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SKA HEADLINES

Friday 7th June 2024

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

Welcome Back

It has been a busy first week back at SKA. I sent a letter out on Tuesday with important information, including an events calendar for the coming weeks. The events calendar will be updated and shared with you as the term progresses. The letter can be viewed [here](#) if you have not seen it already.

Mrs Borthwick's Year 4 Meet the Teacher Meetings

Families in Year 4 should have had a message home to book a new appointment to meet with Mrs Borthwick on Wednesday 12th June 2024. Bookings should be made on the MCAS app. Thank you for your patience and Mrs Borthwick is looking forward to meeting with you.

Mr Hopper Returns!

We welcomed a very tired Mr Hopper back yesterday and thanked Mrs Stephenson for teaching Ilkley class in his absence. Thank you for your understanding while Mr Hopper has been off.

Attendance

Attendance has been poor this week (90%) due to term-time holidays. I shared a letter of the new government framework being introduced nationally in August of this year relating to penalty notices – please read this information carefully. The letter I shared can be found [here](#).

Ice-Pops

The Year 6 children are selling ice-pops throughout each week for 20p. There are posters around school that the children have designed. All funds will go towards their end of year celebrations. Please send your child in with some 20p coins if you would like them to buy an ice-pop.

Roof Works

As you would have noticed, the roof replacement has started on the school. Thank you for keeping your children away from the fences and materials before and after school, and for bearing with us while we aren't looking our best!

Year 6 Leavers Hoodies

A letter has been shared about Year 6 hoodies. Please look on the MCAS app for this. Thank you for your patience while we have sourced a new uniform provider.

Book Fair

A reminder that the book fair will be open in the school hall after school each day Monday-Thursday next week. Every pound spent gives reward money back to school to spend on books for our library and classrooms so please support this event if you can.

2024 2025 School Calendar

Next year's school calendar, including planned INSET days, can be viewed [here](#).

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Attendance this week: **90%** 😞

Richmond	97%
Filey	97%
Ilkley	94%
Leeds	91%
Whitby	91%
York	89%
Harrogate	86%
Knaresborough	72%
Richmond and Filey may wear non-uniform on Friday 14th June	

Brody J (Leeds)	For his eagerness to learn and for being a pleasure in class.
Emily B (York)	For showing a growth in confidence and always being her bright, bubbly self.
Xanthe (Richmond)	For her excellent vocabulary choices in writing lessons.
Maddie (Knaresborough)	For being resilient and independent (even with a broken wrist!)
Lexie C (Filey)	For being such a kind and considerate member of Filey class.
Alisha (Whitby)	For settling into SKA and Whitby life so well!
Harry B (Harrogate)	For always putting a smile on our faces - a great member of Year 6!
Kianna (Ilkley)	For working extremely hard this week.

Congratulations to our Stars of the Week!

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about PALWORLD

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

MATURE CONTENT (18+): While Palworld may look cute and cuddly, the game does have some mature language, themes, and violence. It is rated PEGI 12.

VIOLENCE: Palworld features a combat system where players can attack and kill creatures called 'Pals'. It is similar to Minecraft: Fight monsters while maintaining a base. Palworld has sold more than 10 million copies and often has over two million people playing online simultaneously.

ONLINE PLAY: Palworld can be played with other people online. On this, players can only play with people from their friends list. However, you can play with anyone on the internet. It is important to be aware of the risks of online play, such as sharing personal information, being catfished, or being scammed. It is also important to be aware of the risks of online play, such as sharing personal information, being catfished, or being scammed.

DIFFICULTY: Despite its seemingly friendly, colorful, and cute aesthetic, Palworld is actually an extremely difficult game to play. It is a survival game that requires players to gather resources, craft items, and explore. The game is very challenging and can be frustrating for younger players.

SUGGESTIVE WRITING: Some of the text descriptions - "Pals" in the game are not just cute creatures, but also have some suggestive writing. It is important to be aware of the risks of suggestive writing, such as being exposed to inappropriate content or being harassed.

Advice for Parents & Educators

WATCH GAMEPLAY: Watching gameplay and reviews for Palworld can help you understand the game better. It is important to be aware of the risks of watching gameplay, such as being exposed to inappropriate content or being harassed.

LEND A HAND: By teaching the basics of the game - Palworld, building, crafting items and fighting up a base - you can help to reduce the difficulty for younger players. This, in turn, can help to reduce the risk of frustration and anger.

SET CONTENT LIMITS: An important consideration for parents and educators is to set content limits. It is important to be aware of the risks of setting content limits, such as being exposed to inappropriate content or being harassed.

PLAY TOGETHER: Playing the game together can be a great way to spend time with your child. It is important to be aware of the risks of playing together, such as being exposed to inappropriate content or being harassed.

PLACE BOUNDARIES: Limit options when it comes to online play. For players on PC, they will still be able to communicate with friends through the game's multiplayer option, which is a good thing. However, it is important to be aware of the risks of online play, such as being exposed to inappropriate content or being harassed.

Meet Our Expert: For an expert of gaming and esports on the difference, Lloyd Coombes has been in the gaming industry for 10 years. He played every Xbox title since the series began and, as a parent, also understands the importance of online safety. With his many years of experience, he can help to reduce the risk of inappropriate content or being harassed.

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Value of the week: Our Golden Rule

	Riley (Year 6)	Olivia (Year 6)	
	Scarlett M (Year 5)	Molly (Year 5)	
	Nancy (Year 4)	Chase (Year 4)	
	Britney (Year 3)	Olivia (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.

Key Events Next Week

Year 3 Visit to South Elmsall Library (postponed)

MATlympics - not all children (12.06.24)

Year 4 Multiplication Check (Monday-Friday)

Book fair in school (Monday-Thursday)

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