



Skelton

PRIMARY SCHOOL

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A message from Mr Watson

Welcome back! It has been lovely to have the school filled with children again; it felt very empty without them over the summer! The children have made an excellent start to the year in all classes and we are looking forward to a superb academic year in Skelton. As we have welcomed some new faces to the Skelton team and we have staff returning from maternity leave to rejoin the team, I thought it would be useful to share staff photos so you know who is who.



Miss Bryant
Kingfishers



Mr Maskell
Owls



Miss Fry
Woodpeckers



Mrs Hunter
Woodpeckers



Mrs Waterfall-Smith
Robins



Mrs Crump
Robins



Miss Heald
Ducklings



Children will be bringing home logins for TT Rockstars (KS2) and Numbots (KS1). Both of these platforms are engaging ways to develop fluency with numbers with a focus on addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Please encourage your child to have a go, ideally at least 30 minutes per week. We will be introducing awards that will be given out each week for good progress.

After School Club

Skelton After School Club is open for bookings from 3.15-5.30 Monday to Thursday.

We have also rearranged our Total Sports PE day to be able to offer an after school club on **Fridays up to 4.30.**

This also means that children will **need PE kits every Friday** please.

Autumn Term Club Offer

Day and time	Age range	Club
Monday Lunchtime	KS1 and KS2	Colour Me Calm Club
Monday- 3.15-4.15	KS2	York City Football Club
Monday 3.15-4.15	KS2	Eco Club, starting 23rd Sep
Tuesday- 3.15- 4.15	KS1 and KS2	Dance Club
Tuesday Lunchtime	KS2	Book club and librarians - Miss Naylor
Friday Lunchtime	Owls	Forest Schools - Mr Cheek
Friday- 3.15-4.30	Reception-Year 6	Total Sports Club



Polite Reminders

- Please ensure your child is not wearing hooped or dangling earrings as they pose a health and safety risk.
- If children bring in snacks for break time, please ensure it is nutritious; fruit, flapjack, seeds and raisins are all ideal. We are trialling making fruit available at break times for KS2 as well as EYFS and KS1.
- Please ensure your child has a water bottle in school as they will need to remain hydrated throughout the school day.
- If you are dropping your child off by car, please park responsibly and ensure there is sufficient space for traffic to pass. Please do not park on the yellow lines outside of school



Harvest Festival

We will be sending all donations to the York Food Bank after our Harvest Festival again this year. The Food Bank are short of the following items:

Tins of soup, tanned tomatoes, tinned fruit, tea/coffee, squash, washing up liquid, instant noodles and biscuits.

We will be collecting donations between 23rd September and 5th October.

Our Harvest Assembly is taking place on Thursday 10th October

24/25 Term dates



Date:	Event:
Tuesday 3rd September	School opens to children
Friday 25th October	School closes
Monday 4th November	School opens
Thursday 19th December	School closes
Tuesday 7th January	School opens
Friday 14th February	School closes
Monday 25th February	School opens
Friday 4th April	School closes
Monday 5th May	May Bank Holiday - School closed
Friday 23rd May	School closes
Monday 2nd June	School opens
Friday 18th July	School Closes for summer

We would like to set up a small committee who feel able to organise and run fundraising events throughout the year for Skelton School. Ideally the group would be made up of parents and staff and would organise events such as discos, fairs and raffles. If you are interested in being part of the committee, please contact Mr Watson.



ClassDojo

As a school, we use Class Dojo as a method of communicating with parents/carers. This is an invitation only platform, so if you would like access, please speak to your child's class teacher and they can provide you with instructions on how to get set-up.

Skelton Kindness Superstar

In our assemblies so far, we have been looking at the value of '**Kindness**'. I wanted to share an incredible act of **Kindness** from one of our very own Year 6 pupils. Before the summer, Esther decided to donate her hair to the Little Princess Trust, which is a charity that donates real hair wigs to children who have lost their hair through treatment for cancer and other illnesses. In addition to donating her hair, Esther raised over **£150** by being sponsored for the haircut too! What a superb act of **Kindness**!

