

Lowick and Holy Island C of E Primary Schools Journeying Together



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Welcome back everyone! It has been a pleasure to welcome the children back into school this week and see how much they have grown and hear about their adventures over the summer holidays. The children have settled in very well back into school routines and have been thoughtful and cheerful when considering our school Vision and values. We are engaging in work with our back to school book - 'How to be a Lion' to allow children to think through the importance of being yourself, being kind and celebrating the uniqueness of each other.

Our learning theme this term is 'Stone Age to Iron Age' and we are looking forward to exploring our local area as well as learning more about how people lived in the Stone Age - Iron Age in Britain and beyond. In science years 1 - 4 are learning about plants and year 5 are learning about space. In RE we will be learning more about Islam this half term.













We are excited to work with projects in our local area this term - including the Lowick Apple Project as well as the Lowick Church flower festival. We are also planning on future projects with the theatre group we collaborated with for the Home from Home performance. The group were called the November Club but are now called the Novo Theatre Company. We are exploring doing a joint project with our Aln Alliance schools.

Welcome back and book bag token blessing - Monday 10.30am at Lowick

Hopefully you will have seen the email that this is now happening at **St John the Baptist church in Lowick on Monday 8th Sept at 10.30am**. The children have made book bag tokens for the blessing and have written prayers for the new school year. We hope to see you there - **everyone welcome** and there will be refreshments at the church after the service.

Homework

Please see the separate letter about how homework is working this year. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or comments once this is up and running.

Weekly organisation and clubs:

We have some changes to the timetable of our weeks due to changes with the sports coaches:

Monday - we will be having **Commando Joe's** with Mr Graham, we will also have **Commando Joe's club** after school on Mondays. Children will need clothing suitable for being active and outdoors. Early Years (nursery and Reception) children will continue to have their forest school on a Monday afternoon and Reception children will split their time between Commando Joe's for the younger children and forest school.

Tuesday - art club will now be on a Tuesday after school. Olive has kindly agreed to continue leading this club.

Wednesday - We still have **swimming and PE** on Wednesdays. Mr Graham is going to be our sports coach for PE and also deliver a **PE club** after school. Children will need their swimming kits and to wear active clothing which is easy for them to change in and out of. Children may bring a small snack for Wednesday afternoons if they need something between swimming and PE.

Thursday - We will now have film club after school on Thursdays.

Friday - **whole school forest school** this half term will be on Friday afternoons. Sessions will be linked to design technology as well as our curriculum theme this half term. Children will need suitable outdoor clothing. **Lego club** will be after school on Fridays.

Our after school clubs run from 3pm - 4pm and are free of charge for main school children.

Wrap around childcare continues to be available from 8am to 5pm by arrangement with the school office.

Dates for your diary

Monday 8th September - back to school service at Lowick church 10.30am - everyone welcome!

Thursday 25th September - main school visit to the Hirsel for our Autumn term STEM day on the theme of 'field to fork'. Children will need clothing suitable for being outdoors as well as a packed lunch or grab and go.

Pencil in: **Monday 29th September** - Harvest Festival at St Mary's church, Holy Island 10.30am.

Week commencing **27th October** - half term holiday for one week

Monday 3rd November - school reopens

Tuesday 11th November - Remembrance in Lowick.

