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SKA HEADLINES

Friday 20th September 2024

ASDA Rewards

Thank you if you have signed up to 'Cashpots for Schools' through ASDA rewards. We have already got £131 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](#).



Parent Governor Vacancy

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.



Illnesses

I sent out a letter earlier this week about illnesses and when to send your child to school. If you have not yet viewed this, click [here](#).

Attendance Letters

This week some of you received a letter notifying you of your child's attendance. This is a standardised letter we send to families when their child's attendance falls below 93%. It is simply to communicate your child's attendance so you are aware of their attendance percentage. We understand that sometimes, absence is unavoidable however we have a duty to inform you of your child's attendance and support all families with making sure their children attend school as much as possible. At this time of year, any days off have a greater impact on attendance percentages as we are only in the first month of the academic year.

Harvest Festival – Donations

From Monday, there will be a box in each classroom to collect donations of packets and tinned food. There will also be a box in reception. All donations will then be given to the Soup4Em community kitchen to help others in the community in October. In October, the children will be taught about Harvest Festival and it being a celebration of the food grown, giving thanks for a successful crop yield as winter approaches. Any donations will be gratefully received as we teach the children it is a time to also help others.



Rollerbikes

As part of the Wakefield 2024 'Our Year' project, we had Rollerbikes sessions for each class on Wednesday and Thursday. The children's (and some staff's!) competitive streaks were very obvious as teams competed against each other for the quickest times and fastest speeds. What an exciting couple of days! The colleagues running the session commented on how fantastic the children and staff were, how welcome they felt and how lovely our school was. We are proud of everyone for having a go! Check out our 'X' (Twitter!) feed for pictures of the excitement.



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Attendance this week: **94%**

York	97%
Leeds	97%
Filey	94%
Harrogate	94%
Whitby	93%
Ilkley	93%
Richmond	91%
Knaresborough	91%
Year 3 may wear non-uniform on Friday 27 th September 2024	

Sophia (Leeds)	For her confidence in P.E. this week.
Elsie-Mae (York)	For always following instructions and being a role model in class.
Kay-Dee (Knaresborough)	For her fabulous and impressive effort in maths.
Cameron (Richmond)	For trying is very best in every lesson.
Thomas (Filey)	For his incredible knowledge in Science this week.
Sandra (Whitby)	For always making the right choices and following our school values.
Molly (Harrogate)	For her constant superb attitude to all things SKA!
India (Ilkley)	For her beautiful presentation and effort in all of her work.

Congratulations to our Stars of the Week!

Future in Mind Mental Health Support Team

The Future in Mind mental health support team offers early support for mental health and emotional wellbeing for children and young people.

Staff from the team visit all mainstream schools and colleges across the Wakefield district.

Each school or college has a senior practitioner from our team linked to it.

South West Yorkshire Partnership
NHS Foundation Trust

Schools also have support from an education mental health practitioner who can support children using a cognitive behaviour therapy (CBT) approach to help with things like worry management, low mood, simple phobias and sleep difficulties.

Our support is offered in lots of different ways. This may include:

One to one or group work with children/young people

Discussions with parents or carers

Assemblies and classroom sessions

Staff training and support

Parent/carer information sessions and workshops

If school staff feel that your child would benefit from this type of emotional wellbeing support, then they will talk to you and may make a referral to our team. If you feel that your child would benefit from some support around mental health and emotional wellbeing, you can also speak to a member of staff at school such as the class teacher, SENDco, or senior mental health lead and they will get in touch with our team.

If you require a copy of this information in any other format or language please contact the Trust.

With all of us in mind.

Value of the week: Be kind

Harry P (Year 6) Lexi (Year 6)

Tida (Year 5) Ellie (Year 5)

Jack H (Year 4) Ellie-Mae (Year 4)

Indie (Year 3) Ivy (Year 3)

Lunchtime Awards

Jack H and Adalind (Year 4)

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

Harvest Festival Donation Boxes – W/C 23.09.24

Year 6 Trip to Ilkley and Harrogate – 25.09.24

Year 5 Trip to Whitby – 26.09.24

Wishing you all a great weekend!

Mr Potter

