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SKA HEADLINES

Friday 10th November 2023

Please have a careful read of this week's newsletter to keep up to date with all school events – thank you.

Welcome Back

I hope you all had an enjoyable half-term. It has been a busy week with discos, school photos and Remembrance. The children have come back so settled and behaviour has been really impressive around the academy. Attendance has also improved at **95%** for this week. In Celebration Assembly this morning – which is my favourite part of the week – there were some children who received awards who have really turned things around since the first half-term. Those children have certainly ensured they are **safe, happy and learning**, which is our SKA Golden Rule. Brilliant stuff!

Date Change

I made a mistake on the Events Calendar shared earlier this week - apologies. Please click [here](#) for the new copy.

Individual School Photos

Thank you for making sure your children came to school looking smart for their photos on Monday. All orders are completed online – school do not take payments or orders.

Re-scheduled Assembly – Bronze Awards

Thank you for your understanding with us postponing the Achievement Assembly, originally scheduled for Friday 27th October. We couldn't do the assembly without any badges to give out! I am pleased to let you know the badges have arrived at school and as shared at the beginning of this week on the Autumn 2 Events Calendar, the assembly will now be next Friday (Friday 17th November 2023) at 9:15am in the hall.

Opting-Out

We have had a very small minority of children refuse to take part in some lessons, such as P.E. **ALL lessons are compulsory and form part of the SKA Curriculum.** Children may only sit out of a P.E. lesson if school have been made aware of the reason – such as a medical issue – by a family member, otherwise they will be expected to take part as normal. Thank you for your support with this matter.

Code of Conduct

There have been a couple of occasions this week where family members have demonstrated inappropriate behaviour towards my staff. Whatever the issue, may I remind you all that such behaviour **will not be tolerated** and may lead to further action, like a ban from the school site in the most serious case. Please click [here](#) to read the parent, carer & family member code of conduct I shared at the beginning of the academic year. Thank you to you all for working with us as a school to resolve whatever issues may arise.


Dark Evenings - Reminder


The clocks went back one hour on Sunday 29th October 2023. This means that by the time after school events finish, including movie nights, discos and after-school clubs, it is now dark. **ALL CHILDREN MUST BE COLLECTED FROM THEIR AFTER-SCHOOL EVENTS. Children are NOT allowed to walk home. Please support us with this change by ensuring you collect your child on time.** Thank you.

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Attendance this week: **95%**



Whitby	1 😊 😊%
Harrogate	98%
York	98%
Richmond	97%
Ilkley	95%
Leeds	91%
Filey	90%
Knaresborough	90%
<p>Year 6 may wear non-uniform on Thursday 16th November 2023! (Friday is Children in Need Day)</p>	

Elliott (Year 3)	For going above and beyond in Reading and Writing!
Emily R (Year 3)	For being a wonderful role model to everyone.
Olivia R (Year 4)	For her excellent effort and work, particularly in maths.
Henry T (Year 4)	For his superb standard of work.
Lexi-N (Year 5)	For her drastically improved attitude to school.
Denny (Year 5)	For a huge improvement to his attitude to school.
Carey (Year 6)	For always giving 100% at everything.
Vijanda (Year 6)	For always being a total super star every single day.

Congratulations to our Stars of the Week!

THE SKA CUP

WIN 3 POINTS DRAW 1 POINT

YOU'VE GOT TO BE IN TO WIN

1	RICHMOND	9
1	FILEY	9
2	YORK	6
2	LEEDS	6
2	WHITBY	6
2	ILKLEY	6
3	KNARESBOROUGH	3
3	HARROGATE	3



Value of the week: Inclusive

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| Austin (Year 6) | Kianna (Year 6) |
| Tarin (Year 5) | Porscha (Year 5) |
| Thomas (Year 4) | Xanthe (Year 4) |
| Dayliah (Year 3) | Adalind (Year 3) |



This week's guide for families is:

WHAT PARENTS/CARERS NEED TO KNOW ABOUT X (WAS TWITTER)

Click the image to open the guide.



Key Events Next Week

13.11.23	Flu Immunisation
14.11.23	Dress as a Rockstar (see events letter)
17.11.23	Children in Need Day (see events letter)

Enjoy the weekend.

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