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It has felt like Christmas has come late or very early this week. We were lucky enough to have some lovely new books and a barbeque donated to the school by Tesco. Chris Patterson, who is their Community Champion, stopped by with lots of lovely books as well as a barrel barbeque. We are over the moon and so thankful that she thought of us. The books are available in our general library and class room reading corner bookshelves.

We welcomed Claire into school on Thursday this week for an afternoon of musical theatre based on the story and music from the Ugly Duckling. The experience was excellent – what a talented group of children we have. I was feeling very sorry for our poor duckling when they were singing the 'get out of town' refrain. He was clearly enjoying every minute!





Revd Sarah and I had a meeting this week to talk about what we might like to do going forward regarding continuing our links with the church. She suggested that we could celebrate St Cuthbert's Day on 20th March. When she said that she thought it would be lovely to do it on the beach at Holy Island I thought that was an exciting idea. Everyone would be welcome and we hope to plan an informal, child-led service that will help us celebrate the life and work of one our important local saints.

This has been a fun filled and action packed half term. I know that many of us are ready for a week to rest and recover. All of us at school wish you a happy half term break and look forward to welcoming your children back to school on 25th February.

Rebecca

PTA

Our PTA meeting on Wednesday was very well attended. Thank you to everyone who took the time to join us. As there is so much news just from that meeting, they are going to produce a separate short newsletter to go out to parents so that everyone knows what is being agreed and what plans there are in the pipeline.



30 hours funding reminder

Working parents of 3 and 4 year olds in England may be entitled to up to 30 hours of free childcare, for 38 weeks of the year (or fewer hours over more weeks). This is an additional 15 hours of free childcare on top of the 15 hours universal entitlement for 3 and 4 year olds in England.

If you're eligible, you can apply now for 30 hours free childcare via Childcare Choices: https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/

If you already have a 30 hour code, remember to renew it every three months. Check our nursery facebook page for the recent reminder with link.

Garden development

Thank you so much to parents, family members and talented members of the community who are offering help and advice in re-developing our school garden areas. We hope to move forward with this after the half term holiday and we are planning to grow fruit and vegetables as well as flowers. We are also interested in creating a wildlife friendly garden, which will encourage bees and butterflies.

If you would like to help us with this project we would welcome your support!



Dates for your Diary

Friday 15th Feb School Stops for Half term week

Monday 25th Feb School restarts — Nursery places available for 2 year olds

Thursday 28th Feb Reception children Vision Screening (pm)

Friday 1st March Year 3 Gymnastics Festival at DC Gymnastics Centre in Berwick

Tuesday 5th March Pancake Day

Tuesday 12th March Reception children Height and Weight checks & Three Little Pigs den building day

Friday 15th March Red Nose Day

Wed 20th March St Cuthbert's Day Beach Service on Holy Island (morning)

Thursday 28th March Parents' Evening

Friday 29th March Easter Egg Hunt

Friday 5th April Easter Service at Lowick Church—10.30am, followed by Easter Lunch

School stops for Easter holidays

Monday 22nd April Easter Monday Bank Holiday

Tuesday 23rd April School restarts