



**Lowick and Holy Island C of E First Schools**  
Journeying Together

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As we come to the end of our second week of the term, it feels as if time is flying by. The children are beginning to get used to our new routines and are rising to the challenges we are setting them in lessons.

This week we have welcomed Sam Quilty into school from Holy Island and she will be leading some of our collective worship time this half term. She has also agreed to lead our Harvest Festival service on Holy Island at 10am on 25<sup>th</sup> September. You are all very welcome to attend. Parents, carers and family members are also invited back to Lowick School afterwards for lunch.

We are very aware that you were all very generous in your donations to the food bank collection at the end of last term. For Harvest Festival Sam has suggested that each child donate just **one item** which will be collected during the service and then forwarded to the food bank. This could be food (dried goods etc as we asked for last time) or toiletries which are also very much in demand. We hope to see you there or at the school afterwards to celebrate harvest time.

I am delighted to share news of success in school. In the last academic year we entered many of our children into a Young Writers Competition. They received more than 11,000 entries. We were very excited to find out that twelve of our pupils have been chosen to be published in a book of poetry. This is an amazing achievement and we are so proud of the children who entered their poems – they have impressed the panel with their imagination and expression. We are looking forward to receiving a copy of the book for our school library in early December. Huge congratulations to our children who are going to be published writers!

I hope to see some of you at our Parent Workshop today (Friday 14<sup>th</sup>) about learning to read and phonics. We want to support you in helping your children at home and we welcome any requests from parents for further workshops. Spelling homework starts up again on Monday (this will be set on a Monday for the following Monday). We also ask that you listen to your children read regularly and fill in their yellow reading records. Other homework will be set as appropriate and according to need. A lot of our children are pretty tired at the end of the day at the moment (getting used to the new school routine takes a bit of time) and we know that they need a chance to relax and play after school.

#### **Kitchen news**

Congratulations and a big thank you to Margaret in the kitchen. The kitchen area has been re-organised and updated over the holidays which has involved a lot of work. I am very pleased to let you know that we have had the new kitchen inspected and we have been awarded the full 5 stars for hygiene.

#### **Reminder**

We have our follow up session on Holy island with the archaeologists of DigVenture on Tuesday afternoon. Children will need to wear suitable outdoor clothing as before. We will be going after lunch and returning before 3pm.

*Rebecca Simpson*

#### **Flu Vaccination Forms**

**Please make sure that your consent form for the flu vaccination is in no later than 10am on 19h September as the school nurse will be collecting the forms at that time. Your child will not be able to have the vaccination in school if we do not have the consent form.**

**Thank you**

#### **PE Kit on Wednesdays**

**Please send your child to school on Wednesdays in joggers and trainers, ready for their swimming/PE session at the Swan Centre in the afternoon.**

**Thank you**

### From the PTA

Lowick & Holy Island Schools are looking for new PTA members to join our existing group of volunteers. We would like to know what time suits people best for meetings ie whether we should meet after school or later in the evening so please do let us know.

We would like to start organising our Christmas Fair. Please let me or Linda know if you would like to join our PTA.

We look forward to the upcoming events and greatly appreciate all of your support.

*Stephanie Hay* (PTA Chair)

### Spellings

- Year 1    phoneme/double  
            grapheme ff
- Year 2    Sound dge end of words
- Year 3    the i sound spelt y elsewhere  
            than at the end of words

Examples will be on the homework sheet

Spellings will be set on a Monday and due in the following Monday

Mrs Blenkinsop will drop you a note or email next week regarding swimming money, dinner money for Year 3 & 4s (if you usually pay for the half term), milk, and any outstanding before or after school care sessions.



A huge thank you to the PTA and to everyone who supported the Bingo Night. The money raised was used to buy the new cooker for the kitchen.



### Future dates

Tuesday 18th Sept	Dig Venture Session on Holy Island with Archaeologists (afternoon)
Tuesday 25th Sept	Harvest Festival (morning) Service at Holy Island Church followed by Harvest Lunch at Lowick School—all welcome.
Thursday 11th Oct	Viking Raid on Holy Island—more details to follow
Monday 22nd Oct	Flu Immunisations
Thursday 25th Oct	Batty About Bats session with Annie Ivinson at Lowick School followed by Batty Disco
Friday 26th Oct	Parents' Showcase afternoon—more details to follow  School stops for half term week
Monday 5th Nov	School restarts
Friday 9th Nov	Remembrance Service
Friday 16th Nov	Individual and Family Photographs
Monday 19th Nov	Parents Evening—3.30—6.30pm
Friday 30th Nov	Christmas Fair—1.00—3.00pm
Friday 14th Dec	Afternoon Performance
Monday 17th Dec	Evening Performance
Tuesday 18th Dec	Cinderella at the Maltings (am)
Wednesday 19th Dec	Christmas Lunch
Friday 21st Dec	School stops for Christmas holidays