 24 th May 2023
SKA Exhibition (Families invited)	Thursday 25 th May 2023
MAY HALF TERM	Break up at 3:20pm on Friday 26th May 2023
START OF SUMMER TERM 2	Back to school at 8:45am on Monday 5th June 2023



After School Clubs

A letter was also sent this week about after school clubs. Please see the details below:

Club	Staff Member	Date	Time	Pick up from:
Times Tables Rockstars (Yr3 and Yr4 ONLY)	Mrs Osborne & Miss Selby	Mondays	All clubs will run straight after school until 4:15pm	Main entrance
NEW Singing Club	Mrs Eckles & Miss Catchpole	Mondays		Main entrance
Books & Biscuits	Mrs Hall	Wednesdays		Main entrance
Art & Craft/Gardening	Miss Jones & Miss Crummack	Wednesdays		Main entrance
Lego & Trading Card	Mrs Cheale	Thursdays		Playground
Board Games	Mrs Holmes & Miss Roberts	Thursdays		Playground
NEW Girls Football Club	Mr Hopper	Thursdays		Playground (red doors by staffroom)

Please note the change of day for Mrs Hall's Books & Biscuits Club. Please also note that Monday's indoor sports club is not running this half-term.

If your child is already part of a club, this will continue as normal and you do not need to sign up again.

If your child doesn't currently attend a club, please visit the clubs pages on the MCAS app to sign up.

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Year 5 Trip to Beamish

The Year 5 children had an exciting trip to Beamish Open-Air Museum on Tuesday – the journey was long but when they arrived, they experienced what life would have been like as a Victorian and even took part in a Victorian lesson! The children are very glad that punishment through use of the cane is no longer a thing! Please visit our Twitter and Facebook pages to see some pictures of the children's exciting day.

Thank you for your payments on the MCAS app. Please contact Mrs Neary or Mrs Studd if you have further payments to make.

Breakfast Club Change

Please see the letter I shared earlier this week about breakfast club changing [here](#). This was only shared with those families who currently make use of this free service.

I apologise for any inconvenience this has caused and have asked families to contact school if there are any issues. As always, we will support to find a solution.

A polite reminder that this is a **completely free service** that many schools do not offer for free.

Attendance Matters (Our school attendance target is 95%)

Last half term, 103 children had 100% attendance. We know sometimes it cannot be helped if your child is off, but this is a great result.

Our whole school attendance figure for **Week 1 of Summer Term** is **94.1%** which just misses out on our whole school attendance target. Let's try and hit 95% next week!

I have attached a sheet to this week's newsletter again about whether to send your child in to school if they are ill or not.

Our class attendance this week:

Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Bretton 93%	Fairburn 91%	Brodsworth 99%	Ackworth 96%
Nostell 99%	Waterton 92%	Wragby 97%	Wentbridge 87%

Well done to **Brodsworth and Nostell classes** for winning this week's attendance with **99%**. As their reward, **they are welcome to come to school in non-uniform on Friday 28th April 2023.**

Have a great weekend.

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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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