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## 6th October 2023

We have had a calm and productive week this week. Routines are now well embedded and the children are a pleasure to have in school. Class 2's classroom has been reorganised to create a bigger reading area to celebrate and encourage a love of reading in the children. It looks very welcoming and organised. In the classrooms and the learning zone, children's work is being displayed to celebrate their work. Our Chair of Governors - Mrs Montgomery - visited us this week to see how we were getting on and she was very impressed with the thoughtful suggestions and ideas shared by the children visible on our new displays.

Mrs Stiansen is very impressed with the improving times tables skill in Class2! The KS2 children take part in a times table challenge where they can earn stickers and badges for their super knowledge. Along with reciting their tables, the children have to answer both multiplication and division questions. Well done to Lily-Ella, Ellie and Rory who earned their bronze award badge this week.



## Nature walk and map skills

This week nursery and class 1 enjoyed a lovely morning walk around Lowick. They collected conkers and autumn leaves for the harvest festival collage we are making. Whilst on our walk, we took photographs of different points of interest within the village, such as the church, school, war memorial and the bus stop. In the afternoon, reception children used the photos collected and their own drawings to map their village walk, recalling the order/sequence in which we passed them. This was very interesting!



## On Holy Island..

The Holy Island children visited St Mary's church on the island on Wednesday to put up a magnificent poster they had made. The poster explains what the children love about our school. We spent some time looking at the big map which shows where in the world people had come from to visit the church. Inside church we discovered a beautiful prayer table and the children sat down and peacefully wrote a prayer for their friends and family.



### Christmas Fair

We are looking for items such as sweets, stationery, bottles of juice and toys in good/new condition for the children's tombola! We also have £1.00 numbers remaining for a hamper full of goodies, please contact school if you would like a number.

### Harvest Festival on Monday 16th October

We are having our Harvest Festival service at St Mary's church on Holy Island at 10.30am. Everyone is very welcome and the children have been practising their songs in preparation. If you are able to spare anything to donate for the food bank that would be very kind of you. The food bank would be very grateful for donations of long shelf, non-perishable food and toiletry items. We will have a collection box at school available at drop off and pick up times.



### Bad weather plan

As you know, we are blessed in Northumberland with uncertain weather. Our procedure if the weather is so bad that we would need to close the schools is to put a message on the main page of our website, a message on our facebook pages and to let the Northumberland County Council school closures team know so that they can update the Northumberland alerts page. In addition to this, staff do their best to let you know through email and/or phone call.



In the meantime, please make sure children have appropriate clothing for playing or working outside as the temperatures are cooler. It would be really helpful too if you could make sure that coats (and other clothing) are clearly named. Thank you for your help with this.



**Tuesday 10th October** - Oral education visit from Brucegate Dental team to talk to the children about the importance of good dental hygiene.

**Friday 13th October**—the nasal flu immunisations will take place in the morning—please remember to submit your consent.

**Monday 16th October** - we will be celebrating our **Harvest Festival** at St Mary's church on Holy Island at 10.30am - **everyone is very welcome** to join us! As usual, **we welcome donations for the foodbank** at this time of year - processed food (tins and dry food) and child and adult hygiene products are what the foodbanks are recommending.

**Monday 23rd October** - Kirtida from the Hindu Centre in Newcastle will be visiting us to share Hindu stories, music and culture with the children.

**Tuesday 24th October** - Bikeability for years 3 and 4 children in the morning. Please see the separate letter.

Half term - one week holiday Week beginning **Monday 30th October**.

**Thursday 9th November** - main school trip to the Discovery Museum in Newcastle for workshops on the Great Fire of London and the Great Fire of Newcastle and Gateshead.

**Friday 10th November** - Remembrance worship - we usually do this at the war memorial in the village. More information will be available nearer the time.

**Monday 20th November** - STEM Day (Science, technology, engineering and maths). We are looking forward to our STEM day this term. We have invited 'Professor Brainstorm' to come to Lowick and deliver two of his exciting workshops - the 'Magical Science Show' and the 'Mission to Mars' workshops. It should be educational, fun and inspiring.

**Friday 24th November** - our Winter Fair after school 3.30pm - 5pm at Lowick school - come and get your Christmas shopping sorted!