



SKA HEADLINES

Friday 25th October 2024

Attendance – 96%!

School attendance this week has been excellent again – 96%! Thank you for supporting your children with attending school regularly – this means they have missed out on minimal learning and events. Well done to our winning class for Autumn 1 – their attendance was best over the 8 weeks. Congratulations Filey with 96%!



Meet the Teacher Meetings (Parents' Evening)

We have had two really successful evenings where families have come into school to meet their child's class teacher and find out how they have been getting on in their new classes. We had **84%** engagement with appointments, which is the best we have had. Thank you for supporting your child's learning. If you did not manage to make an appointment, teachers will be chasing this up after the half-term break. We will hopefully be able to arrange Knaresborough's appointments in Autumn 2 when Mrs Borthwick is back at school.

ASDA Cash Pot for Schools

I cannot tell you this week how much is in our cash pot as my app wouldn't load! Last Friday, we had £201 in reward money. Thank you if you have linked our school to the app – keep spending at ASDA to win award money for SKA. Rewards can be collected until the end of November.

Achievement Assemblies

On Thursday and Friday of this week, we had our first achievement assemblies, where children were presented with a certificate and had cake and a drink with their families. Thank you if you managed to attend – it was lovely having you all in to celebrate your wonderful children. Next half term, children who have achieved their Bronze Award will be aiming for their Silver but there is of course plenty of opportunity for children without to earn their Bronze. I have attached the letter I sent out at the beginning of the academic year [here](#) which has the criteria for each of the awards, plus all the other rewards we offer at SKA and the SKA 50 Things to Do sheet.



Autumn 2 Calendar and Curriculum Newsletters

Keep a look out when we are back for the calendar of events and curriculum newsletters. These arrive in the announcements section of the MCAS App. Please make sure notifications are switched on in your phone's settings.

Contact Details

Some messages did not get through to families this week and this is because the mobile phone numbers we have for some of you are out of date. Please make sure that you are informing the office if you get a new number so we are able to get in touch. Thank you for your support with this in advance.

Thank you

Finally, thank you as always for your ongoing support with our school. It has been a really busy 8-week half term, with lots and lots going on as always. Your children are a delight and make leading our school a total privilege.

I hope you manage to have a break with your children next week – I know we will all be trying to rest and recharge for a busy Autumn 2 on the run up to Christmas!

School reopens for Autumn 2 on **Monday 4th November 2024 at 8:45am**. Please sign up for breakfast club as usual – doors will open at **8:10am**.

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Attendance this week: 96%

Whitby	99%
Filey	98%
Leeds	98%
Richmond	97%
Ilkley	97%
Knaresborough	96%
York	95%
Harrogate	89%
Whitby may wear non-uniform on Friday 8 th November 2024	

Annie (Leeds)	For always showing support for her peers.
Charlie (York)	For his fantastic leadership skills in P.E. lessons.
Shadiar (Knaresborough)	For showing enthusiasm in every single lesson.
Marley (Richmond)	For settling into Richmond class beautifully.
Olivia T (Filey)	For never giving up on her work even when it gets tough.
Lucas (Whitby)	For being a great role model to us all.
Grace (Harrogate)	For always being ready to learn in all lessons.
Sonny (Ilkley)	For being an excellent Year 6 role model.

Congratulations to our Stars of the Week!

Please join WISENDSS free training and workshop opportunities on various dates held at:
Cedars Family Hub, Barnsley Road, Pontefract, WF9 4PU.
 To book call: 01977 722 215

Making Sense of Neurodiversity:
 All minds are beautiful and diverse and there is no one "right" way of thinking, learning, and behaving.

Tuesday 05th November 2024 1@ 2.30-2.20
Sleep Workshop
 journey towards better sleep for every child. Let's work together to create a world where every child can sleep soundly and wake up ready to conquer the day!
 Tuesday 26th November 2024 @ 10.00-12.00

Sensory Seeking and Avoidance—Prepare for Christmas:
 Our children need support at this time of year as there stimulus is everywhere.....how can you help your children?
 Tuesday 10th December 2024 @ 10:00—12:00

Autism Education Trust—Transitions - Yr5/6 to Yr 7
 Aimed at Year 5 and 6 parents—planning ahead for Secondary Schools
 Monday 20th January @ 10:00—12:00

Value of the week: Be kind

Alisha (Year 6) Willow (Year 6)
 Harper (Year 5) Maddison (Year 5)
 Emily R (Year 4) Krzysztof (Year 4)
 Hannah (Year 3) Isla (Year 3)

Lunchtime Awards

Sophie (Y5) and Hope (Y6)

DON'T MISS OUT ON IMPORTANT SKA INFORMATION!

Please ensure you have the MCAS App downloaded with notifications turned **ON**.
 Please follow our social media feeds for more information and reminders.
 We send out paper letters but at request only.

Key Events Next Week

No events next week – half term

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