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We thoroughly enjoyed having Tracey from 'Kidz R Fit' visit us last Friday and did hula hooping and cheerleading with the children. She sent us a lovely letter about how much she enjoyed working with our children and how they were a pleasure to teach with impeccable behaviour. We were so pleased we put a picture of the letter on our school facebook page. The children are a credit to you all. We are purchasing children's activity kits including hula hoops to use on the yard and in PE as everyone is so enthusiastic about what they have achieved so far.

A highlight of our week was Chinese New Year on Tuesday. Margaret excelled herself to create a Chinese feast with sweet and sour chicken and rice, stir fry vegetables with noodles, spring rolls and prawn crackers. The children enjoyed trying out the chopsticks (both the proper ones and the 'practice' kind which snap together). The teachers delivered themed lessons in the morning and Lowick school took our school dragon to Ford Forest in the afternoon to have a go at our own version of the dragon dance. On Holy Island, we made dragon masks and created a long paper chain dragon.

Photos and video of what we got up to are on our website in the gallery section.

We welcomed Sarah (the new Vicar on Holy Island) into school on Wednesday. She came to deliver our collective worship and to meet the children and staff. She brought with her a special decorated cross, made from teabag paper which is from South Africa. We look forward to seeing her again next week.

We also have a visitor in next week, on Thursday, to deliver a musical theatre afternoon themed on The Ugly Duckling. This links nicely to our traditional tales and fairy tales work as well as to our RE and PHSE work on challenging prejudice and accepting differences.

Rebecca Simpson



Parking

I understand that there has been a traffic enforcement officer in the area recently. I believe there is a focus on safe parking around schools ongoing at the moment. We thank you for parking in a considerate way – especially with recent roadworks outside our building. I know we can all agree that it is better to be a minute or two late rather than risk the safety of any child.



Reminder about Half Term Holiday

This half term seems to have flown by very quickly – I think the saying is that ‘time flies when you are having fun!’

It will be the half term holiday the week after next from 18th February and we will come back together again on the 25th February.

Spellings

Year 1

ar ee

Ar and ee are used within or at the end of words

Eg car, start, park, arm, garden
see, tree, green, meet, week, eel

Year 2

The ‘ee’ sound spelt ‘ey’. The plural of these words is formed by the addition of ‘s’

Eg key/keys, donkey/donkeys,
monkey/monkeys, valley/valleys

Year 3

Homophones and near homophones

Eg rain/rein/reign
accept/except
affect/effect

RAG BAG SCHEME

Thank you to everyone who has put old clothes, textiles, shoes etc into our Rag Bag collecting bin. We have recently received £46.80 for school funds from the recent collection. Please do continue to put any unwanted items in the bin as it is then turned into money for the school.



PTA Meeting

You are invited to join us for a PTA Meeting on Wednesday 13th February at 3.00pm to discuss future fundraising events. We would greatly value your input and support as we plan events that raise money to pay for school visits out and educational visitors into school, all of which greatly benefit the children’s learning.

Everyone is welcome to come along.



Stay and Play

Our new Stay and Play times are proving popular. It’s wonderful to see so many parents, carers and young children enjoying themselves up in our nursery and sports hall area. Please keep an eye on our nursery facebook page (Lowick and Holy Island Nursery) for up to date information and pictures of what they have been up to. This week they have made pizzas and enjoyed soft play.



Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 13th Feb PTA Meeting at 3.00pm

Thursday 14th Feb Ugly Ducking Musical Theatre afternoon

Friday 15th Feb School Stops for Half term week

Monday 25th Feb School restarts — Nursery places available for 2 year olds

Thursday 28th Feb Reception children Vision Screening (pm)

Friday 1st March Year 3 Gymnastics Festival at DC Gymnastics Centre, Berwick

Tuesday 5th March Pancake Day

Tuesday 12th March Reception children Height and Weight checks & Three Little Pigs den building day

Friday 15th March Red Nose Day

Friday 5th April School stops for Easter holidays

Monday 22nd April Easter Monday Bank Holiday

Tuesday 23rd April School restarts