



# SKA HEADLINES

## Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2024

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

### Communication – Reminder

Please have a careful read of the following polite reminder:

- **If you have an issue that you would like to make school staff aware of or need resolving, the first point of contact should be your child's class teacher. They know your child best and 99% of the time, will be able to resolve the issue.**
- Teachers are available at the beginning of the day **however** will only be able to take a brief message as the rest of the class will be arriving and teaching will start at 9am promptly.
- If you would like a longer meeting with your child's teacher (anything other than a quick message), the best time to meet with them is at the end of the school day. There is not usually a need to book an appointment, however there may be a rare occasion where they are unable to meet with you so will arrange a mutually convenient time.
- **If you are then not happy with how this has been resolved, please then speak to a member of the Senior Leadership Team (me, Miss Burns or Mrs Stephenson).**
- For all enquiries of an admin nature (e.g. attendance, trip contributions, school dinner payments and MCAS app queries to name a few) please see Mrs Studd or Mrs Neary in the office.

### Attendance Reminder – Attendance Letter [HERE](#)

A reminder that attendance to school is **statutory** and regular school attendance at school means that your child can make the most of their education and improve their chances in adult life. School can also help your child's social skills such as making and developing friendships. A regular and punctual attendance pattern will help your child when they enter the world of work. **There is a huge amount of research that indicates the more a child is in school the more they increase their opportunity to fulfil their potential.**

### Uniform Reminder – Uniform Policy [HERE](#)

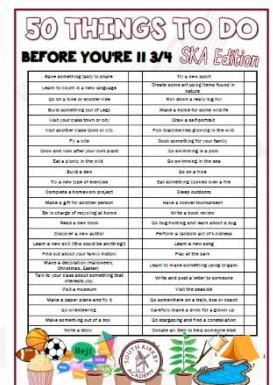
As mentioned in my previous uniform reminder [here](#), we are now asking children who repeatedly wear the incorrect school shoes to change into black shoes while they are at school. These are black plimsols that have been purchased new and will be regularly washed. The uniform policy clearly states that they may wear trainers (lots of schools do not allow this and only allow black, leather school shoes!) as long as they are all black however there are children who are still not wearing the correct footwear. If for any reason you are unable to provide your child with a pair of plain black trainers or school shoes, please do get in touch and we will be able to support with this. School shoes and black trainers can be purchased for as little as £10 on Amazon. Thank you for your support with this and for following our uniform policy.

### SKA 50 Things

The token tubs are filling up nicely and there is a buzz around school with more children sharing what they have achieved both inside and outside of school! Remember, the SKA 50 Things is a lovely way of 'showing and telling' the rest of the children and staff about non-academic achievements and link closely to our Bronze, Silver and Gold awards.

Take a look at our fantastic '50 Things' display next time you are in school to see what the children have been up to!

Please ask your child's class teacher for a copy of the SKA 50 things if you need a new one.



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### Awards Assembly

Because this is such a short half-term, we will have our Bronze, Silver and Gold awards assemblies split over two sessions (one for Year 3 and 4, one for Year 5 and 6) in Spring 2 after February half-term. Watch this space.

### Year 3 Trip – Clifton Park – Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2024

The Year 3 children are excited to learn more about the Romans when they visit Clifton Park Museum on Monday. Children must arrive at school slightly earlier on **Monday at 8:30am** in their **school uniform**. It is important your child has a waterproof coat and other items such as scarves, hats and gloves to keep warm as some of the activities are outside. The children will return to school by the end of the school day so pick up arrangements will be normal.

**The cost of the trip is £12 per child. School significantly contributes to every school trip and all school trip contributions from families are voluntary. Please contribute what you can to support your child's learning with this exciting experience.**

### Year 5 & 6 VR Experience Day – Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2024

To support the children's history and geography learning, the Year 5s and 6s will be taking part in a VR experience. The Year 5s will be able to explore the depths of the world's oceans and the Year 6s will discover what life was like during World War 2.

**The cost of the experience is £4 per child.**

### Year 6 Fund Raising Day – Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024

Next week is the Year 6 fundraising event as part of the 'Dreams and Goals' piece in our PSHE curriculum. This year, the Year 6 children have decided to raise money for the charity 'Save the Children'.

Everyone is invited to come to school wearing red OR normal non-uniform for a donation. The Year 6 children will also be holding a bake sale in the afternoon where children will have opportunity to buy cakes and sweet treats. Please send them in with some small change. Thank you for supporting this Year 6 event.

### Last Week – Stars of the Week and Treat Tuesday

I did not have time to write a newsletter last week, but it did not seem fair to miss the opportunity of giving a shout-out to all our fantastic Stars of the Week and Treat Tuesday winners! So...

### Star of the Week (Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2024)

Leeds – <b>Jack S</b> – excellent concentration and effort	York – <b>Nola</b> – being kind and a lovely class member
Year 4 – <b>Trinity</b> – amazing behaviour and effort	Year 4 – <b>Archie D</b> – super times tables knowledge
Filey – <b>Harry</b> – fantastic improvements in behaviour	Whitby – <b>Rose</b> – her excellent behaviour with visitors
Ilkley – <b>Maisey</b> – dedication to her learning	Harrogate – <b>Binta</b> – effort & making everyone smile

### Treat Tuesday (Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2024)

Well done to Layton (Yr3), Harley (Yr3), Teddy (Yr4), Alianna (Yr4), Ruben (Yr5), Jude (Yr5), Eva (Yr6) and Cailen (Yr6) for achieving their Treat Tuesday award. Our value of the week was **independence**.

**Congratulations to our Stars of the Week and Treat Tuesday winners last week!**

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Attendance this week: 92% ↓

Whitby	1 😊 😊%
York	97%
Leeds	93%
Ilkley	92%
Richmond	92%
Harrogate	91%
Knaresborough	86%
Filey	86%
Whitby class may come to school in non-uniform Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February 2024	

Whole Class! (York)	For working super hard all week with all learning.
Emily H (Leeds)	For superb effort in writing lessons.
Tida (Richmond)	For her enthusiasm with all learning.
Emelia (Knaresborough)	For her excellent effort with her singing and times tables.
Hope (Filey)	For always being so kind and respectful.
India (Whitby)	For her effort in all lessons.
Billy (Harrogate)	For working hard all week.
Ethan H (Ilkley)	For hard work and determination in writing.

Congratulations to our Stars of the Week!

**WIN 3 POINTS DRAW 1 POINT**

**YOU'VE GOT TO BE IN TO WIN**

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

**Value of the week: Respect**



Buddy (Year 6)  
Denny (Year 5)  
Anna-Leigh (Year 4)  
Tyler (Year 3)

Maizie B (Year 6)  
Mayzi (Year 5)  
Mateusz (Year 4)  
Kayla (Year 3)



**This week's guide for families is:**

**A GUIDE ABOUT RISKS TO YOUNG USERS ON NEW APP MyLOL**

Click the image to open the guide.



**Key Events Next Week**

- Monday – Year 3 Trip to Clifton Park
- Tuesday – Year 5 and 6 VR Experience Day
- Wednesday – Year 6 Fundraising Day
- Wednesday – Movie Night

Thank you for reading all of this information carefully. Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Adam Potter

Headteacher

