

Welcome back!

A very warm welcome back to school! I hope you had a wonderful holiday and are ready for a busy and exciting term ahead. A special welcome to new pupils and parents - I hope you will be very happy here.

It has been wonderful to see the children come into their new classrooms, and start the school year so positively.

As ever at the start of the new school year, there are changes for all of us. Here are a few of the headlines, and I will keep you posted further in our half termly newsletters.

Hope Learning Trust

As of 1st July, Skelton was the 10th school to join the Hope family. Hope is a charitable Trust of schools who want to work together to provide an excellent education for our children and young people. The Trust Board believes that Skelton Primary School has the potential to once again grow into a large and thriving school at the heart of Skelton Village.

Over the summer, the team have been looking at our school logo and we are proud to introduce it you today.



How will good behaviour be celebrated?



We strive to create a positive culture where pupils are engaged, encouraged and love learning!

Our behaviour management and communication app is ClassDojo. For new families, teachers will be sending out invitations to parents so you can keep up-to-date with the amazing things your child is doing.

On a Monday morning, we will hold a celebration assembly. Two children from each class, who go 'over and above' to follow our school rules and values, will be invited for Hot Chocolate with the head teacher on a Monday afternoon.

Attendance

Parents and carers are asked to contact the school office by phone or in person if their child needs to be absent from the school by 9.15am with the reason for absence.

Medical appointments should be arranged outside of the school day, if possible. Where this is not possible, we would expect pupils to miss only part of the day.



The school supports the view that every lesson counts and discourages parents/carers from taking holidays during term time. The school will look to take action for those children having holidays in term time.

Good attendance and punctuality are to be celebrated. The class with the best weekly attendance is given an attendance trophy at the weekly celebration assembly. Pupils with 100% termly and annual attendance are also celebrated.

Uniform

Thank you for ensuring that your children look so smart in their uniforms to start the new school year.

Children must not wear football kit for PE. PE kit must be a plain white t-shirt/polo shirt and plain dark shorts or bottoms. Jewellery should not be worn during games and PE lessons because of the danger of accidents. If your child struggles to take their earrings out on their own, please leave them at home on PE days as this is wasting learning time.

We cannot emphasise enough the need to label all belongings clearly with the children's names.

As we have a new logo, we will soon be liaising with My Clothing to make this change to the embroidered uniform service. If you have uniform with the old logo - do not worry! It will be phased out gradually so the children can wear their current uniform until you need to buy new. We do not expect you to upgrade until necessary as we appreciate this has a significant cost.

If you need a reminder of the uniform guidelines in more detail, these can be found on the school website.

Clubs

French will now be Wednesday lunchtimes. This will be led by Mrs Augey and costs £4 a session - to be arranged with the tutor directly.

Tuesday Lunchtime: Total Energy 12.30-1 Free

Tuesday After School: Total Sports (for KS2 this half term) Free

Wednesday After School: Tennis (yr 1-6) Free

Thursday Lunchtime: Football Club 12.30-1 Free

Friday: Singing / Choir with Mrs Nicholson – fees to be arranged with Mrs Nicholson directly.

Current Office Hours

Monday 8-4

Tuesday 8-3

Wednesday 9-3

Thursday 8-4

Friday 8-4

Other exciting changes

- All children will receive 2 sessions of PE each week delivered by specialist sports coaches.
- Year 1 and 2 will be going swimming in Spring term as well as years 3 and 4.

Remember to follow our Facebook page, Twitter feed and school website to stay up to date with what exciting things we get up to in the new term!

Mrs Carney
Headteacher