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## Harvest Festival

We are looking forward to celebrating **Harvest Festival on 21<sup>st</sup> October at St Mary's on Holy Island**. We are hoping to welcome you to our service. With restrictions in place, St Mary's can seat up to 50 and adults are asked to wear face coverings unless they are exempt. (We may be able to fit in more people if we have 'bubbles'). We are practising our Harvest Samba which you may remember from a few years ago. As part of Harvest Festival we hope you will help us collect supplies for our local foodbank. If you can spare anything we should be very grateful and it will go to help people in our local area.

Advice about foodbank donations is that the main thing to bear in mind is that whatever you give may be stored for some time before it goes to those who need it. Avoid things like fresh fruit and vegetables, fish, meat and dairy products as it might go bad and the food bank is unlikely to accept it. Good options include: cereal, soup, pasta, rice, tinned tomatoes, pasta sauce, lentils, beans and pulses, tinned meat, tinned vegetables, tea or coffee, tinned fruit or biscuits.



When it comes to non-food items you can donate to a food bank, this can include deodorant, toilet paper, shower gel, shaving gel, shampoo, soap, toothbrushes, tooth paste, hand wipes, sanitary towels and tampons. Also household items such as laundry powder or liquids and washing up liquid, as well as baby supplies like nappies, baby wipes and baby food.

Donations are welcome but not necessary – please do not feel pressured at this difficult time.

## Keeping our children safe - NSPCC



We will be using resources and support from the NSPCC to work with the children on their 'speak out, stay safe' campaign. The NSPCC also has lots of advice and help for parents and carers linked to keeping our children safe online. This can be found here: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

If you are worried or need some advice you can contact the NSPCC directly:

Whatever your worry, the NSPCC helpline is here to help. Call them on **0808 800 5000**, email [help@nspcc.org.uk](mailto:help@nspcc.org.uk) to get advice and support from safeguarding experts.

## Dates for your Diary



◆ **Thursday 21st October**

Harvest Festival

◆ **Friday 22nd October**

Break up for Half Term holiday

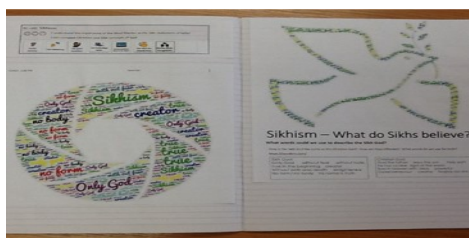
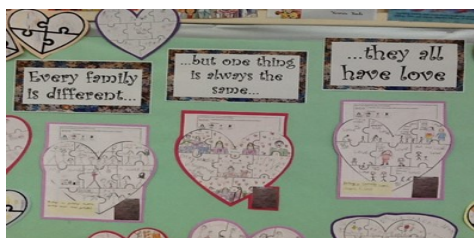
◆ **Monday 1st November**

Return to School

## Curriculum update

Wonderful work being done in PSHE / RSE about all different kinds of families being special as well as thinking about the special people in our lives. We are using the book 'So Much' to help us think about all the different special people there could be in just one family before we even start to think about our friends, pets and others. We were also thinking about the sorts of things we do with our special people and how we show that we care.

In RE the children are enjoying learning about Sikhism. We listened to the Mool Mantar which is the beginning of the Sikh holy book (the Guru Granth Sahib) which explains what the Sikhs believe about their God and the children created beautiful word art images using those ideas and words.



In geography the children have been using maps to identify countries and key cities and rivers in China. They have also linked this work to history as we have identified the area of China which was part of the Shang Dynasty during the Bronze Age. Next we will be looking at the evidence that archaeologists have found so far about the Shang Dynasty and what they can tell us about the people who were alive over 3000 years ago.

In PE, the children are learning tennis skills after they have been swimming.



## We are looking for a new school cook!

Our advert for a new school cook is now on North East Jobs as well as on our own website. You can read more details here: [https://www.lowickholylslandschools.org.uk/website/we\\_need\\_a\\_new\\_school\\_cook/574567](https://www.lowickholylslandschools.org.uk/website/we_need_a_new_school_cook/574567)



**We have extended the closing time for applications noon on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October.**

The role would be well supported through the local authority school meals SLA team including full training and help with suppliers and menus. Please contact the school if you would like to have a chat about this opportunity.

## Spellings

Year 1: 'zz'

Eg buzz, fuzz, fizz

Year 2: the 'n' sound spelt kn & gn at the beginning of words

Eg knock, knee, gnaw

Year 3 & 4: the ending sounding like 'tchu'

Eg creature, picture, nature

## Eco School News

This week our Eco-Schools Focus was back on the Global Goals. We used the World's Largest Lesson to recap some of them and thought about which ones were most important to us individually.

We had lots of children who were concerned about Life Below Water, and some whose focus was on Poverty, Hunger and Sanitation. It was lovely to see the children starting to identify with the individual goals and tell me why they need to change and what we could do to help.

Some new topics we discussed were equality and freedom. The children were keen to make sure everyone had equal opportunities and the freedom to express themselves. Next week we will talk more about this and make some Global Goals Glasses!

Next week we will also be talking how we can help both locally at Harvest by supplying foods to the Food Bank, and Globally by gathering things for the Shoebox Appeal this Winter.

Miss Easten

What world do we want to see in 2030?



#TeachSDGs with the World's Largest Lesson 2017 and make it happen!

WORLD'S LARGEST LESSON

