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You will all have been seeing on the news about the spread of the coronavirus. As a school we are receiving daily updates with advice from the government as to what to do. They are currently advising about ensuring hygiene measures (such as regular handwashing) are being followed and against school trips abroad. They have not yet decided to close schools.

As we are thinking about our community, especially the more vulnerable members of our community, we feel that we should take a break from larger gatherings in school for the time being. Therefore, we won't be having family assemblies in the next few weeks until after the Easter holiday. We have also reluctantly decided to not host an Easter lunch this year for the same reason. We are taking advice about having an Easter service as the church is larger and we would be more spread out. I will keep you informed as to the decision we take on that shortly.

In the meantime, we are continuing to wash our hands carefully for at least 20 seconds (the time it takes to sing 'happy birthday' twice!)

Curriculum update

The children are responding very enthusiastically to our current theme of 'War and Peace'. The geography aspect is centred on Place and Location, using maps and atlases and identifying patterns of climate and how that affects the different uniforms that were worn during World War 2.



The history part of the topic will be looking at how war affected people living in Northumberland and the North East. This theme continues after the Easter holidays for the next half term. After that we will be changing to the theme of the environment and looking after the natural world.

In design technology, we are awaiting the wheels needed for Class 2's workshop on making mini motorised vehicles. The vehicles will need to deliver 'food supplies' across a room.

In RE after Easter we will be finding out more about Islam and why religious people (from many different religions, including Christianity) take part in pilgrimage.

Rebecca

After school Clubs

These all run from 3.00—4.00pm:

Monday: Running Games with Mrs Turner

Tuesday: Craft Club with Mrs Waddington

Wednesday: Cricket Club with Steve Nutt

Thursday: Eco Club with Mrs Strangeways

PTA Easter Bingo Night—POSTPONED

Please note that, due to the Coronavirus situation, the decision has been taken to postpone the Bingo Night that was to take place next Friday. We will let you know when this is rearranged. This will depend on how the situation develops over the coming weeks.

Spellings

Year 1 Using the split diagraph i-e

Eg nice, smile, five, ride

Year 2 the 'or' sound spelt 'ar' after 'w'

The apostrophe shows where a letter or letters would be if the words were written in full

Eg war, warm, towards

Year 3 Prefix 'in'

Most prefixes are added to the beginning of words without any change in spelling. 'In' can mean 'not' or 'in/into'

Eg inactive, incorrect, indecisive

Year 4 Plurals - RULE #4

If words end in 'f' or 'fe' then get rid of the 'f' and add 'ves'

Eg half = halves, leaf = leaves, knife = knives, wolf = wolves

Please do remember about our Rag Bag collection bin at the front of the school, which raises money for school funds.

Items that can be put in are:

Wearable Clothing, Paired Shoes, Handbags, Belts

Please do not put in:

Workwear, Curtains, Towels, Duvets or Duvet Covers, Pillows or Pillow Cases, Blankets, Table Cloths, cushions, any other non-clothing items

Please put your items into a tied plastic bag before putting in the bin.

Thank you for your support.



Dates for your Diary

Monday 23rd March Skateboard & Scooter Workshop

Friday 27th March Year 3 & 4 Hoopstarz Festival at the Swan Centre (morning)

Tuesday 31st March Running Festival at Ford First School

Wednesday 1st April Year 4 Transition Day at Berwick Middle for all Year 4s—invitations to follow next week

Friday 3rd April School stops for Easter holidays

Monday 20th April School restarts

Friday 8th May Bank Holiday

Friday 22nd May School stops for half term week

Monday 1st June School restarts

Mon 8th—Wed 10th June Year 4 Residential at Kielder