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A massive welcome back to all our staff and children and a warm welcome to our new starters. We are pleased to have Mrs Hutchinson join our nursery team whilst Miss Armstrong is on maternity leave from next week. We will miss Miss Armstrong (and wish her all the best for her maternity leave) and we are pleased to find someone so experienced and caring to work with our lovely nursery children whilst she is away.

This week we eased the children back into the school routines and gave them a chance to reconnect with their peers and our staff. We made book bag tokens for the blessing service on Thursday as well as working on entries for the Lowick Leek Show this weekend. We have also had time for music, French, history and of course English and maths! Our learning theme this term is That's Entertainment and our focus is on toys and games the first half term and film the second half term. **We already have some from the library service, but if anyone can lend us their old toys or games to show the children we would be grateful to borrow them for our 'toys in living memory museum' - please contact Mrs Sfiansen or the school office.**

On Wednesdays from next week we will be taking the children to the leisure centre in Berwick for swimming followed by PE. The children will need their swimming kits and towels and it is very helpful for them to wear bottoms which are easy to change in and out of (trackies / leggings for example). Mr Graham will continue to deliver Commando Joe's sessions on Thursday afternoons so the children will need active clothing. We will also be welcoming back Pippa Willitts into school to lead forest school art on Friday afternoons this half term. Children will need suitable outdoor clothing - coats, hats, gloves etc for these days.

Our church service

We had a lovely welcome back service with book bag token blessings, led by Rev Alex at Lowick church. The children sang two songs they chose, some children read out their prayers and they all made us very proud of their behaviour and thoughtfulness through the service.



Congratulations!

Miss Hay got married over the summer holidays and is now Mrs Walton. I am sure you will join all of us in wishing Mr and Mrs Walton our warmest congratulations and best wishes.



Lowick Leek Show

This is happening on Sunday 8th September at Lowick Village Hall. The children have entered paintings and handwriting work to their classes.

Clubs

After school clubs start next week (from Monday 9th September). These are free for school children and run until 4pm every day.

Monday: art club with Olive

Tuesday: film club with Miss Adams

Wednesday: outdoor club with Mrs Walton

Thursday: Commando Joe's club with Mr Graham

Friday: Lego club with Mrs Morgan

Halloween costumes

We have been given a number of new children's Halloween costumes and would like to offer these on to you for a donation. They will be available for you to have a look at and choose from before and after school.

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 10th September - parents of Reception and Year 1 children are welcome to come into school for phonics (Read Write Inc) workshop 3 - 4pm

Monday 7th October - Harvest festival service at Holy Island church (St Mary's) at 10.30am - everyone is very welcome to join us.

Thursday 10th October - November Club day in school - workshops with children's author Lisette Auton. She describes her work on her website as follows: *"My name is Lisette Auton and I'm passionate about telling the stories I struggled to find – those that reflect my northern, working class, disabled and neurodivergent experience – and making sure that everyone can see themselves in, or are authors of, the stories that are being told."* We are really looking forward to working with her and the November Club team.

Friday 25th October - Halloween party at lunchtime - children can wear their own clothes, but please remember we have forest school that afternoon!

Autumn term half term holiday will be on the week commencing 28th October. Children return to school on 4th November.

Friday 8th November - Remembrance. We will be taking part in a collective worship at the war memorial in Lowick at 10am followed by refreshments back at Lowick school. The community is invited to join us.

Monday 11th November - CSI Day - back by popular request we will be having a fantastic science day themed around forensic crime solving.

Thursday 21st November - follow up November Club day in school - creative writing workshops with the children

Tuesday 3rd December - school photo day

Monday 9th December - 2pm afternoon Christmas performance; and

Tuesday 10th December - 6pm evening Christmas performance

Christmas holidays are from the week commencing **23rd December for two weeks.** Monday 6th January is a teacher training day, so no children are expected back in school after the Christmas holidays until Tuesday 7th January.