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SKA HEADLINES

Friday 1st December 2023

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

Christmas Events

Yesterday, a letter was sent out with details of Christmas events. This letter has also been shared on our social media pages and website. Click [here](#) to open the letter.

Attendance this week (86%)

School has been hit by winter bugs this week. Please visit the following website to decide if you should send your child to school or not: [Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk). A lot of the time, they can come to school.

If your child is off school, you **must** inform the office as soon as possible through calling **01977 643187** or **leaving a message through the MCAS App**. If we do not know why your child is off, it will be **unauthorised**.

Family View Survey – CURRENTLY, THERE ARE ONLY 21 RESPONSES (LESS THAN 10% OF OUR SCHOOL POPULATION!)

Thank you if you have already filled out our Autumn survey - your feedback really helps us improve as a school.

The comments at the end particularly help us know what we can do to make our school even better - a lot of the time, it is a small tweak that makes a big difference. The more feedback we can gather, the better, so please do fill this out if you haven't already. The link to fill in the survey is [here](#).

Family View Autumn 2023



However, what doesn't help us improve as a school is when a survey is filled out with a fake name for a child, with entirely negative feedback and a comment criticising individual members of staff and my leadership of the school.

This is of course just one response and not representative of our entire school community, but it seemed appropriate to remind everyone that every single member of staff at this school has worked incredibly hard over the past two and a bit years to turn the school around, and continue to work incredibly hard to give your children the best possible time at primary school. Of course we don't always get it right, but we really do try and work hard to resolve any issues that crop up.

So, if you really feel that negatively about our school, please do make sure you book an appointment to speak to me in person. I would much rather that than a survey being filled out under a fake name as it is then impossible to resolve.


Thank you so much as always to all of our parents and family members who are always so supportive and provide useful, constructive feedback.


The survey will **close next Friday 8th December 2023** and I will write to you all to share the findings and any changes we will put in place as a result of the feedback.

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Attendance this week: **86%** ↓



Richmond	95%
Whitby	93%
Knaresborough	91%
Leeds	91%
Filey	91%
Ilkley	82%
York	81%
Harrogate	75%
Whitby may wear non-uniform on Friday 8 th December!	

Jack S (Year 3)	For his excellent dedication to his learning..
Reanna (Year 3)	For settling in beautifully – welcome to SKA!
Darcey (Year 4)	For her effort in writing lessons.
Mateusz (Year 4)	For his resilience in swimming lessons.
Finn (Year 5)	For always being an absolute pleasure to teach!
Isabella (Year 5)	For her super attitude to all learning.
Rosie (Year 6)	For her amazing attitude to all learning.
Maizie (Year 6)	For her great effort in writing lessons.

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	WHITBY	9
2	HARROGATE	6
2	YORK	6
2	RICHMOND	6
3	FILEY	4
4	KNARESBOROUGH	3
5	ILKLEY	1
6	LEEDS	0



Value of the week: Respect

- Bartosz (Year 6)
- Sonny (Year 5)
- Skye (Year 4)
- Mia L (Year 3)
- Alfie (Year 6)
- Kai (Year 5)
- Maddison (Year 4)
- Esme J (Year 3)



This week's guide for families is:

ONLINE SAFETY ACT INFORMATION
(THIS CAME INTO FORCE OCT 23)
Click the image to open the guide.



Key Events Next Week	
04.12.23 & 05.12.23	Second-Hand Uniform Bank (All lost property now up for grabs)
05.12.23	Y3 Visit to Common Road for Christmas Play
During week	Y3 Dental Hygiene Talks

Mr Adam Potter
Headteacher

