



## Welcome Information for Alnwick Castle Class 2019

Dear Parents / Carers of Alnwick Castle Class 2019

Welcome to Autumn Term 2019. Below we have detailed some information that we hope will be of use to get us started but we will keep updating things as they develop throughout the term as well as post on Tapestry and lots of general school and class information is on the school website ([www.hipsburn.northumberland.sch.uk](http://www.hipsburn.northumberland.sch.uk)).

- **This terms topic & home learning:** This term our theme is 'Superheroes - People Who Help Us' but during the first couple of weeks our main priority is helping the children to settle into their school life and develop routines in order to support this. Therefore, initially there will be no homework or school reading books as we feel the children will have busy enough days as it is, and need time to build up stamina. Then Year 1s will resume reading books and Reception will begin their sounds. However, please could they bring their blue 'book bag' each day as it enables them to carry home daily creations and letters at the end of the day, as well as helping them get into good habits of being organised! In addition, please begin to post anything on Tapestry that your child enjoys doing at home as this is a brilliant way to ease the transition of getting to know your child, help them settle and add to our wonderful learning journey for the year ahead.
- **Parents' Meetings:** This term there will be a whole class 'reading meeting' (date to be confirmed) for Reception parents to help explain our reading system. Later in November there will be an individual parents meeting so we can discuss how your child has settled to the term in detail and chat about the year ahead. However, we can be available to chat through any urgent issues at the end of each day so please do not hesitate to speak to us.
- **PE Kit:** The children will have mostly have PE on a Tuesday but this can sometimes change so please bring PE kits in on a Monday and take home on a Friday. Please help your child's 'readiness for school' by encouraging them to be independent when getting dressed at home so they can get changed for PE independently.
- **Water Bottles:** Please bring clean water bottles in on Mondays and we will remind them to drink plenty of water throughout the day. We will keep them refreshed but help to check that they are washed thoroughly would be appreciated.
- **Name Tags:** Please can you help us by making sure all items are clearly named! Thank you.

We know there is lots to take on board so please do not hesitate to contact us or to arrange a convenient time to discuss matters further.

Happy Autumn Term 2019  
Mrs Johnson and Mrs Fender