



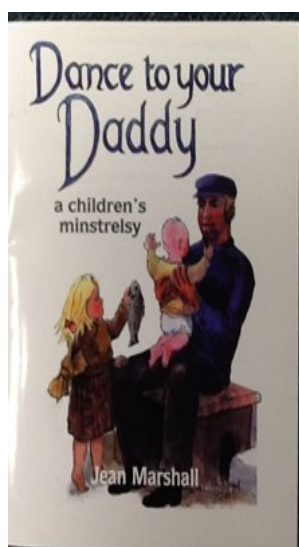
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Welcome back everyone to our summer term. This half term is quite a short one as it is five weeks long and **Monday next week (2nd May) is a bank holiday so school is closed on that day.**

We still are managing to cram quite a lot into each week and we are looking forward to an exciting term around our school theme of 'Northumberland'. The children in class 2 have been writing letters from the point of view of St Augustine and the younger children have been learning the traditional song "Dance to your Daddy". In PE this week Miss Graham led a great HIIT session with the children to help get them very fit!



Next week **we will be on Holy Island on Thursday (5th May)** for an action packed RE/ Topic themed day around the Northern Saints and Lindisfarne. **Children will need a packed lunch or order a grab and go lunch from school.** We will be outdoors walking around the village for a part of the day so please make sure the children have coats and comfortable footwear – they can wear their usual uniform otherwise. We will be back before 3pm and the Thursday after clubs will be running 3pm – 4pm.

Clubs

Miss Hay has been facilitating a construction club at lunchtimes. The children have enjoyed making a car and a robot! As always, it is a joy to watch the children work together across different ages and abilities so well. They are a great team.

Monday: eco schools

Tuesday: orienteering with Mrs Turner

Wednesday: gardening

Thursday: a choice of Commando Joe's, rugby or maths (or a combination of two of them)



Clothing for the school week



To help you manage the children's uniform over the week we do the following regularly: On **Tuesday** we have active learning but normal uniform is fine for this. On **Wednesday** we have swimming and PE and we ask that children wear leggings or tracksuit bottoms to make changing for swimming easier. On **Thursdays** we have Commando Joe's and rugby so outdoor clothing / PE uniform is appropriate. On **Friday** we have forest school so children can wear outdoor clothing, but their usual uniform tops are fine for this.

When the weather warms up please make sure children have sunhats / sun-cream for being outdoors.

Jubilee celebration

We would like to do something for the Jubilee celebrations before the end of this half term. We think it would be nice to invite you into school for a picnic lunch followed by some outdoor activities. We will provide the children's lunch but ask that you bring your own picnic.

You may remember, several years ago now, we invited parents and families in for den building. We thought it would be good to do something similar but with a Jubilee theme – monument / castle building (with den building an option for those of you wishing to escape from it all!) We are planning this for the last Friday afternoon of this half term – Friday 27th May. More details to follow shortly!



Parent Questionnaire

Mrs Telfer has sent out an email to parents and carers asking you to fill in a short questionnaire about the school. We have created it online to make it easier for you to complete and it can be done on a computer, a tablet or a phone.

We appreciate you taking the time to look and respond to this. The link is <https://freeonlinesurveys.com/s/ON4Cg5SL> or you can use this QR code to access the survey. It is only open for a short time (just over a week) so please complete it as soon as you are able.



Spellings

Year 1— ea digraph

Eg sea, dream, each

Year 2—Introduction to homophones

Eg hear, here

Year 3— prefixes - anti

Eg against, antiseptic, antiperspirant

Year 4— A selection of commonly misspelled words

Reading Records

Please can you make sure that your child remembers to bring their reading record to school. This is such a useful document because it helps us to have a line of communication between you and your child's class/reading teacher.

We really appreciate comments from parents and carers and the comments don't need to be long at all! Here are some examples:

*Used their phonics to read new words.
Discussed the story.
Used great expression.
Needed some support with...*



If you've noticed 'GR' in your child's book, this means Guided Reading - the children have regular sessions in small groups where the focus might be decoding, comprehension, prediction or simply enjoying reading together and indulging in 'book talk'!

Berwick Partnership Consultation

You may have seen on the local news that Northumberland County Council are organising a consultation in our area about the organisation of our schools. The first part of the consultation, happening soon, will focus on whether the community wants the schools to be organised in a two tier or three tier structure. Currently we are three tier as we have first schools, middle schools and then the high school. Two tier would be primary schools and secondary school, as they have in the Alnwick partnership area and across the border in Scotland.

After the initial consultation, the council will organise a more detailed one around proposals for individual schools. You can find more information about this here <https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/News/2022/Apr/Consultation-on-40m-investment-for-Berwick-Schools.aspx>

We are happy to talk to you about it and hear your views – please feel free to get in touch with us via the school office or have a chat at dropping off or picking up times. We will be sharing links to the consultation once they are published.