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### 17th December 2021

First of all, we would like to take the opportunity to wish you all seasons greetings: a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We have had a lovely final week of term with our Christmas party, filming the rest of our Christmas musical, having our Church service and our Christmas crafts and film day.



We hope everyone has a chance to rest and relax over the next two weeks and enjoy time with each other. We understand however that Christmas can be stressful and we are living through tricky times. Please don't suffer alone – if there is no one you feel you can talk to then there are helplines who will be on the end of the phone such as The Samaritans – 0845 790 9090 or use the crisis text line: text 'SHOUT' to 85258 which is free, confidential and there for you 24/7.

We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January. In the meantime, take care and be well.

### Churchyard service

Thank you to everyone for joining us for our Christmas Service with Charlotte at St John's in Lowick. The children did a wonderful job with their singing and readings to re-tell the story of the birth of Jesus.



The link for our Christmas service video is now on our website: [https://www.lowickholylslandschools.org.uk/website/our\\_christmas\\_service/588599](https://www.lowickholylslandschools.org.uk/website/our_christmas_service/588599). Our thanks to Charlotte for leading the service at St John the Baptist's in Lowick.

## Next term:

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January is a teacher training day and no children are expected in school.**

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January – children begin back in school. **No swimming on their first day back.** Swimming will re-start on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> January. Clubs will start on the second week back (child care will be available).

## Extra Bank Holiday in 2022/ Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2022

The above is to take place on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2022; this has resulted in the late May Bank Holiday being moved from the Friday(3<sup>rd</sup>) to Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June resulting in two Bank Holidays falling in that week, which for our schools is in half-term.

We have been waiting for confirmation from the DFE to allow schools to change their academic year from 195 days (190 being taught) to 194 (with 189 being taught).

This has now been agreed and our Berwick partnership of schools have decided together on the best day for our schools to close, causing the least disruption.

**Please note school will therefore be closed on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2022.**

Holy Island school is taking part in the Holy Island windows advent calendar. It looks lovely – well done girls!



## Photos of Northumberland for Suffolk

We had a zoom call with Snape Primary as part of our link up on Thursday. We agree to exchange photos of the different countryside from around their school and around ours. If your children are able to take some photos over the holidays, please email them in to our admin email account and we can put them together to exchange. In particular, we are keen to show them our hills, beaches and castles!



## Our Christmas performance – The Big Little Nativity

The film is now available through a link on our website. We hope you enjoy watching our children perform! [https://www.lowickholylslandschools.org.uk/website/photo\\_video\\_gallery/293730](https://www.lowickholylslandschools.org.uk/website/photo_video_gallery/293730)

## Eco-Club

Thank you to all the children for helping the school be more eco-friendly and being such thoughtful eco-representatives. I hope you are looking forward to learning how we can do even more to help people, animals and the planet next year! Have a lovely Christmas!

Miss Easten

