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Dear Parents / Carers,

This week in school, we have had an Easter focus. On Monday, it was wonderful to see so many parents, carers and grandparents at our Easter Service. Thank you to Reverend Rachel and the Open the Book team for sharing the Easter story and well done to our Class 4 readers for sharing their poems and prayers. On our return to school, our early Years pupils enjoyed decorating eggs with their Class 4 buddies and as always it was lovely to see the pupils working so collaboratively together, sharing their ideas and skills.

We had more visitors in school on Thursday for the Early Years crafts and Easter egg hunt. Thank you to everybody who joined us, it was a fantastic afternoon enjoyed by all.

As this term comes to a close, we would like to thank you once again for your ongoing support. We are lucky to have such a fantastic school community.

Wishing you all a very Happy Easter and a restful break.

Miss Briddock and the team at Stamfordham Primary

The last 2 weeks in school

Preschool and Class 1

In Early Years, we have been taking advantage of the gorgeous weather and spending lots of time outdoors. Our new sand shed and water tray are proving to be very popular and the children are starting to prepare our garden ready for lots of planting next term. We were very excited to find that a yellow crested newt was hidden away in our old sandpit! We have now rehoused it in the school pond where we think it will be much happier. We have been letting our pumpkin slowly rot away since October, so we peeked in the box to see how it is getting on. We can all confirm that the smell is absolutely revolting! Hopefully new seeds will start sprouting soon and we will have a new pumpkin plant to add to our garden. As part of our Understanding the World topic, we have been exploring different maps and thinking about when they would be useful. We have also created our own maps of Stamfordham and looked at some of our houses on Google Earth. As always, we have loved spending time with our Class 4 buddies this week and they kindly helped us decorate some hard-boiled eggs ready for Easter. We also welcomed lots of our parents and carers into school on Thursday to join in with the fun at our Eggcellent Easter Craft Afternoon and Easter Egg hunt.

Class 2

We have had a fantastic term in Class 2. In English we have been improving our understanding of poetry and developing our writing skills. The children have been practising using rhyme, rhythm and alliteration in their work and have concluded the week with acrostic Easter poems. In Maths, we have been tackling telling the time. The class have made a lot of progress with this tough topic and we are pleased with how hard they have worked. In Geography, the class have concluded their maps topic which they have thoroughly enjoyed and this week have been making their own maps. In DT, the class did a super job making their own hand puppets; I hope that you have enjoyed seeing them! In Science, we have finished our plants topic and the children have developed a great understanding of the plant life cycle and what they need to thrive. We are very grateful for your support with the £50 challenge and have been so impressed by the enthusiasm of the class. We hope that everyone has a very restful holiday and comes back next term feeling ready to learn.

Class 3

What a busy half term it has been in Class 3. We've had a few nice trips out, made lots of tasty snacks in DT and carried out lots of our own research in Geography and Science using our new iPads. Miss Crowell sadly left us last week to head to her new placement however we now have Miss Joyce working with us in Class 3. It has been lovely to get to know her this week and she will begin teaching lots more after the holidays. The children have really taken an interest in our DT topic this half term which has been focused around food technology. Last week, we made mini pizzas. The children spread the tomato sauce, sprinkled the cheese and then added their own toppings before taking them to Pam to be cooked. The children ate and then evaluated their pizzas; they were able to suggest improvements they would like to make if they made them again. In Science, this week we looked at different melting points of materials. We got involved in a very messy practical. Each of the children were given a piece of chocolate to go in one hand and a jelly haribo to go in the other, they held their hands closed for two minutes. We were able to come to the conclusion that chocolate and jelly sweets have different melting points as one hand was covered in melted chocolate whilst the jelly sweet had remained whole and just become a little sticky. We went on to research the melting points of materials such as gold, mercury and aluminium. Once we had found these results we created a bar chart to compare them. This week the children have carried out some end of term assessments; each of them has worked incredibly hard and I am certain they will continue to make great progress in the summer term. Happy Easter holidays!

Class 4

Over the last two weeks, Class 4 have been busy with a variety of exciting activities. In English, the children have been diving into the world of Shakespeare, writing soliloquies for King Claudius. They've done a fantastic job capturing the style of Shakespearean language, bringing the character to life through their own creative writing. They also explored impersonal and formal language while composing a discursive text, debating which character is most responsible for the tragedy in Hamlet. In Maths, the class has tackled ratio problems and been introduced to algebra, where they've worked hard to form and solve simple equations. Meanwhile, Year 6 students have been sharpening their arithmetic skills in preparation for their upcoming assessments. In French, the children have made great strides and can now hold simple conversations, sharing their names, ages, and how they're feeling. In RE, the focus has been on the Torah, where students have expanded their vocabulary and reflected on its importance within the Jewish faith. With all their hard work, Class 4 is certainly ready for a well-earned break!

Cricket

Next half term, pupils from Reception upwards will have a weekly cricket session every Thursday during the school day delivered by Northumberland Cricket. Pupils should come into school each Thursday wearing their PE kit. PE will still take place on Wednesdays as usual.

£50 Challenge

Our pupils have continued to work hard to raise funds as part of the £50 challenge. We have been blown away by the pupils' commitment and dedication and also the fantastic support of our parents and the wider community. Liarna and Isla H in Class 2 completed a sponsored walk last weekend and Alistair, Henry and Cameron in class 3 have created a fun treasure hunt for everybody to enjoy over Easter. In addition to this, we have had donations of baked goods for cake sales and fantastic support for our raffles and events. The deadline for the challenge is 16th May and after this date, our pupils will be involved in deciding how the money should be spent.

School Lunches

Week commencing 28th April – Week 2

Week commencing 5th May – Week 3

The new dinner menus are available on the school website.

Diary dates for the next 2 weeks:

Monday 28 th April	
Tuesday 29 th April	Swimming for Years 3 & 4
Wednesday 30 th April	PE with Mr Thompson
Thursday 1 st May	Cricket starts (Reception – Year 6)
Friday 2 nd May	Music with Mr Radford

Monday 5 th May	Bank Holiday – School Closed to all pupils
Tuesday 6 th May	Swimming for Years 3 & 4
Wednesday 7 th May	PE with Mr Thompson
Thursday 8 th May	
Friday 9 th May	Music with Mr Radford

Upcoming Dates:

Date	Event
Week commencing 12 th May	Year 6 SATS week
Friday 16 th May	End of £50 challenge
Monday 19 th May	Outdoor learning (Year 4, 5 and 6)
Friday 23 rd May	School closes for half term
Monday 2 nd June	School re-opens to all pupils
Friday 6 th June	ICT day with Martin Bailey
Wednesday 25 th June – Friday 27 th June	Class 3 Residential visit to Robin Wood
Tuesday 1 st July	Big Sing for Mini Singers (Reception, Year 1 and 2)
Wednesday 2 nd July	Sports Day
Thursday 3 rd and Friday 4 th July	Year 6 pupils transfer to Ponteland High School
Thursday 3 rd July	Transfer morning in school
Wednesday 9 th July	Big Sing (Year 3, 4, 5 and 6)
Friday 18 th July	School closes for the summer break at 1.15pm