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'Celebrating the Caribbean' day

We started the week with a day of celebration of Caribbean culture. The children had a mix of stories, music, art and dance through the day and responded brilliantly to the different inspirations shared with them. We explored the work of Brianna McCarthy which we followed up on in our art lessons on Friday which allowed the children to express themselves with colour and pattern whilst thinking about portraits.

Mrs Cochrane came in and all the children had the chance to learn how to play the steel pans - with the older children helping the younger children master playing the tune they had learned the previous week. The children also sang and acted to Caribbean songs, found out more about the Notting Hill Carnival, created their own head dresses and dances to their choice of music.



Parents & carers survey

We would be grateful if parents and carers could take 5 minutes to fill in a short survey about our schools to help us understand how we are doing as a school from your perspective. The survey can be accessed from this link: <https://freeonlinesurveys.com/s/H7YnYfqx> and will close in 7 days time.

End of term assembly / performance at school on Friday next week (11th April)

You are invited to come into school on **Friday 11th April at 11am** to see the children perform - class 1 are performing Chicken Licken and class 2 will be sharing the Caribbean music they have been learning this half term. This is part of our end of term assembly where we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Bradbury as it will be her last day during term time. **If you would like to take your child home with you after the assembly then please let us know so that we can plan for the right number of dinners that day.**

Easter egg decoration competition

Children are invited to decorate eggs on a theme of their choice for a fun competition. (It's fine to use artificial eggs too). Please bring entries in by Wednesday 9th April and there will be prizes for each class winner (including nursery).



Bingo

Thank you to everyone who supported our Easter bingo fundraiser and we are very grateful to all the people who donated prizes as well as attended on the night. Sincere thanks also to the staff who worked so hard to pull it all together. We were pleased to raise over £300 for our school fund.

Easter church service at Lowick Tuesday 2pm - everyone welcome!

We will be having our termly RE day on Tuesday next week (8th April) and we are going to Lowick church at 2pm for an interactive service where you are all very welcome to join us. The theme of our RE day is Food and Christianity and the service will follow this theme as it links to the Easter story.

Dates for your diary

Monday 7th April - Lisette Auton (children's author) follow up visit after November Club performances.

Tuesday 8th April - Easter RE day and **church service at 2pm at Lowick Church**. Then parents' evening

Friday 11th April - 11am musical performances and Lesley Bradbury's leaving assembly

Easter holiday is from **14th April** for two weeks.

Summer term begins on Monday **28th April**

Monday 5th May - bank holiday - school is closed

Thursday 8th May - 80th anniversary of VE Day. We are planning a celebration picnic lunch and parents /carers are welcome to join us. More information to follow nearer the time.

Week beginning 12th May - SingFest week finishing with concert on Saturday 17th May - more information to follow. We hope to be taking part in a workshop during the school week as part of this on Thursday 15th May in the morning..

Friday 16th May - skipping workshop for class 1 and class 2

Half term holiday the week beginning **26th May and Monday 2nd June** - Teacher training day - no children in school

Thursday 5th June - Countryside Day - whole school trip

Monday 16th June - whole school trip to the Great North Museum in Newcastle.

Pencil in: **Friday 20th June** - Etal cricket festival with other local schools

Friday 27th June - main school children will be walking the poles to Holy Island, as we do every other year.

Friday 4th July - whole school visiting Holy Island. Viking themed morning and beach cricket in the afternoon.

Monday 14th July - Summer fair and sports afternoon (Wednesday 16th is our back up date)

Tuesday 15th July - Skipping festival in Berwick - class 2

Friday 18th July - 1.30pm end of year assembly and blessing