



# SKEGBY JUNIOR ACADEMY

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Dear Families,

As we near the end of the first half term, I would like to say what a wonderful school Skegby Junior Academy is. The pupils here are simply amazing and a real credit to you all.

## **Parent Forum**

I hope that you will be able to join in the parent forum meeting which will be held tomorrow (14 October) at 9am in the school hall. This will give you the opportunity to share your views to help shape the Academy going forward, whilst providing me with the opportunity to update you on some of the changes already underway.

## **Parents evening 15 and 16 October**

Parents evening will be held on Wednesday and Thursday evening this week. Each parent is allocated a ten minute slot where you will be updated on how your child has settled into school this half term and how they are progressing academically. If there are no slots left which match your availability, please let us know so we can arrange an alternative.

## **Hello Yellow Day**

Hello Yellow day was a great success and we would like to thank everyone for their generosity. You helped us raise a total of £233.60!

## **Halloween Disco**

Reminder that the Halloween disco will be held on 3 November, the day we return back to school after half term.

Year 3 and 4's disco is 3:00pm to 4:00pm. The children should bring their costumes to school and change into them at the end of the school day. Children should be collected from their classroom doors at 4:00pm as normal.

Year 5 and 6's disco is 4:00pm to 5:00pm. Children should enter through the main school entrance which will open at 4:00pm. All children attending this disco **MUST** be collected by an adult at 5:00pm from their classroom doors. Children are not allowed to bring mobile phones to the disco.

## **Loose parts**

We want to make our playtimes more exciting by introducing more creative play. To do this we are asking for donations of loose parts. Loose parts are any materials that can be easily moved, combined and incorporated into children's free play. Do you have any guttering, drainpipes, old cable wheels, tyres, crates, foam pipe covers and noodles, dress-up clothing, handbags, pans, thick rope, tents, tarpaulins (anything to make dens with). We would love anything that could enhance our children's learning and imagination at playtime. All items can be dropped off throughout the week on the playground near the metal sheds, opposite the school hall.

## **Healthy Snacks and Packed Lunches**

We have noticed that a number of children have started bringing sweets into school for their snack or in their packed lunch. Sweets are not allowed in school, so if your child brings them into school they will be

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asked to save them for after school. Bags of green and blue Taki's are also not allowed. Please could you provide your child with healthier alternatives.

### **Booking for School Lunch Choices**

I want to inform you of some important changes to the way you book your child's school lunches. If your child is having a school lunch, you **MUST** pre-book the meals one week in advance. If you do not book your child's lunches, they will not receive a school meal, and you are required to provide a packed lunch. Thank you for your support with this and if you have any questions regarding this, please contact the school office.

### **Adventures at Mill Waters**

Mill Waters are offering free child places to families who are in receipt of free school meals and a 15% reduction in ticket prices for those who are not. The high trek does require a participating adult, but for the net park experience the adult can be a spectator – so totally free. Please see below for further details.

### **October half-term fun at Adventures with the HAF Scheme!**

This October half-term (18Oct – 2Nov) your child can swing, climb, leap, and laugh their way through the holidays—for **FREE** as part of the **Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme**, at **Adventures at Mill Waters!**

From high-flying zip lines to giant net parks, there's something for every thrill-seeker. Plus, every young adventurer gets a **free tasty meal** from the lovely **Mill Waters Café** next door to keep their energy levels sky-high.

Bookings can be made using these links:

[High Trek & Net Park Experience \(HAF\) with Adventures · Eequ](#) (ages 7 – 18)

[Net Park Experience \(HAF\) with Adventures · Eequ](#) (ages 4 -18)

Non HAF participants can get 15% off activities using the code '**SCHOOLSOUT15**'

*Standard booking terms and conditions apply.*

*Thank you for your continued support*

*Mrs Bennett*

*Principal*

### **Autumn 1 2025**

Tuesday 14 October	9am Parent Forum in School Hall (*new date)
Tuesday 14 October	Dance Festival for Afterschool Dance Club at Kirkby Leisure Centre am (*new date)
Wednesday 15 October	Parents Evening
Thursday 16 October	Parents Evening
Friday 17 October	INSET Day – School Closed to Children

### **Autumn 2 20205**

Monday 3 November	Children Return to School
Monday 3 November	3pm to 4pm - Years 3 & 4 Halloween Disco
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Friday 7 November	Visit to White Post Farm Y3 and Y4

Monday 10 November	Wonderful Water Tour – Whole School
Tuesday 11 November	2:30pm - Y6 Ash Class Assembly (Parents Invited)
Thursday 13 November	2:30pm - Y6 Maple Class Assembly (Parents Invited)
Tuesday 18 November	2:30pm - Y5 Hazel Class Assembly (Parents Invited)
Thursday 20 November	2:30pm - Y5 Cedar Class Assembly (Parents Invited)
Friday 21 November	Non-uniform Bring a Bottle for Tombola at Christmas Fayre
Tuesday 25 November	2:00pm Christmas Panto and Mansfield Palace Theatre (Whole School)
Wednesday 26 November	2:30pm - Y4 Oak Class Assembly (Parents Invited)
Thursday 27 November	2:30pm - Y4 Willow Class Assembly (Parents Invited)
Friday 28 November	Non-uniform Bring a Raffle Prize
Monday 1 December	Sponsored Santa Run
Tuesday 2 December	2:30pm - Y3 Sliver Birch Class Assembly (Parents Invited)
Wednesday 3 December	2:30pm - Y3 Beech Class Assembly (Parents Invited)
Thursday 4 December	Christmas Fayre
Friday 5 December	INSET Day – School Closed to Children
Monday 8 December	School Choir at Teversal Visitor Centre am (*new date)
Wednesday 10 December	10:00am School Choir singing in Kings Mill Entrance (*new date)
Thursday 11 December	Y4 - Christmas Performance (Parents Invited)
Thursday 11 December	Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 15 December	Whole School Christmas Craft (Parents invited)
Friday 19 December	Last Day of Term