



SKA HEADLINES

Friday 29th November 2024

IMPORTANT REMINDER – COLLECTION FROM CLUBS & AFTER SCHOOL EVENTS

ALL children, regardless of age or year group, **must** be collected from their after-school clubs. This is because it is now dark when after-school clubs finish. Please plan for your child to be collected promptly when their club finishes. If this does not happen, children will not be able to attend. Please remember that all after-school clubs are run by staff who give up their free time and not collecting your children promptly extends this time – they are busy teachers who have lots to do. Thank you for your support with this.

ATTENDANCE – 96% IS OUR SCHOOL TARGET

On the run up to half-term, attendance in school was excellent – we had weeks of achieving 95%, 96% and 97%. Since half-term, this has dipped considerably. Most absence is illness or unauthorised – if it is unauthorised, it means we do not know why your child has been off and have not been given a reason. It may also be because your child has arrived at school after 9:10am – this is then recorded as an unauthorised absence.



I always share the message with the children that it is of course okay to be off poorly, however sometimes it is best to send your children in and see how they get on. We will of course contact you if we do not think they are well enough to stay at school.

I am sharing the following NHS link again [here](#), which is really useful if you are not sure. You can also ring the school office to speak to Mrs Studd or Mrs Neary, who will give helpful advice of whether or not to send your child to school.

We have also put measures in place in school to keep everyone well, including increased ventilation and higher levels of hand cleaning with sanitising gel. Please help us support school attendance as we move through winter bug season!

Minsthorpe Football Competitions

Congratulations to the Year 4 football team who won the Minsthorpe Primary football tournament this morning. The children won every game they played and more importantly played with a smile on their faces

🏆⚽ At the time of writing, Year 6 are yet to attend their tournament. Good luck for this afternoon Year 6!



ASDA Cash Pot

Thank you for supporting this cause by linking to our school and spending money at ASDA. You have raised school £309.51 to spend. What a result! There is still the rest of today and tomorrow to spend at ASDA – every pound spend will help!

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Attendance this week: 92% 😞

Leeds	98%
Filey	96%
York	94%
Ilkley	93%
Knaresborough	93%
Whitby	91%
Richmond	90%
Harrogate	85%
Leeds may wear non-uniform on Friday 6 th December 2024.	

Scarlett (Leeds)	For her focus on her presentation.
Elsie (York)	For producing an amazing piece of writing.
Jack B (Knaresborough)	For having a brilliant week and using feedback to improve his work.
Joseph (Richmond)	For being a fantastic role model in class.
Anna-Leigh (Filey)	For wowing Miss Selby in maths!
Kevin (Whitby)	For trying really hard with his amazing work presentation.
Kaira (Harrogate)	For putting in 100% effort and never giving up.
Gabriel (Ilkley)	For amazing contributions on cricket day.

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 safe



Rocco (Year 6) Harrison (Year 6)
Olivia (Year 5) Maddie (Year 5)
Elliott (Year 4) Adalind (Year 4)
Peyton (Year 3) Ebony (Year 3)




Lunchtime Awards

No lunchtime awards this week.




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

Please check the events calendar on the previous newsletter.



Have a lovely weekend!

Mr Potter

