

18th June 2021

We have had a lovely week this week. The children have been working very hard and producing some excellent work. Year 4s got to visit Ford First School and take part in an outdoor sports afternoon. This has been a good opportunity for them to make new friends before going to middle school and they had a fantastic time.





We are saddened that a lot of our plans for the rest of the term will have to be changed after the announcement that Covid restrictions will remain in place until after the end of term. This means that we will not be able to invite you onto our site (other than as usual to drop off and pick up your children). This means we can't invite you to our St John the Baptist festival or for our sports day as we had hoped.

The Etal cricket day (planned for 21st June) which involves a lot of schools with limited facilities at the cricket pitch is unfortunately cancelled. It also seems clear that move up day for the year 4s will also not be possible as it would involve too much mixing between all the schools. Berwick Middle school are currently talking to the first schools about what we can do instead and we will let you know once they have made a decision.

We will still be able to do the beach cricket with Ford and Norham for years 3 and 4 as we have limited numbers and suitable facilities available to us. I am grateful that we can do some transition events to help our children feel more confident about their new school.

We are also able to go ahead with our planned visits to Holy Island as school trips are allowed at the moment. We will take lots of photos and videos of what we do so that you can see what we have been getting up to. We will keep our fingers crossed that we will be able to do more things in the new academic year.

Our pilgrimage walk to Holy Island

Mrs Stiansen has sent out a detailed letter about our planned walk across the sands to Holy Island on 29th June. **Please do read this letter carefully as it explains what the children will need for the trip**.

In anticipation of our walk, we have been preparing the children for the different textures they can expect if they do it bare foot. We have been using jelly and wet lettuce to help re-create some of the sensations!

It should be a very memorable experience and hopefully will help the children imagine what it would have been like as a pilgrim in times long ago.





Curriculum news for 2021/22

The themes for next year are as follows:

Autumn term: Asia – China and Japan.

In RE we are learning about Sikhism in the first half term and then about Incarnation and The Trinity in the second half term.

Spring term: Queens Elizabeth I and Elizabeth II

In RE we will be learning about What does it mean to belong? We will be looking at different world religions and how they welcome people into their faith (i.e. through baptism) in the first half term. In the second spring half term we will be learning about why Easter matters to Christians.

Summer term: Northumberland (including Anglo-Saxons and the Lindisfarne Gospels)

In RE we will be learning about the Gospels and about People of God, asking What is like to follow God?

Eco-School News

This week for Eco-Schools we reviewed our Action Plan to check we are engaging with the topics we initially chose. We talked about some of the actions we have taken:

- **Global Citizenship-** World's Largest Lesson (Learning about the 17 UN Global Goals). Operation Christmas Child (shoeboxes). Environmental/Poverty Education (stories and videos).
- **Waste-** Toy Swap. Recycling points. Composting. Planting and using our own fruit and veg to minimise food and plastic waste. Meat Free Monday. Waste Education.
- **Energy-** Light and computer monitors. Monitoring energy use. Learning about why we need to save energy and use sustainable resources, learning the different renewable energy sources (wind, hydro, solar).

And some actions we hope to take in the future:

- · Bin twinning
- Toilet and tap twinning
- · Litter picks
- · Beach cleans

We are going to use the random name generator to select some new monitors next week so please send badges any day and I will collect them in. We also talked about how although the monitor's jobs are important, we are ALL responsible for being mindful of our environmental goals and should help and remind others where we can. Please see the separate box asking for flexible cheese packaging, if we get enough we can enter a competition with our recycling company Terracycle!

Miss Easten

Dates for your Dairy....



Thurs 24th June: Festival of St John the

Baptist

Friday 25th June: Anne-Marie

Trevelyan MP visit

Tues 29th June: Walk to Holy Island

Mon 5th July: A Day at Holy Island

Friday 9th July: Year 3 & 4 Beach

Cricket

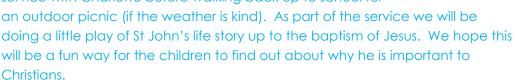
Monday 12th July: Sports day on Holy

Island

Fri 16th July: End of term

Next Week

We have a couple of exciting events happening next week. On **Thursday (24**th **June) we have our St John the Baptist festival.** The children will be going to church for a simple service with Charlotte before walking back up to school for



On Friday (25th June), we are being visited by Anne-Marie Trevelyan MP in



response to the Christian Aid letters the children in class 2 sent to her about caring for the environment. She is going to be talking with the children and joining in with our eco-school activity that morning.

Recycling request!

Please bring in any used cheese packaging to help reach our goal!

