Half term 2 2015/16

We've sang carols, eaten mince pies, worn Christmas jumpers and danced the afternoon away at our Christmas party. It has been an very action packed couple of weeks for Year 2. The children have worked incredibly hard this term and we can't wait to celebrate more of their successes next year.

A huge thank you for your support at our many events this Christmas season Have a wonderful Christmastime with your

> **families** From all of your staff at Skelton

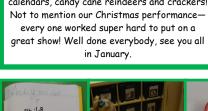
What a busy and exciting time we have had in Nursery this half term! The children have made some brilliant Christmas crafts, calendars and cards as well as learning about people that help us. We are also all looking forward to welcoming our new Nursery children after Christmas.





Happy Christmas everyone! See you on **Monday January** 4th

The children have been busy little elves these past couple of weeks making some fantastic Christmas cards, calendars, candy cane reindeers and crackers! Not to mention our Christmas performance every one worked super hard to put on a great show! Well done everybody, see you all



Well done to FS2 for putting on two fabulous performances of 'A Miracle in Town.' You filled the hall with beautiful singing, superb storytelling and amazing acting. Your families were so proud and they all gave you a well deserved round of applause.!





Year 5 children have been busy making cards and calendars. They have been experimenting in the style of Victorian post-impressionist artists such as George Seurat who invented Pointillism- a technique of painting that involves small dots of pure colour to compose a painting.



Year 3 and 4 worked incredibly hard to produce an amazing performance this term. The story of how Silent Night came to be first written was inspirational!

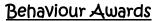


Well, what a half term! There's been no rest for Y6 with early morning boosters for some! However, we brought our first topic to a close last week with a fantastic trip to Beamish. The children experienced what it would have been like for children from Victorian times right through to WWII. It was quite clear we prefer the modern day!

Attendance

222 Treats have been given to our 100% attenders today WELL DONE

Our attendance figure for the whole school this week is 96.9%



Our new behaviour system has been a great success and many of our children are wearing their Elvis behaviour pins with great pride! We have a 3tier award system:

Tier 1 get movie and popcorn & pencil
Tier 2 get 40 minutes of free choice &
pencil

Tier 3 get a behaviour champ pencil

These awards were chosen by our Head Boy & girl! and will happen termly!

HOUSE CUP WINNERS







THE HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT

On Tuesday very early, Eve and Sam visited the Houses of Parliament with 17 different schools. After a long and tiring journey and a few DVDs, we arrived at the Houses of Parliament- or the Palace of Westminster. We had to go through a scanner and get a visitor's pass. We learnt lots of interesting facts about the Palace and how the government works. We visited and saw lots of interesting paintings and statues. We were very excited when we found out we were allowed in the House of Lords, who were discussing building and climate change. We sat in the Stranger's gallery, we had to be silent and all the teachers had to hand over their phones and cameras. Afterwards we met Tom Blenkinsop and asked him some questions about his life in politics and how we could improve our local area. We then had a workshop on 'How laws are made' and while we were doing that, there was a vote happening in the House of Commons. It was an excellent day, we got

home really late but it was worth it!



Our School Council helped to decorate the Taylor Wimpey tree on the Annadale estate this week!





A new kit for a new year!

We are very excited to show off our new outdoor sports kits. Here is its being modelled by our lovely Year 6 children. A big thank you to <u>MCWare It solutions</u> for their generous donation.



A good deed

Well done to Lucy, Taylor & Joseph this week for rescuing a dog and keeping it safe after it escaped from home one evening this week.

The owner was so touched that she sent chocolates into school for the 'fantastic three' Kind deeds do not go unappreciated!



The Peace Candle, all the way from Bethlehem, came to
Skelton this morning and will transfer to church for our
Carol concert.

Our Christmas decoration winners are: John Daniels, Chloe Whitehead, Callum Trowsdale (AGAIN!:0)) & Lucy Allan. Well done everyone. Here are a few of this year's

entries to look at.

SPRING term dinner money £10 week £60 half term £108 full term

FIRST WEEK BACK AT A GLANCE

Monday	Breakfast club 8am £1.20 SCSS Multisport 3-4.15
Tuesday	Breakfast club 8am £1.20 Y3/4 football 3-4.15
Wednesday	Breakfast club 8am £1.20 NO 442
Thursday	Breakfast club 8am £1.20 Y3/4 football 3-4.15 NO 442
Friday	Breakfast club 8am £1.20 Running Club 3:10—4:10 SCCS 3-4.15 Dance 3-4:15