



18th June 2021

We have had a lovely week this week. The children have been working very hard and producing some excellent work. Year 4s got to visit Ford First School and take part in an outdoor sports afternoon. This has been a good opportunity for them to make new friends before going to middle school and they had a fantastic time.



We are saddened that a lot of our plans for the rest of the term will have to be changed after the announcement that Covid restrictions will remain in place until after the end of term. This means that we will not be able to invite you onto our site (other than as usual to drop off and pick up your children). This means we can't invite you to our St John the Baptist festival or for our sports day as we had hoped.

The Etal cricket day (planned for 21<sup>st</sup> June) which involves a lot of schools with limited facilities at the cricket pitch is unfortunately cancelled. It also seems clear that move up day for the year 4s will also not be possible as it would involve too much mixing between all the schools. Berwick Middle school are currently talking to the first schools about what we can do instead and we will let you know once they have made a decision.

We will still be able to do the beach cricket with Ford and Norham for years 3 and 4 as we have limited numbers and suitable facilities available to us. I am grateful that we can do some transition events to help our children feel more confident about their new school.

We are also able to go ahead with our planned visits to Holy Island as school trips are allowed at the moment. We will take lots of photos and videos of what we do so that you can see what we have been getting up to. We will keep our fingers crossed that we will be able to do more things in the new academic year.

### Our pilgrimage walk to Holy Island

Mrs Stiansen has sent out a detailed letter about our planned walk across the sands to Holy Island on 29<sup>th</sup> June. **Please do read this letter carefully as it explains what the children will need for the trip.**

In anticipation of our walk, we have been preparing the children for the different textures they can expect if they do it bare foot. We have been using jelly and wet lettuce to help re-create some of the sensations!

It should be a very memorable experience and hopefully will help the children imagine what it would have been like as a pilgrim in times long ago.



