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We have had a productive week in school and our nursery has been very busy too. The children were great the Harvest Festival last Friday and we were very proud of how well they represented the school with their prayers and poems.

This week the children in the main school have been to Holy Island for the day to find out more about the railway that used to run on the island and its links to the lime kilns. This is part of their topic work about transport and they will also have a chance to look at some of the boats in the harbour and practice their drawing.

Next week, on Thursday afternoon, we will be having a Halloween party in school for the main school, nursery and stay and play. Margaret is planning a party lunch for that day. The children will be allowed to come to school in their own clothes or a Halloween costume if they would like. If they prefer not to dress up, that is fine also.

### Curriculum Themes

Our overall curriculum theme of Around the Word (travel and transport) will continue into the new half term. Our year's themes can be found on the school website under the curriculum information tab, chose the long term curriculum map for the overview. The theme after Christmas is 'Out of this World' and we will be exploring space and space travel!

We altered our long term RE curriculum map to split up our World Faiths offer through the year. Our RE topic of Judaism will finish at the end of this half term and next half term we will be finding out more about Christianity with a focus on 'Incarnation' in the run up to Christmas. We have really enjoyed our Judaism topic and we will reflect on other world religions when we think about celebrations and festivals when the opportunity arises through the year.

*Rebecca*

### Gardening news

We are delighted to let you know that we have now achieved a Level 3 award from the RHS for our school gardening projects. We received a gift card to purchase more plants (fruit and vegetables) for the gardening club to plant out with Mrs Edmison.

Well done everyone!



### Art news

We have been asked to take part in a joint art project with a school down in Suffolk – Snape Primary – based around the Roald Dahl script for Little Red Riding Hood. The children will be producing drawings of key parts of the play to be used as backgrounds for the show.



### Spellings

- Year 1**      **Division of words into syllables**  
Eg pocket, rabbit, carrot, thunder, sunset
- Year 2**      **The 'l' or 'el' sound spelt 'el' at the end of words**  
Eg camel, tunnel, squirrel, travel, towel,
- Year 3**      **Words with the 'sh' sound spelt 'ch'**  
Eg chef, chalet, machine, brochure
- Year 4**      **Homophones**  
Eg weather/whether, scene/seen

### Recruitment for lunchtimes – two jobs available!

We are pleased to let you know that our job description for a lunchtime play leader has been approved by the HR department at county. We are now looking to fill two roles: a lunchtime supervisor and a lunchtime play leader (who can also do Wednesday afternoons to support our visit to the Swan Centre). If you are interested then job descriptions, further information and application forms are available from our website – it is a news item on the home page or click on this link: <https://www.lowickholylslandschools.org.uk/website/>

### Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Appeal

This gives an opportunity to give a Christmas present to a child who would, otherwise, receive nothing at all for Christmas.

Please see the attached leaflet for full instructions.

If you wish to take part, please bring your filled shoe box into school by 11th November

Thank you



### Dates for your Diary

<b>Thursday 24th Oct</b>	Halloween Party Lunch followed by Halloween Party
<b>Friday 25th Oct</b>	School stops for Half term week
<b>Monday 4th Nov</b>	Staff Training Day
<b>Tuesday 5th Nov</b>	Children return to school Nasal Flu Vaccinations (please note change of date)
<b>Thursday 14th Nov</b>	Children in Need Day—wear pyjamas or own clothes
<b>Friday 15th Nov</b>	Individual & Family Photos
<b>Thursday 21st Nov</b>	Parents' Evening—please note change of date
<b>Friday 6th Dec</b>	Afternoon Nativity Performance
<b>Monday 9th Dec</b>	Evening Nativity Performance
<b>Tuesday 17th Dec</b>	Whole School trip to see Aladdin at the Maltings, Party Lunch and Party Afternoon
<b>Wed 18th Dec</b>	Church Service followed by Christmas Lunch
<b>Friday 20th Dec</b>	School stops for Christmas holidays
<b>Monday 6th Jan</b>	Staff Training Day
<b>Tuesday 7th Jan</b>	School restarts for the Spring Term