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A great big welcome back to everyone for our last half term of the year. This week the children have been considering the Sikh practice of langar to help feed the hungry and look after everyone in the community. In history we have been myth busting some common misconceptions about the Vikings and thinking about what Viking people wore and owned depending on their role in society.

A highlight of our week has been the school trip to Countryside Day on Thursday. The children enjoyed a good range of activities and stalls throughout the day. They particularly enjoyed the sheep show with dancing sheep and sheep shearing. Some of the children had a go in the auction stand although they weren't quite tall enough! There was an excellent forestry section where they learned about how trees are cut down, stripped and chipped as well as what tree surgeons do. They had fun at the Bedmax stall, learning about how every part of the tree is used. Other favourites were the bee keepers with the free honey samples, the samples of venison sausages and planting trees with Cheviot Trees.



## Viking raid and beach cricket is on Thursday next week

We are going to be spending the day on Holy Island next Thursday (12th June). **Children will need clothing suitable for being outdoors and active** - we will be wearing Viking cloaks, brooches and carrying axes and shields as we 'terrorise' the village on Holy Island with our Viking songs and we will run a raid up the beach. **Children will need a packed lunch or a grab and go as well as suitable clothing to go under their cloaks - ready to be active all day.** In the afternoon, our sports coaches will be meeting us to run beach cricket for a fun afternoon. We will be back to Lowick in time for the normal ending of the school day.

### Our new classroom

We are very excited that the building work organised by the Local Authority has been done over the half term holiday. Now we have a lovely classroom space and a smaller intervention space / staff area in our school so we are ready for an extra year group next year. Any parent who would like to pop in before or after school to see it in person is very welcome.

### Nursery news - Teddy bear's Picnic and Commando Joe's just for them!

Whilst the main school children were away at Countryside Day, nursery children enjoyed a Teddy Bear's picnic with stay and play visitors followed by a special Commando Joe's session just for Early Years children and their families. The nursery children also came down to school to help make some sandwiches for the picnic (but some got eaten beforehand because they were so delicious!) Even so the children (and teddy bears) had a great time.

Our stay and play sessions are every Thursday afternoon from 1.30 - 2.45pm in our nursery or using our grounds. Everyone is welcome - we enjoy visits from children from 0 to 5 as well as their families and/or carers.



### Staff changes

We have said goodbye today to Mrs Hutchinson who has covered Miss Armstrong's maternity leave, she has been wonderful and she will be a big miss in our Nursery. We would all like to say a big thank you! We will be welcoming back Miss Armstrong next week from maternity leave.

### Dates for your diary

**Thursday 12th June** - whole school visiting Holy Island for Viking morning and beach cricket afternoon.

**Monday 16th June** - whole school trip to the Great North Museum in Newcastle. We will be back late as we plan on leaving Newcastle at 2pm.

**Friday 20th June** - Etal cricket festival with other local schools. Children will need a packed lunch or grab & go and wear PE clothes.

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

**Thursday 3rd July** - art and work exhibition as well as open afternoon at Lowick school

**Monday 7th July** - whole school reward trip to Whitehouse Farm - we will be slightly late back - 3.30pm

**Monday 14th July** - Summer fair and sports afternoon (Wednesday 16th is our back up date). No after school club after sports day but child care is available.

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

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

