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SKA HEADLINES

Friday 27th September 2024

Harvest Festival – thank you so far!

Thank you for your donations so far. The baskets and boxes around school are overflowing! We have even had families donate whole bags of food. You are all really appreciated. We will continue collecting donations over the next week, so please donate if you can.



Movie Night – Wednesday 2nd October 2024

After school on Wednesday, we will be holding our first movie night of the school year. Tickets are available for £1 from the school office – this includes a drink and popcorn. What a bargain! We will be showing **Inside Out 2**.



ASDA Rewards – 64 days left to raise money for SKA!

Thank you if you have signed up to 'Cashpots for Schools' through ASDA rewards. We have already got **£150** 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.



Attendance

School attendance has gone down this week. This is due to term time holidays and illness. I sent out a letter earlier last week about illnesses and when to send your child to school. If you have not yet viewed this, click [here](#).

Library Visits

Your children will be visiting South Elmsall library over the coming weeks. Year 6 are the first to go and will be walking down on **Tuesday 1st October 2024**. They will be back before the end of the school day so this is for information only.

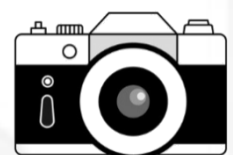
Trips Next Week

Thank you for your understanding with the postponement of the two trips that were scheduled for this week due to the weather. These are now running next week:

- Year 6 are visiting **Ilkley and Harrogate on Wednesday 2nd October 2024**.
- Year 5 are visiting **Whitby on Thursday 3rd October 2024**.

School Photos

On Friday 4th October 2024, children will be having their individual school photos. Please ensure your children are dressed in clean, full uniform with tidy hair – we of course want them looking smart for their photos!



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Attendance this week: 92% 😞

York	97%
Filey	96%
Ilkley	94%
Richmond	92%
Whitby	91%
Leeds	90%
Harrogate	90%
Knaresborough	89%
York may wear non-uniform on Friday 4 th October 2024	

Ivy-Rose (Leeds)	For her amazing effort with her presentation and attitude to learning.
Connie (York)	For her massive improvement in attitude to learning.
Christopher (Knaresborough)	For his excellent sentences using amazing vocabulary.
Joseph (Richmond)	For being an 'always child' and a total pleasure to teach.
Nancy (Filey)	For her outstanding presentation.
Alianna (Whitby)	For 'wowing' her teachers in everything she does!
Jackson (Harrogate)	For always putting a smile on our faces.
Keren (Ilkley)	For her fantastic attitude to learning.

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.

Value of the week: Be inclusive

Peyton W (Year 6) Lexi (Year 6)
 Maddison (Year 5) Sophie (Year 5)
 Morgan (Year 4) Tyler (Year 4)
 Peyton K (Year 3) Harper (Year 3)

Lunchtime Awards

Tadisa (Y6) and Peyton (Y3)

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

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.

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.

Key Events Next Week

Year 6 Trip to Ilkley and Harrogate – 02.10.24
 Year 5 Trip to Whitby – 03.10.24
 Individual School Photos – 04.10.24

Have a lovely weekend.
Mr Potter

