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## 10 June 2022

Welcome back everybody to the second summer half term. We are delighted to see you all again after an exciting Jubilee half term holiday. We had a wonderful time in the Friday before the holiday and it was great to see so many of you at the picnic and the amazing den / monument building in the afternoon. Thank you for being part of our celebration.



This week we welcomed Patrick Barbour into school to talk to the children about the Tweed Foundation education project we are doing about our local rivers and the animals which live in them. We will be going on our trip to the River Till this Friday and I look forward to telling you about it in next week's newsletter.

Our theme for this half term is a continuation of work about Northumberland, with a history focus on the Anglo Saxons and the Northern Saints. In RE we have finished our Gospels topic and are now thinking about People of God and what people believe about God. These topics are from our Understanding Christianity resources which encourage the children to learn about the text, make connections and consider the impact. In French we are learning how to order different flavour ice creams!

Even though it is the last half term, we still keep a good focus on reading, writing and maths as well as all the other interesting things we do. The children make good progress with our Read Write Inc (RWI) phonics programme and we are pleased to see their fluency improve over time. Mrs Stiansen is still leading guided reading with all groups of children regularly and we always promote a love of reading for everyone! Please make sure you fill in your child's reading record when you listen to them at home.

### Next week:

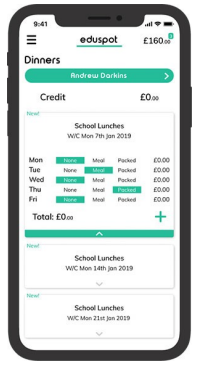
We are looking forward to being on **Holy Island for the day next Friday** (17<sup>th</sup> June). **Children will need suitable outdoor clothing as well as a packed lunch / grab and go.** We will be having our termly STEM day with some art squeezed in to make it a STEAM day! Our theme is the environment and we will be looking at pollution, renewable energy and our local environment as well as using recycled plastics to create artwork. **Please send in any washed plastics you would otherwise throw out for us to use in our art project.**





# eduspot

We are now up and running with the new School money online payment system. You should have received a text message with log in information. You can use the system via an app or on a desktop device. The amount you owe each week will be loaded on by the Friday and a reminder will be sent. Please pay any out standing balances by the Monday as payments must be made on a weekly basis. You can also top up and pay more if preferred and a credit will be added to your account. If you have any issues or cannot use the system please contact the School office. We hope it makes things easier and more convenient for everyone!



### Safety reminder for nursery

Please can parents /carers of nursery children remember to cut grapes in half lengthwise (to create a thinner shape) for packed lunches.

Grapes are one of the top choking hazards for children under 4. Whole grapes are considered to be a choking risk for kids because they are round and a similar size to kid's throats. Plus, they are slippery and can be hard to bite into for little mouths. Thank you for your help with this.

### Goodbye to Mrs Adams

Today is Mrs Adams last day. We will all miss her very much and we wish her good luck and all the best for the future!



### Tombola & raffle prizes wanted



ALL TOMBOLA, RAFFLE, BRIC A BRAC & ANY DONATIONS WELCOME & WOULD BE GREATLY RECEIVED.

WICKER BASKET WILL SIT AT MRS STRANGWAYS DOOR OR MISS HAY CAN COLLECT!

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!

ALL DONATIONS TO BE IN BY THURSDAY 30TH JUNE

THANK YOU! 😊

### Dates for your diary

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June – year 4s will be visiting Ford forest for a transition event with other local first schools.

On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June we will be on Holy Island for our last STEM day of the year. The theme is about the environment.

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June we will be taking part in the local cricket festival at Etal.

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July – year 4s residential in Kielder

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July – we will be on Holy Island for our sports day and summer fair.

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July – we will be going on a boat trip to the Farne Islands.

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July – we will be on Holy Island for beach cricket and other outdoor activities.

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July – our celebration service at St John's church in Lowick 10.30am – all welcome

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July – the last day of term and our leaver's assembly at 2pm in Lowick.

Children will be welcomed back to school on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September after the summer holidays. (Monday 5<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September are teacher training days).



## Spellings

Year 1— the ur digraph turn, hurt, church , Thursday

Year 2— contractions revision—make sure the apostrophe is in the correct place - Eg it is—it's has not—hasn't

Year 3—revision of plurals such as if words end in a consonant + y then get rid of the y and add ies—eg—strawberries, babies, fairies

Year 4— A selection of commonly misspelled words