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This newsletter is coming to you a little early this week as we are out all day on Friday. We will update you in our next newsletter about our day on Holy Island. We are looking forward to it, but we are all planning to dress very warmly! Luckily we have the school as a base so we can take shelter as need be. We will be taking our field notebooks with us and we will be linking up with the Lindisfarne National Nature Reserve team. It should be a very good day.

Please remember, that we will be back late tomorrow as the safe crossing for the causeway is not until 3.05pm. We will come back as soon as we are able to get off the Island and anticipate being back at Lowick by 3.30pm.

We were delighted this week to welcome Louise Underwood in. She met with the children on Monday and they discussed their ideas for a banner to be displayed in the Great North (Hancock) Museum in Newcastle. They talked about themes of local wildlife; taking care of the environment and what makes Lowick and Holy Island special. The children then drew their ideas for the design for Louise to put together for a final version. Louise then came back into school on Thursday afternoon and the children worked with her in groups to create the final piece. We look forward to visiting the museum to see it once the exhibition is open.

Interestingly the banner has to be frozen for a time, before it can be displayed, to prevent any little creatures in the material from infesting the museum exhibits!

We have joined with Norham and Ford first schools in moderating the children's writing this week. We found this very useful and we enjoyed the opportunity to meet with colleagues in the area and share good practice. We are continuing to develop our links with other schools and organisations. Our nursery hosted the Great North Maths Hub Early Years training last Friday and this was very useful. We are also hosting Berwick partnership networks for maths and for Newly Qualified Teachers. We welcomed Debbie from read Write Inc. into school this week as well to review and support our phonics work across the school. Overall, we are very busy making sure that the children are learning well in the core subjects of English and maths as well as taking every chance to develop an exciting and rich curriculum across all the subjects.

Music is going very well this term so far. We are linking music to literacy through Peter and the Wolf. The children have done some lovely work on music for characters and the different instruments in the orchestra. We are looking to book a musical theatre workshop on emotion, character and music and we will let you know how we get on with that. Mrs Orde is doing singing weekly with the children – they sounded absolutely fantastic singing a beautiful Polynesian round on Wednesday.

We have signed up to be part of 'Sing Up Day' on 13<sup>th</sup> March. We will be learning a song called 'One Moment, One People' together with other schools all around the world. We will then record our children singing and the results will be shared with SingUp.org who will put it together into an overall video. If you would like to see how this worked last year, the video is on You Tube under the title 'Sing Up Day 2018 Digichoir - 'Be the change''. Please rest assured that we will not share video of any child whose parents have not consented for their image to be put on the website. If you have not given consent for your child's image to be on social media, but would like to make an exception for this video please let us know.

*Rebecca Simpson*

**sing up day**  
13 March 2019

## Dressing up for Number Day - 1<sup>st</sup> February

We thought it might be fun to have 'number' or maths themed clothes on that day (children who don't like dressing up are welcome to wear their own clothes). This is the same day we have Hoopstarz in school. The children will be hula hooping and cheerleading, so any outfits will need to be suitable for getting active!



## Spellings

### Year 1

Adding **-est** to adjectives where no change is needed to the root word

Eg loudest, slowest, quietest

### Year 2

The last consonant letter of the root word is doubled to keep the a, e, i, o, u sound (short vowel—eg 'a' as in ant)

**Exception: the letter 'x' is never doubled ie mixing, mixed, boxer, sixes**

Eg patting, patted, humming, hummed, dropping, dropped, sadder, saddest

### Year 3

More suffix 'ous'. In these words, our is changed to -or before -ous is added

Eg humour, humorous, glamour, glamorous, vigour, vigorous

## After School Clubs

This half term the After School Clubs will be:

Wednesday—Football/Ball Skills with Alan Crosier

Thursday—Dodge-ball with Mrs Strangeways

Clubs are from 3-4pm and there is no charge for these after school clubs.



## Next week – forest school session

Please remember that we are doing a forest school session on Tuesday afternoon (22<sup>nd</sup> January). We will be making use of the forest at Ford, which will make a great backdrop for our Traditional Tales! Children will need to dress appropriately for being outdoors. However, they won't need a packed lunch as we will go after lunch and be back before the end of the school day.



## We welcome Revd Sarah Hills to Holy Island

We are looking forward to the institution of the Revd Sarah Hills on Holy Island at 2.00pm on 27th January. Mrs Stansen and Mrs Simpson will be part of the service and we hope to continue our friendly and fruitful links with the church. We look forward to meeting Revd Sarah Hills and welcoming her to visit our schools in the near future.



## Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 22nd Jan	Forest Schools afternoon at Ford First School
Friday 1st Feb	Hoopstarz & Cheerleading Day / Numbers Day—children can dress up with a number theme or wear their own clothes
Tuesday 5th Feb	Chinese New Year / Forest Schools afternoon at Ford First School
Friday 15th Feb	School Stops for Half term week
Monday 25th Feb	School Restarts