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There is definitely a feel of Autumn in the air but that hasn't stopped us from taking advantage of our outdoor areas this week. Both classes in different ways and at different times have done mathematical activities outdoors as well as the whole school beginning the Daily Mile. We also had a skipping workshop for the children this week so they have been very active.

We have had some new visitors to school this week. We welcomed Frances Ord into school from the music service. She will be delivering our singing lessons and we enjoyed learning some new songs from around the world. Revd John Vilaseca also came in to lead one of our collective worship sessions - this was a lot of fun and well done to the children who got to show off their acting skills during this session!

I am looking forward to the enriching activities planned for next week: year 3 are going to see short films at the Maltings as part of the Berwick Media and Arts Festival and we are all visiting Lindisfarne to find out more about the Viking raid as our Time Travel theme continues.

Rebecca Simpson

Viking Day—Thursday 11th October

We are very excited to be making our final preparations for our Viking day.

The bus will be leaving Lowick at 9am and returning to school before 3pm.

During the morning we will be visiting the Heritage Centre to find out more about the Viking invasion on Holy Island in AD793. This will be followed by a visit to the Priory.

We will return to Holy Island School for our Viking picnic lunch, provided by Mrs Smith. After lunch we will head down to the beach near the harbour to re-enact the Viking invasion!

The children are making Viking brooches and shields in school. We also have a variety of materials to make cloaks with the children. You don't need to provide a 'costume' – your child can wear dark, warm clothes with comfortable shoes, which will be worn under their cloak. If you do have a costume already then your child is more than welcome to wear that on the day. Please make sure your child has a warm, waterproof coat.

Ideas: Viking women liked to plait their hair. Viking warriors wore helmets but we think a knitted hat will be fine.

If you have any questions, please ask us. We are sure we will have a most memorable day!

We feel that the activities will not be relevant to the nursery children so nursery will take place in school as normal. Mrs Smith will provide a Viking lunch for any nursery children who would like it, or your child can bring a packed lunch from home.



NEW PE EQUIPMENT

We are delighted to have received a Premier League Primary Stars Football Kit, consisting of Nike match footballs, training bibs and numbered & lettered floor markers, following a successful application to the Premier League Primary Stars Kit and Equipment Scheme. We will be putting the new equipment to good use in PE, as well as in Maths, English and Science lessons.

In addition, Miss Hay will be running a football club at lunchtime on Tuesdays.

Please remember that we also have badminton club after school on Wednesdays from 3-4pm. There is no charge for this club.



Spellings

- Year 1 words ending in zz
eg buzz, fuzz, fizz, jazz
- Year 2 the 'n' sound spelt 'kn' and 'gn' at the beginning of words
eg knock, know, gnat, gnaw
- Year 3 the ending sounding like 'tchu' is often spelt - 'ture'

eg creature, picture, adventure

Examples will be on the homework sheet



Please find the attached leaflet for the Samaritan's Purse Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal. The project ensures that presents reach children who would otherwise not receive anything at Christmas. If you would like to donate a filled shoebox, please bring into school the week beginning 5th November. The Shoebox Appeal Coordinator for the Berwick Area is coming in to school on Friday 12th October to tell the children more about this very worthwhile project.

Future dates

Tuesday 9th Oct	Year 3s go to the Matlings (am) - back for lunch
Thursday 11th Oct	Viking Raid on Holy Island
Monday 22nd Oct	Nasal 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 Matlings (am)
Wed 19th Dec	Christmas Lunch
Friday 21st Dec	School stops for Christmas holidays