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SKA HEADLINES

Friday 13th September 2024

It has been a fantastic first full week back at SKA. The children's attitudes to their learning and behaviour around school have both been excellent – it has been a pleasure welcoming your children back and settling them into the new term.

ASDA Rewards

Thank you if you have signed up to 'Cashpots for Schools' through ASDA rewards. We have already got £110 in our pot! Until the end of November, if you select South Kirkby Academy as your school, Asda will donate a percentage of every Asda spend to our school cash pot. You can read more about the initiative [here](#).



Breakfast Club

Some children are bringing their own snacks in for breakfast club or eating some of their dinner from their packed lunch. Breakfast club staff have asked the children not to do this – they should only be eating the breakfast items available at breakfast club. Please remind your children of this too.

Ball Games

A polite reminder that ball games before and after school are not permitted. Please remind your children not to play ball games during these times. They should be waiting sensibly to come into school at the beginning of the day.

Parent Governor

We currently have a vacancy for a parent governor on our Academic Standards Committee (ASC). The role of a parent governor is important – governing boards make strategic decisions and work together to develop and vision and strategy for the school, oversee financial performance and make sure public money is well spent, hold me as headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and engage with pupils, staff, parents and the community to understand their views. Parent governors offer a parental perspective to issues being discussed. If you are interested, please speak to Mrs Studd or Mrs Neary in the office for more information.



Soup4Em

As lots of you will know, Soup4Em is a community fridge and kitchen located near school. One of the ladies who runs it is a family member of a child at school and I am always blown away by the work done to help our local community, remembering of course that they do this for free and volunteer so much of their time. They have been nominated for the local 'Love where you live' awards. They have not asked me to do this – I actually found out through our school Facebook page but I am sharing the link for you to vote for such a fantastic cause, whom without a lot of members of our local community would not have chance to have daily hot meal or collect food to use at home. Thank you from all of us at SKA for the incredible work you do. You can vote by visiting www.lovewhereyouliveawards.co.uk

MCAS Issues

There have been a few issues this week with the MCAS app relating to notifications. This is a country-wide issue that Bromcom (the company) are trying to resolve. In the meantime, please make sure you are regularly checking the 'Announcements' section of the app as it may be that a letter has been sent but you haven't been notified. Thank you for your patience.

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Attendance this week: **95%**



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| Whitby | 98% |
| Leeds | 97% |
| Filey | 97% |
| Harrogate | 97% |
| Knaresborough | 96% |
| York | 96% |
| Richmond | 93% |
| Ilkley | 91% |
| Whitby class may wear non-uniform on Friday 20th September 2024 | |

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| Connor (Leeds) | For being a ray of sunshine in Leeds class! |
| Braxton (York) | For his excellent attitude to learning. |
| John (Knaresborough) | For making huge improvements with his handwriting. |
| Finley (Richmond) | For his amazing efforts in his first swimming lesson. |
| Henry (Filey) | For having such a wonderful start to life in Year 5. |
| Xanthe (Whitby) | For making excellent choices all week. |
| Parker (Harrogate) | For being a superb role model in Harrogate class. |
| Willow (Ilkley) | For being a super role model in Ilkley class. |

Congratulations to our Stars of the Week!

Value of the week: Be respectful

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| Callie (Year 6) | Tinashe (Year 6) |
| Mateusz (Year 5) | Ashleigh (Year 5) |
| Adalind (Year 4) | Nola (Year 4) |
| Carson (Year 3) | Alexander (Year 3) |

Lunchtime Awards

Ellie (Year 5) and Harper (Year 3)

DON'T MISS OUT ON IMPORTANT SKA INFORMATION!

We have created a new Facebook page as our old one mysteriously disappeared! Please search for 'South Kirkby Academy' and give us a follow. We have drastically cut our paper use so all letters are sent out on MCAS but we do send some reminders on Facebook. Letters are also on our school website.

Key Events Next Week

After school clubs commence Monday 16th September

Wishing you all a great weekend!

Mr Potter
Headteacher

