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Thank you so much to everyone who contributed to our very successful Christmas Fair last week. We think it went very well and we are thrilled to have made £910 which has been matched by Barclay's Bank so that we have raised a grand total of £1820. A huge thank you to Sarah Stobbart from Barclay's for applying for the match funding on the school's behalf.

We have had a lot of visitors to school this week. We started the week with a visit from our School Improvement Partner from the local authority. She was very complimentary about everything she saw around the school and we are happy that the school is making good progress.

We also had a visit from an Assistant Director from the Joint Education team at Church House. She toured the school and looked at our curriculum planning and school development plans. This was also a very positive meeting and we are so pleased to get this encouragement from someone with so much experience of working with schools.

On Thursday, we were delighted to welcome Cerys and Katherine from the Lindisfarne Nature Reserve who did a workshop with our children about geese and their migration. They had a fantastic interactive game which helped the children think about all the dangers and difficulties to be overcome by the Brent Geese as they journey from Svalbard to Lindisfarne. They mentioned that half of all the Light Bellied Brent Geese in the world come to Lindisfarne for the Winter. The children were keen to visit the geese so we are thinking about a trip across to Holy Island early in the next term.

Rebecca Simpson



The children have been enjoying rehearsing for their production of Born in a Barn. The performances will take place in the Village Hall on Friday 14th and Monday 17th December:

Friday 14th at 2.00pm, followed by refreshments

Monday 17th at 6.00pm with refreshments served from 5.30pm. The children will need to be at the Village Hall at 5.30pm on the Monday evening to get changed into their costumes.

We hope very much that you can come along and see the children tell the real story of Christmas.

Christmas Lunch

Margaret will be serving Christmas Lunch on Wednesday 19th December. Please return the order form no later than 10th December. The meal costs £5 for adults and £3 for children (free if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2).



Spellings

- Year 1** Adding the ending -ing, to verbs where no change is needed to the root word
Eg hunting, jumping, buzzing
- Year 2** Adding est to a root word ending in -y with a consonant before it. The y is changed to i before -est.
Eg driest, cloudiest, funniest
- Year 3** Doubling consonant when vowel is before consonant. ing ed
Eg forgetting, beginning, preferred, conferred

Nursery Open Morning

Please remember to spread the word about our Nursery Open Morning on Tuesday 11th December from 9.30am—11.30am. We are looking forward very much to showing everyone around our nursery and giving them the opportunity to see how special it is. Please do tell anyone who might be interested. We have flyers so please do ask if you would like some to give to friends.



Becki Jacqueline, a local author, came to visit the children on Friday last week.

"Becki published her first novel, 'The Fable Warriors: Lucifer's Kin', not long before turning sixteen (the same age as the main character) and sold nearly three hundred copies in less than three weeks, receiving brilliant reviews. Becki hopes to improve as an author and one day inspire young people the way other authors have inspired her."

The children really enjoyed her visit and finding out about her book. They asked lots of questions about becoming a writer and how important it is to read

Future dates

Tuesday 11th Dec	Nursery Open Morning from 9.30am—11.30am
Friday 14th Dec	Afternoon Performance of Born in a Barn at 2.00pm followed by refreshments
Monday 17th Dec	Evening Performance of Born in a Barn at 6.00pm with refreshments from 5.30pm
Tuesday 18th Dec	Cinderella at the Maltings (am) followed by Christmas Party
Wed 19th Dec	Christmas Service at Lowick Church at 10.30am followed by Christmas Lunch
Thursday 20th Dec	Den building & Movies afternoon
Friday 21st Dec	Christmas Assembly at 9.30am followed by tea and coffee
	School stops for Christmas holidays
Tuesday 8th Jan	School restarts