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A Message from Mr Watson

I am very pleased to be able to announce that Mr Maskell will be joining the Skelton team from January 2023. He will take over the teaching of Owls from Mrs Young. Mr Maskell is an experienced Key Stage 2 teacher who has spent several years teaching in Year 4. As well as teaching Owls, he will also lead Maths across the school. We are very excited to welcome him to Skelton. Mr Maskell will be in school for a couple of days over the final weeks of term to get to know the children and the school so we can make a flying start in the New Year.

Dodgeball

Well done to our fantastic Key Stage 1 Dodgeball team who showed excellent teamwork and resilience in our Inter-Schools competition on Thursday evening. The team of 6 played against teams from Forest of Galtres and Burton Green in the Vale of York Sports hall. A huge thank you to the parents who supported with lifts to and from the competition and encouragement from the side-lines.



Christmas Fair



The School Christmas Fair is fast approaching. This is a fantastic opportunity to raise some funds to spend on improving the equipment and provision in our school. If you have any donations that could be used for raffle or tombola prizes we would really appreciate them. Please send them into school by Tuesday 13th December. If you are a keen baker, we would welcome donations of cupcakes or tray bakes for the cake stall too – details to follow in a separate letter.

Thank you!

Ducklings and Robins exploring shapes through art and opening up the class advent calendar for a new story each day.



Woodpeckers enjoying exploring 2-d and 3-d shapes.



Building dens, exploding volcanoes and learning through drama in Owls!



Kingfishers have been exploring the topic of bullying through role-play and drama as well as getting into the Christmas spirit!

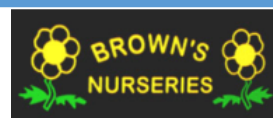


School Council

School council have come up with a superb idea to encourage children to be in school on time each day. They have suggested that every child who is in the classroom by 8.50 each day should receive an entry to a raffle that will take place during Friday assembly. 5 days of being in school on time will equal 5 entries for a prize. I think this is a great idea and want to start it from Tuesday 6th December. Well done School Council!

Mid-day Supervisor job

We have a vacancy for an additional Mid-day Supervisor to help out at lunchtimes in school. The role is 1.5 hours a day over lunchtime. If you are interested or know someone who might be, please see the website MyNewTerm for more details.



A huge thank you to Brown's Nursery for donating and delivering Skelton school's fantastic Christmas tree this year! We are very lucky to have such generous friends of the school!

Spellings - KS2

Kingfishers and Owls now have access to Spelling Shed, which is an excellent online resource to support children with spellings. Children will be asked to learn 10 spellings each week that either follow a spelling pattern or are taken from the statutory word lists for each class. Please encourage your child to practice their assigned spellings using Spelling Shed each week. Weekly spelling checks will involve children writing their spellings into sentences in class.

Spelling Shed 



Attendance awards-2 weeks



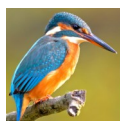
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91.5%



97.3%



97.0%

Our winning class is:

Well done Owls!



Whole School

94.6%

Dates for your diary



5th Dec- NSPCC session for Kingfishers

8th Dec- Christmas Jumper Day

8th Dec- Vale Christmas Fair 6-8pm

13th Dec- Christmas Film Night

13th Dec- Yo-Yo in school

14th Dec- Christmas Dinner Day

14th Dec- EYFS and KS1 Nativity

15th Dec- Church Carol Singing

15th Dec- Christmas Fair 3.30-4.30

16th Dec- School Closes for Christmas