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### **Changes after the Easter holiday – important please read!**

After the Easter holiday we are going to revert to our pre-Covid timings of the school start and finish time. Rather than entering through the classroom doors, we will go back to children being dropped off on the main yard in the morning. This means that children will be able to **come round onto the yard from 8.15am** (before school child care still available from 8am). This gives them a few minutes to play first thing. We will then line them up for an **8.30am start time**. We still ask that adults dropping off children do not linger on site and socially distance where possible.

**Pick up time will return to 3pm** for the main school (from 2.45 for nursery) but will still be **from our classroom side doors** as we find this works well at the end of the day.

Other Covid precautions – hand-washing, hygiene and cleaning routines, catch-it, kill-it & bin-it, having windows open and seeking to work outside where appropriate will remain in place for the time being. Please note we continue to ask everyone to follow NHS advice if you have Covid or are a close contact of someone who does: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/when-to-self-isolate-and-what-to-do/>

**Parents/carers:** Please see the email from school (sent yesterday – Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> April) with information and advice from Northumberland County Council for parents/carers with regard to Covid.

### **This week**

We have had an excellent final week of term. On Monday, we went to St John the Baptist church in Lowick to take part in an Easter experience. Charlotte, Sarah and volunteers from both Lowick and Holy Island created five activity stations for the children to visit in groups. The activities were interactive and well designed to suit the children's interests and abilities. Afterwards, we had a short 'mini-service' with Sarah accompanying us on the church organ to Lord of the Dance followed by a blessing. Our thanks to everyone who helped put this together and also to the visitors who joined us for the gathering afterwards.



### **Curriculum information for next term:**

Our long term plans (including the planned themes over multiple years) are available on our website under the Curriculum Information tab. We continue to update these pages regularly as we develop our plans and respond to the pupil's interests and world-wide and local events.

Our theme for next term is **Northumberland**. We will be finding out about our amazing county and as part of that we will also looking at the Anglo Saxons and the rise of Christianity.

As part of PSHE we have begun to think about different jobs that people do and if you would like to help us by talking to the children about your interesting job then please get in touch with us via the school office!

## Our day on Holy Island

The children also spent the day on Holy Island on Thursday. The weather wasn't the best we've had, but it did add to the authenticity of the re-creation of the launch of the Lizzie Porter lifeboat in a storm! The children enjoyed recreating the rescue of the James B Graham crew which hit the rocks around Holy Island 100 years ago this year. We were fortunate enough to meet up with Dick Patterson and Thelma Dunne who both have ancestors that took part in the rescue. The children are producing some lovely work linked to this rescue and hopefully this will go on display on Holy Island in the near future. More photos and videos will be on our website shortly.



In the afternoon, the children met with Helen from English Heritage to talk about updating the education offer linked to Lindisfarne Priory. We are looking forward to working on this project over the next few months!

In **Eco-Club** this week we did some activities relating to World Health Day on Thursday. The message from the World Health Organisation (WHO) is that **we only have one planet, and our health depends on it, just like it's health depends on us.**



We considered the repercussions of fossil fuels and pollution in the air that we breathe, the extreme weather and flooding caused by climate change, and the water scarcity which leads to the spread of disease in developing countries. We were shocked that hundreds of thousands of people die each year simply from diarrhoea.

We first looked at the Eatwell Plate and explored how to keep our bodies healthy through diet, exercise, and drinking water.



The children created their own eatwell plates using hula hoops and sorted the play food into fruit/veg, carbohydrates, proteins, dairy/alternatives, and oils/spreads. They then each created their own two-part exercise regime for everyone to follow e.g. ten star jumps and run on the spot for twenty seconds. We then looked at the importance of keeping our minds healthy as well as our bodies. We remembered Children's Mental Health week last month and some of the things we can do when we feel anxious or upset. We then did a guided meditation which the children enjoyed and found relaxing.



## Clubs for Summer Term

Monday—Eco Club

Tuesday—Active Club with Mrs Turner

Wednesday—Gardening Club

Thursday—Commando Joes/Rugby/Maths (Children's choice)

## Spellings

Year 1—tea, sea, dream

Year 2—Suffixes ment, ness, ful

Eg merriment, happiness, plentiful

Year 3—Most prefixes are added to the beginning of without change

Eg impossible, immature, impatient

Year 4—Irregular plurals—lice, geese, women, men

**Lowick Leek Club**  
Sunday 17th April 2022

**Easter egg hunt**

**11AM** Raffle **The White Swan**  
**FREE ENTRY** Easter Bonnet Competition  
Decorated Egg Competition

Sunday Lunches available at the White Swan—Booking Essential!

**Easter fun!** - The children have been doing some Easter crafts, including making some edible treats. We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all **a very happy Easter** and we hope you have a good Easter holiday. We will be back in school from Monday 25th April.



**HAPPY EASTER**

**Easter BINGO NIGHT**  
Thursday 14th April  
Eyes down 7:15pm  
At The White Swan Main Street, Lowick  
**GREAT PRIZES! FUN FOR ALL!**