



28th May 2021

Last week of this half term

This half term seems to have gone very quickly but at the same time it seems like a long time since Easter! The children have been working brilliantly and it is not surprising that they are now quite tired and ready for a break.

We welcomed Dane Sherrard into school on Wednesday to talk about his experiences of pilgrimage, both with running a place of pilgrimage at Luss, Loch Lomond in Scotland and also he told us about pilgrimages he had been on to the Holy Land. He shared his stories, showed us pictures and answered many, many questions from the children. We really appreciated having him in school – he was very interesting and inspiring.

(For more information about Luss see here: www.greenpilgrimageeurope.net/luss.html)



Next half term

We have a lot of things planned for the next half term which we think will engage the children in a range of activities. One of things we are planning is a walk across to Holy Island following the pilgrimage poles.

We have this pencilled into our diary for Tuesday 29th June. However, we think it will be too much for nursery children and they will be in Lowick as usual on that date. We also think it is wise to ask parents of Reception of children if they would like their child to take part or stay with nursery on that date – please would you let us know in school either way. All of year 1 to year 4 will be taking part.

Mary Gunn from the Island has kindly offered to assist in this walk and we have discussed our plans with the county health and safety officers for educational visits and they are happy for us to do it with appropriate risk assessments in place.

We are also hoping to have a day on Holy Island in early July and also for our sports day to go ahead, more or less as usual, on the afternoon of 12th July.

We will be in touch with more information nearer the time.

THANK YOU!

A huge thank you to our PTA!

Thank so very much to the PTA members who have worked so hard on our raffle this term. The prizes are exceptional and we have sold a really good amount of tickets. None of this could happen without your support so we are truly very grateful.

Thank you also to everyone who has bought tickets.

Christian Aid letters have had a response!

You may remember that for Christian Aid week some of the children wrote letters to Anne-Marie Trevelyan, our local MP, about the environment and help for the most vulnerable who are struggling to access clean water. Anne Marie Trevelyan has read the letters and will be coming into school to talk to the children about it, and their passion for protecting the environment, in the next half term.



Clubs after half term

I am happy to let you know that clubs will begin on the first week back after the half term holiday and we will be able to offer clubs four nights after school. These are open to everyone and are free. They run from 3pm to 4pm.

Monday will be dodgeball / rounders with Mrs Turner

Tuesday will be gardening with Mrs Waddington

Wednesday will be Eco club with Miss Easten

Thursday will be both cricket and Commando Joe's (children can swap between two or just do one)



NUFC multi-skills sessions

Due to their first session being sold out, they are now running another session 5:00pm - 6:00pm. The information is below:

Venue - Tweedmouth Rangers, Old Shielfield Park
Time - 5pm-6pm
Day - Wednesday 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th June and 7th, 14th July
School Years 1-4
Cost - £20 for six sessions
To book please contact Paul.Yeadon@nufc.co.uk

Dates for your Dairy....

31 May - 4th June – Half term holiday.

Thurs 17th June – Virtual Leavers Service link up with Newcastle Cathedral (our children are doing the prayers so we feel very honoured).

Thurs 24th June – Festival of St John the Baptist – more information to follow nearer the time.

Tues 29th June – pencil in a walk to Holy Island.

Mon 5th July - pencil in a Day at Holy Island.

Mon 12th July—pencil in Sports Day on Holy Island.

Fri 2nd July – Year 4 Move Up Day.

Fri 16th July – End of term.

Remembrance Garden update

The staff and children have been working hard to create a beautiful garden area. The children have painted remembrance stones for the reflection area and have been enthusiastically weeding and clearing space for new plants.

As part of the garden, we are having a 'prayer tree' where the children have written prayers or notes to God and we are attaching them to the trees using natural bunting. We were inspired to do this after finding out about Jewish people writing prayers and notes for the Western Wall in Jerusalem.

We would be grateful for any donations towards our garden, in particular any old rope to wrap around the trees would be appreciated. We are hopeful we will be able to invite you to see it once the covid restrictions are lifted.

Eco-School News

This week for Eco-Schools we chose a couple of the Global Goals to look at in more depth. We watched some informative video clips about how building and infrastructure can affect the environment, and also about poverty and the impact that not having food, clean water and sanitation can have on a community. One of the children asked an excellent question 'Which countries are we talking about?' This led to a discussion on what it meant to be a Third World Country, and a look at a map outlining them. Everyone was shocked at how many there are in the world! We will think more about this next term and do some investigating of a couple of these countries.

We are continuing our work on the Peace Path, decorating and installing bird and bee feeders, and our next project is 'Little Homes', which is something else we have done quite recently! We are also thinking about activities to do when we are visited by Anne-Marie Trevelyan. Any ideas are welcome.

During the first week back after the holidays, we will change monitors so that everyone has a go. If your child currently has a badge please send it to school with them a week on Monday so we can swap.

Thanks,

Miss Easten

