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SKA HEADLINES

Friday 1st March 2024

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

Meeting with Teachers/Support Staff

Please refrain from having lengthy conversations with teachers and support staff on the doors in the morning. We do have an 'open door policy' and this time is an ideal time to pass on a quick message (for example, about uniform or illness) however if you have something you need to speak to staff about in more detail, **please see them at the end of the day**.

I am asking that this happens because teachers have a number of jobs to do at the beginning of the day, and are there to also supervise the rest of the class completing their morning work as they arrive. They are unable to do this effectively if they are having long conversations with families. Thank you for your support with this.

Most of the time, there are other members of staff on the playground including at least one member of the Senior Leadership Team, so please speak to them if you have an urgent message that needs sharing at the beginning of the day.

Year 4 Trip to Temple Newsam

Knaresborough and Richmond had a fantastic day on Wednesday at Temple Newsam in Leeds learning all about Tudor life. They were **impeccably** behaved – we even had a member of the public take the time to email school to praise South Kirkby Academy and the Year 4s on their behaviour and engagement with the trip. If you haven't yet seen the email, check out our social media pages. This learning at Temple Newsam has brought their Tudor learning alive and the children there has been a buzz about the trip since!

Crossing Patrol

I am delighted to share that we at long last have a crossing patrol again outside school. This will help ensure our children who cross Stockingate before and after school can do so safely. Please remind your children to use the crossing sensibly and to listen carefully to the crossing lady and her instructions. We will be also reminding your children of this at school.

Incidents outside of School

A polite reminder that school and staff are not responsible for children outside of the school day and particularly at weekends. If an incident has occurred outside of school at the weekend when children are out playing, it is up to families to control when their children are out and to help them resolve any issues that occur. School can of course be notified of any incidents that do occur but will often not always be able to resolve them. If issues and conflict that occur outside of school are then brought into school, consequences and sanctions will be applied as appropriate.

World Book Day – Get Cosy and Read

Don't forget it is **World Book Day 2024** on Thursday 7th March 2024. A letter has gone out about this. The theme this year is 'GET COSY AND READ' – children may come to school dressed in something cosy (appropriate for school – pyjamas, tracksuit etc) or their favourite book character.

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Attendance this week: **92%**



York	97%
Richmond	96%
Leeds	93%
Harrogate	93%
Whitby	92%
Knaresborough	91%
Filey	88%
Ilkley	86%
York class may wear their non-uniform Friday 8 th March 2024	

Harrison (Leeds)	For a huge improvement in his attitude to learning.
Mia L (York)	For taking care during testing week.
Ava P (Richmond)	For putting 100% effort into everything she does!
Alianna (Knaresborough)	For improved concentration and productivity in class.
Bobby-James (Filey)	For his enthusiasm in writing lessons.
Alfie (Whitby)	For being an 'always' student and trying his hardest during test-week.
Frankie (Harrogate)	For being an outstanding member of Harrogate class.
Olga (Ilkley)	For always giving 100% effort in everything she does.

Congratulations to our Stars of the Week!

WIN 3 POINTS DRAW 1 POINT

YOU'VE GOT TO BE IN TO WIN

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

Value of the week: Safe

TREAT TUESDAY	Ebony (Year 6)	Annie (Year 6)	TREAT TUESDAY
	Finn (Year 5)	Tiana (Year 5)	
	Skye (Year 4)	Thomas (Year 4)	
	Georgie (Year 3)	Esme (Year 3)	

DON'T MISS OUT ON IMPORTANT SKA INFORMATION!

Follow our social media pages and sign up for the MCAS App to keep up to date.

This week's guide is about staying safe using smartphones and supporting your children with this. Click the preview.

Key Events Next Week

World Book Day 07.03.24

