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This is our last newsletter of the year for 2021 – 2022 and it has been a busy, fun-filled year full of wonderful memories and learning experiences. We will miss our leavers and wish them all the very best for the future. We know that all of our year 4s will go on to be very happy and successful at middle school and primary school and make us proud.

We will also miss Mrs Waddington, who has been such a valuable and caring part of our school community for the past few years. We wish her all the very best at her new position.



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## Skipping Festival

Ten schools were at the skipping festival with Chris, Jodi and Gail. The children were amazing at their chosen skipping discipline. We received gold, silver and bronze awards as well as three children nominated for teamwork, self-belief and determination. We had a brilliant time.

Jodi sent an email thanking everyone for being involved: "Thank you all for an amazing morning at the skipping festival. The children all did so well and it was such joy to see everyone back together in a sports hall again, especially after us all missing out for the last two years."



On Tuesday it was so hot in school – we had to find a solution and our solution was... water play!



## Northumbria Day

We had a fantastic experience on Northumbria Day this Wednesday. The children had a go at deciphering Northumbrian dialect in poetry, found out about Northumbrian Tartan and did some weaving of their own to make place mats. We were very fortunate to welcome Susie Cochrane, Anthony and Heather into school to treat the children to some traditional Northumbrian music and songs – including the Northumbrian pipes. We had a go at some traditional dances too. All in all, we had a very cultural day!



Photos and extended video of the live music and dancing are on our website: [https://www.lowickholylislandschools.org.uk/website/northumbria\\_day/616658](https://www.lowickholylislandschools.org.uk/website/northumbria_day/616658)



## Dates for next year:

Teacher training days (no children in school) will be on Monday and Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> September

Children back into school for the new year on **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September.**

All holiday dates and teacher training days are on the calendar on the school website.

We are going to Jarrow Hall / Bede's World on 19<sup>th</sup> September.

We are welcoming professional musicians into Holy Island school to deliver a workshop around music from the time of the Lindisfarne Gospels and in the afternoon the band will put on a performance for partnership schools at St Mary's church. This will be on 30<sup>th</sup> September.

We plan on going to see the Lindisfarne Gospels at the Laing Gallery – date yet to be decided.

## Our new school themes will be:

Year	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
2022/2023	Farming and Food Including the beginning of farming in the fertile crescent as well as local study		Ancient Greece		People who are dedicated to Service	The Maya Linked to farming from autumn term

In RE will be looking at Creation (and the Fall) in the autumn term.

In maths, Miss Adams will be teaching reception, Mrs Strangeways will teach years 1 & 2 and Mrs Stiansen and Mrs Simpson will share years 3 & 4. Children will be taught in their classes for English.

We continue to update our curriculum pages on our website, we have long term planning up for all subjects so that you can keep up to date with what we are learning about.

**Finally.... a huge thank you** to all the staff who have worked so incredibly hard this year and made learning such a creative and inspiring experience for the children. Also, thank you to everyone who has supported us – parents, governors, family members, the diocese and the local community. I wish you all a very lovely summer!