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At the moment it feels like September is flying by. We have had another good week in school. The children went back to Holy Island for their follow up visit to the Dig Venture archaeologists. The children worked in their house groups to 'travel back in time'. They used clues from a box of finds to diagnose illnesses from the past.

This ties neatly into our whole-school theme for this term which is 'Time Travel'. We are focusing on our local area and fostering an understanding of what it was like in our part of the world at different points in time. We have started with the Stone Age to pick up from broader work done on this topic last year. We will travel to see the Viking Raid on Lindisfarne before the October half term and next half term we will be looking at our local area 'in living memory'. This will be a more in-depth view. We would really love to hear from people who used to go to our schools or lived in the local area and have stories and pictures to share.

We have managed to make interesting curriculum links with this theme – children have been reading or working with books linked to Stone Age times. A mammoth has appeared in Class 1 and a cave (complete with cave paintings) has been discovered in the main part of the school. Class 2 have been able to tell me all about the different ways caves are formed.

We are continuing our link with the Newcastle Foundation for PE. This will begin with Regan Graham coaching badminton at the Swan Centre on Wednesday afternoons, as of next week. He will also be taking an After School Club on Wednesdays from 3-4pm. This club will be free of charge. After School Care is available from 4.00—5.30pm.

*Rebecca Simpson*

### Reading Books

Children will be bringing their Read, Write, Inc reading books or RWI first sounds books home tonight. These books match the initial assessments we completed at the beginning of term. They are an addition to the reading scheme books that you already share with your child.



### Celebration Assembly

**Our Weekly Celebration Assembly will take place each Friday at 2.40pm. Everyone is welcome to attend to celebrate the children's achievements.**



## Harvest Festival Donations

Please could the children bring along one item to donate to the Food Bank at our Harvest Festival on Tuesday (dry good, food items that don't require cooking or tools to open, toiletries etc. Thank you.



## Harvest Lunch

Just a reminder that you are welcome to join us for Harvest Lunch on Tuesday at 11.30am. Please return the slip that was sent home to order a lunch (£4.00 for adults) or drop Linda an email.



## Harvest Festival

You are very welcome to join us for our Harvest Festival on Tuesday at Holy Island Church at 10.00am. The bus will be leaving school at 9.15am to travel over to the Island and there will be a few seats available on a first come, first served basis. Do please let Linda know if you would like to book a seat.



## Spellings

- Year 1 words ending in ll eg doll  
Year 2 ge at the end of words  
eg huge  
Year 3 the u sound spelt ou eg young

Examples will be on the homework sheet

Spellings will be set on a Monday and due in the following Monday

## Future dates

Tuesday 25th Sept	Harvest Festival (morning) Service at Holy Island Church followed by Harvest Lunch at Lowick School—all welcome.	
Thursday 11th Oct	Viking Raid on Holy Island—more details to follow	
Monday 22nd Oct	Nasal Flu Immunisations	
Thursday 25th Oct	Batty About Bats session with Annie Ivinson at Lowick School followed by Batty Disco	
Friday 26th Oct	Parents' Showcase afternoon—more details to follow	School stops for half term week
Monday 5th Nov	School restarts	
Friday 9th Nov	Remembrance Service	
Friday 16th Nov	Individual and Family Photographs	
Monday 19th Nov	Parents Evening—3.30—6.30pm	
Friday 30th Nov	Christmas Fair—1.00—3.00pm	
Friday 14th Dec	Afternoon Performance	
Monday 17th Dec	Evening Performance	
Tuesday 18th Dec	Cinderella at the Mallings (am)	
Wed 19th Dec	Christmas Lunch	
Friday 21st Dec	School stops for Christmas holidays	