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We were delighted to see everyone again for the summer term and hear about their Easter holiday experiences. We have had an exciting week this week. On Tuesday, we were the first school to visit Ad Gefrin to see their Great Hall, watch films from the 'King' and 'Queen' of Northumbria, visit the museum and also explore the site where Ad Gefrin actually was. This has been a great way to start off our new learning theme of Anglo Saxons and the beginning of the Kingdom of England and we look forward to exploring more about this period of history with the children.



In PSHE on Monday we looked at healthy eating and the children will be learning about food and cooking in design technology for the first half of this half term. The topic will be about 'dips and dippers' with the children making their own breadsticks or water biscuits and creating their own dip recipes.

In music, Mrs Cochrane has found some songs linked to an Anglo Saxon themed musical and the children are using tuned instruments to augment them with fanfares and harmonies. The younger children have been making their own musical instruments. In geography the children have begun to think about how maps can show you change over time and have looked at the heptarchy from Anglo Saxon times (the seven kingdoms that roughly cover where England is now). Some of the 'expert researchers' also found out how many counties we have today. Lots of good work going on in the classrooms this week!

On Thursday we welcomed visitors from the RNLI to talk to the children about water safety. Living so close to the coast as we do, we think this is really important to help keep everyone safe.



The team at The Big Plastic Count has been analysing the data that you collected to work out the true scale of the plastic waste crisis in the UK. They can finally reveal the investigation results – and they are staggering! Watch their [results video](#) to learn some of their key findings.

## Fundraising

We are running another 100 square to raise money for indoor and outdoor equipment for our Nursery. The winner will receive the contents of our hamper, numbers are £1. You can email into school or comment on our facebook page if you would like a number. We are also planning a bingo night in May and are looking for any raffle prizes that you may have lying around such as bottles, smellies etc. Again thank you for your continued support.



## Dates for your diary

**Tuesday 23rd April** - year 4 transition event - PE at Berwick Middle School in the morning. We will be back for lunch. Year 4s will need PE clothing.

**Wednesday 8th to Friday 8th May** - year 4 residential at Ford Castle.

### Week 13 - 17th May - Enrichment Week

Monday 13th May - skipping workshop in the afternoon at Lowick school - **children will need active clothing.**

Tuesday 14th May - main school trip to Branton Primary for a joint forest school afternoon. **Children will need outdoor clothing which may well get muddy!**

Thursday 16th May - Pentecost service in Lowick. We are excited to welcome **+Mark, the Bishop of Berwick into our school that day** and he will lead our procession from school to church and the service. **You are warmly invited to join us at 1.30pm at Lowick church.**

Friday 17th May - **Lindisfarne National Nature Reserve** (LNNR) are coming to Lowick school in the morning to do work around pollinators. They will be looking at moth traps and seeing what kinds of moth we have in our local area.

May half term holiday is the week commencing **27th May**.

**Tuesday 11th June** - visitors from Newcastle Castle are coming to lead our Anglo Saxon day. Should be fun and interactive!

**Tuesday 19th June** - Year 4 leavers' service at Newcastle Cathedral

**Monday 24th June** - RE Day: dancers from the Springs Dance Company are coming to lead workshops with the children on the theme of The Good Samaritan and telling stories through dance.

**Tuesday 25th June** - Etal cricket festival with other schools. Children will need active clothing and a packed lunch or grab & go.

*Pencil in: 2nd July - LNNR work on nesting birds (depending on where they nest - hopefully at Goswick).*

**Monday 8th July** - Celebration church service at St Mary's on Holy Island (or on the beach if the weather is kind). Sports afternoon at Holy Island school. Children will need active clothing.

**Friday 12th July** - partnership 'move up' day.

**Wednesday 17th July** - Holy Island day with outdoor activities including beach cricket. Children will need active clothing and a packed lunch or grab & go.

**Friday 19th July** - last day of school. **Leavers' and end of year assembly at 11.15am** followed by a picnic which parents and family are welcome to join us for. We are having our assembly earlier than usual as the causeway closes at 12.25pm on that day and we want to include our Holy Island children.