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As we come to the end of another busy term it is good to take a moment and reflect on what we have accomplished and what great experiences we have had so far this year. It was a pleasure to see so many of you at parents evening last week and to be able to talk to you about the progress your children are making. However, as you know, academic progress is only one piece of the jigsaw and we continue to actively work in school on developing the whole child and to build a strong ethos and community. It is not a coincidence that visitors to our school always comment on how lovely the atmosphere is in our school and how great the children are.

Mrs Strangeways took all of our Year 2s and 3s to the Hoopstarz Festival in Berwick last Friday. The photos and videos looked like they had a lot of fun and learned even more creative ways to use hula hoops. Mrs Strangeways tells me they were an absolute pleasure to take on this trip and they were brilliant ambassadors for the school. Well done Class 2!

We welcomed Jo Simpson from St Andrews Church of Scotland into school this week. She came to do 'Godly Play' sessions about the mystery of Easter. This is an approach which uses story telling with props in a very calm and thoughtful way and allows children to notice, wonder, ask questions and respond to the story using their choice of art or craft. I have had very positive feedback from these sessions and we would like to do more in the future. We have also had fun making edible Easter gardens! The children have been working in their houses to support each other to put together their beautiful (and hopefully delicious) creations.

My thanks go to all of you, your children and, very importantly, all of the hard working staff for your continuing dedication, effort and enthusiasm. Lowick and Holy Island First Schools are extraordinarily special places and a large part of that is the people who are part of our community, including the wider community who enrich our offer and support our journey.

I wish you all a Happy Easter and look forward to seeing you next term.

Rebecca

Lowick Leek Club

Everyone is welcome to the Lowick Leek Club event at the White Swan, Lowick on Easter Sunday, starting at 10.30a.

There will be an Easter Egg Treasure Hunt, Easter Bonner Competition, Cake Competition, Tombola, Raffle, Decorated Egg Competition.

Do come along and enjoy the fun!



Parent Questionnaire

Just a reminder that, If you have not yet returned a parent questionnaire, please would you send it in as soon as you are able. We value your comments and feedback.

Thank you.

PTA Summer Fun Day

We will be having a Summer Fun Day on Saturday 6th July from 10am—2pm.

We are starting to collect prizes for the tombola and would be very grateful of donations. Please put any donations into the basket in the classroom by the back door—many thanks.



Easter Lunch

A huge thank you to Margaret for a wonderful Easter Lunch. Well done for catering for 60 people today! You are a Star! All your hard work is very much appreciated.



A few of the things to look forward to when we come back:

We are planning a farm visit on the first Friday back (26th April) to see the calves and the high-tech agricultural machinery.

We are also introducing 'Playground Leaders' through the Change 4 Life programme to encourage positive play at break times.

We have the visit to Norham to see the children's art exhibition and visit the castle as well as the trip to Newcastle to the Great North Museum as part of our ongoing science work with the 'Dippy Schools' project.

We will keep you posted with more information when we are back in school after the Easter holiday.

Happy Easter

Wishing you a very happy and peaceful Easter from all of the Staff at Lowick & Holy Island Schools.



Dates for your Diary

Monday 22nd April	Easter Monday Bank Holiday
Tuesday 23rd April	School restarts
Friday 26th April	Farm Visit
Tuesday 30th April	Whole School and Class Photos
Monday 6th May	Bank Holiday
Friday 24th May	School stops for half term week
Monday 3rd June	School restarts
	Visit to Norham for art exhibition, Norham Castle and a picnic
Thursday 6th June	Visit to the Hancock Museum, Newcastle
Thursday 20th June	Sports Day on Holy Island
Saturday 6th July	PTA Summer Fun Day
Friday 12th July	Cricket Festival at Etal
Friday 19th July	School Stops for Summer holidays
Wednesday 4th Sept	Children return to school