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Dear Parent/Carer

We are delighted to welcome the Skelton children back to school and hope that everyone has enjoyed a wonderful summer break.

We would like to take this opportunity, at the start of the school year, to update and inform you of our school routines.

The school bell now rings at 8.45am and all the children line up in the playground at the start of the school day, entering school a class at a time. 'Morning Club' provides childcare for parents who need to drop off their child at school before 8.45am. The club runs from 8am in the outside classroom (Learning Nest) and is supervised by Mrs Mardon. Each session costs £1.50 and parents should notify Mrs Palmer if they wish to book their child in for a session.

P.E kit and a pair of trainers should be kept in children's lockers from Monday to Thursday. Children will take their PE kit and trainers home on Thursday after school and wear their PE kits to school for PE on Friday afternoon. We ask that parents ensure their child brings the correct PE kit to school which is a plain white T-shirt or polo shirt, dark blue shorts and trainers. As the weather gets colder children may wear dark blue tracksuit bottoms/leggings, and a dark blue sweatshirt/hoodie. It is important that trainers, not school shoes, are worn for PE sessions, Mile a Day and dance so the children's feet are supported sufficiently during exercise and dirt from outside is not brought unnecessarily in to our school buildings after PE sessions.

Year 2, 3 and 4 pupils should bring their swimming kit to school on Wednesday mornings for their weekly swimming lessons. Swimming kit consists of goggles, cap, trunks or swimming costume and a towel. Earrings must not be worn during swimming.

Homework will be set each **Friday** for all children. A homework sheet will be taken home by each pupil to be completed and returned by the following Friday.

The homework sheet will contain:-

- Details of a home learning task related to your child's weekly learning in school
- A reminder of the week's five key word spellings (in spelling booklets) and the weekly spelling rule
- The times table your children is currently focussing on.





It is important that all the children complete their weekly homework so that they understand there is an expectation to organise themselves and to take responsibility for their learning. Homework will be uploaded on to the class pages of the school website each week.

Rewards for completing homework are given to children each Friday and are as follows:- Children are rewarded with 'Fab 15' (15 minutes of free time) for reading 5 times a week at home (on Reading Plus or a book) with five adult signatures in their reading record. Reading records are checked daily and 'Fab 15' monitoring runs from Friday to Friday.

Children are rewarded with a counter for their team when they have 3 adult signatures on their homework sheet for practising both times tables and spellings three times a week and have returned their homework sheet to show this. All the children have spelling booklets which contain the key word spellings for their year group. The five key word spellings which are being learned are ticked and dated. Each child has an orange wallet in which they transport their reading book, reading record, homework and spelling booklet home and back to school each day. The children use their spelling booklets and reading books every day in school and therefore it is important that they bring them to school each day.

We would like to remind you that there is a Parent Information Evening on **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> Sept at 6.30pm**. Please join us to find out about what your child does in school each day and use the opportunity to ask questions you may have about your child's learning.

We would like to thank you for your continuing support.

Kind regards

Mrs Briggs

