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## Welcome back to school



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the second half of this Spring term! We have been busy during the half term holidays - Mrs Waugh generously gave her time to paint the fencing in the early years area; coat hooks were installed in Etal Class and we had a projector and a large screen installed in our school hall. The projector is a fantastic addition to the school and we have already used the equipment in assemblies and it means we can now have Street Dance sessions in the hall rather than in a classroom (with background videos and music). Teachers will be able to show photographs and video clips as part of their assemblies and in the future we hope to show films too!

We would like to thank **Alnmouth Parish Council** for their kind donation towards the installation of this equipment. It is going to make a huge difference to everyone!

Have a good half term.

**Kevin Moloney**

### Some Upcoming Events

- ◆ French Play, Ti-Jean et la Chèvre, KS2  
8th March (in school)
- ◆ Book Fair  
Week beginning 11th March in Bamburgh class  
3.15 - 3.45pm
- ◆ Comic Relief 15th March  
(Bad Hair Day!)
- ◆ Parent/Teacher Meetings  
13th and 14th March
- ◆ Kwiksticks Hockey Y5/6  
Monday 18th March at Berwick Academy
- ◆ Dunstanburgh Class Beach School  
Monday 1st April
- ◆ Netball Y5/6  
Monday 1st April at Willowburn
- ◆ Seven Stories Trip  
Preschool & Alnwick Class  
Wednesday 3rd April
- ◆ Jumble Sale  
4th April, 3.20 - 4.30pm
- ◆ Dukeshouse Wood Instalment Due  
5th April, £85.00

Please keep checking the calendar on the school website for more events as they happen

WORLD  
**BOOK  
DAY**

7 MARCH 2019

It's that time again! Dress up as your favourite book character and join in the fun.

During the day, we'll be looking at the works of children's author Anthony Browne.

You'll also be able to spend your £1 book token at the book fair in school the following week!

This second half of the spring term is 30 days long meaning we break up on Friday 5th April. School re-opens on Tuesday 23rd April after the Easter break.

## Animal antics in Alnwick Class...



### Arty animals

As part of our animal topic we have been doing lots of amazing art using different media. Here are some of our colourful creative exotic birds and super 3D models of our unique dogs. You will need to come and visit the classroom to see our swimming aquarium!



### A four-legged visitor

Our next pet visit came in the form of 'Inca' our four legged friendly labrador. We learnt how to care for a dog, think about her needs and we even had a go at doing some dog obedience! Perhaps we could find out about dogs that have special jobs to help us (other than being lovely companions)?

### Chickens out and about

We had a brilliant time when the Hensioners (pensioners and their hens!) came to visit. They kindly brought in their hens and we found out how they sleep..... with one eye open, watching out for the fox! We also learned about how we can incubate their eggs and how to look after them.

We thank them all for visiting us.

It was very interesting.



Comic Relief's Red Nose Day is on 15th March. This year we are raising money by having a really bad hair day - so, spike it, colour it, mess it up, wear a wig, whatever takes your fancy. £1 donation.

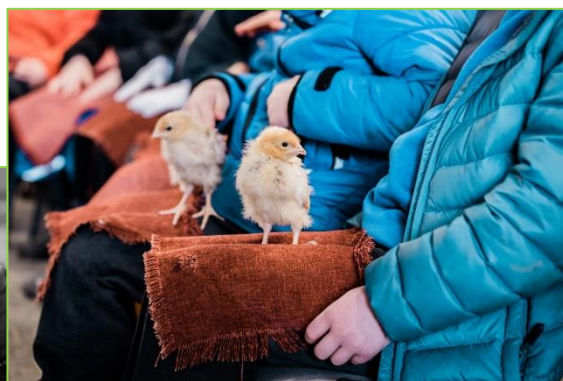


The Scholastic Book Fair will be in school week beginning 11th March. It will be set up in the Bamburgh classroom and will be open each day at 3.15pm for around half an hour - come along and see what's on offer.



## Animal antics at Whitehouse Farm...

What a wonderful way for Alnwick Castle to finish our animal topic this half term - a trip to Whitehouse Farm! We were exemplary the whole day and had an amazing time as a result...we got our big coach to the farm, started the day off with a safety talk then it was off to see the big animals. We got to see llamas, ponies, donkeys, goats, pigs/piglets, wallabies, emus, tortoise, meerkats and sheep with their newborn lambs less than a day old. After lunch we headed to the smaller animals and got to see up close and handle animals like chicks, rats, rabbits, guinea pigs, snakes and even see a tarantula! We finished off the day with a trip around the farm on the tractor. We chatted a lot about how to care for animals, what they need, what similarities and differences they have and what their young are called. We also did a really good job of looking after our lollipop partner and always finding our leader. Mrs Johnson was very proud of us all and we can't wait to start planning our next away adventures.



A huge, huge thank you to one of our parents, Zoe Burns for generously giving her time to take these fantastic photos of the children at Whitehouse Farm and on the Viking beach day.

They're amazing!

[www.zoeemilie.co.uk](http://www.zoeemilie.co.uk)



A school dinner costs £2.30  
30 days @£2.30 = £69.00

Winter menus are on the school website. We would ask that you keep on top of lunch payments - in advance or on the day - thank you. Please pay promptly - we like cash and cheques payable to NCC.





## Viking Invasion!



Pupils in Dunstanburgh class have been busy learning all about the Vikings in Anglo-Saxon Britain and their influence over the people and land they invaded. Were they as fearsome as we think they were and where did they raid and settle? The class has been finding out and has also been looking at what they wore, ate and what kind of houses they lived in.



The theme continued when parents and carers came in to school to help make longships and shields. Groups of children designed, planned, painted and built, helping each other to make some fabulous creations, as you can see in the photos. Well done everyone and a special thank you to the parents who came along and to Mr Lodge for providing the shields for all the children. We had a great afternoon!

The children in Dunstanburgh had some fabulous art lessons with Mrs Waugh and Mr Powell. The class developed their knowledge and understanding of different paint techniques whilst creating powerful paintings of the cold, stormy sea they'd witness as Vikings in their longships invading Northumberland. Mrs Waugh kindly framed the paintings which are now displayed in school.

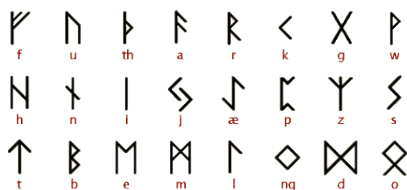


"I have been learning about how Vikings travelled to other countries"  
Hannah

"I enjoyed learning about Viking gods and religions"  
Penelope

"I loved making up learning poems about the Vikings"  
James

"I learned to write my name in runes"  
Andrew



To round the topic off, the class had a Viking theme beach day and a chance to show their Viking prowess in the assembly for parents on 12th February.....

Odin eier deg alle!

