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# HIPSBURN PRIMARY SCHOOL

## IS A DROP OFF POINT



PEANUTS THE  
PARROT SAYS  
PLEASE RECYCLE  
YOUR :

- ✓ CRISP PACKETS
- ✓ BREAD WRAPPERS
- ✓ DENTAL PRODUCTS  
AND PACKAGING

THANK YOU!



### Dear Parents and Carers,

A very Happy New Year to you all!

I hope that you have all had a lovely Christmas and a good start to the New Year. Welcome back to school - we have a busy term coming up - as usual! Further events and dates will start to pop up as we confirm them, so please keep checking the calendar on our website.

Just before Christmas we asked you to complete a parent survey and whilst this was an incredibly busy time we received a huge number of responses. Thank you! These will be summarised and as soon as this is completed we will let you know the results.

Over the last two terms we have been working hard on our three intentions - Responsibility Resilience and Reflection (the three R's). We have been looking at these in our assemblies and across everything we do at Hipsburn. When you click on the curriculum area of the website you will see how these three values are woven into our subjects and topic work. Just to remind you - each half term, teachers share what they will be teaching within the class areas on the website. This information is also displayed in classroom windows for you to keep up to speed with what we are doing.

We have several new governors who have joined the Hipsburn team and I know our Chair of Governors, Allison Wort, will be letting you know more when details are finalised.

This edition of our school newsletter has a special front cover. Last term we held a competition for pupils to design an Eco Poster and the overall winning design is adorning our newsletter. Congratulations to Isobel for her fantastic colourful parrot! We hope that the poster will be displayed in local shops and publications, letting everyone in the community know that we are a collection point for the unrecyclable.

Thank you again for your continued support - we're looking forward to a brilliant spring term!

**Kevin Moloney**

This first half of the spring term is 29 days long - we break up on Thursday 13th February.

## Governing Body news

Due to terms of office ending and resignations for personal reasons the governing body recently found itself in need of 6 new members to join the team and ensure that it was at its constituted level.

A parent governor election was held and **Lindsay Church** was appointed. A fantastic response was received to the advertising campaign within the local community, which has enabled the appointment of the further 5 members. The new members bring with them a broad range of experience and skills from both within and outside the education sector. Roles and responsibilities are now being discussed and details will be on both the governors' board in the main corridor and the school website soon.

Governors can be contacted via the school office by email or letter.



**A school dinner costs £2.30  
29 days @£2.30 = £66.70**

Menus are on the school website. Children in Reception, year 1 and year 2 all receive universal free school meals. Lunches are payable for children in Preschool and years 3-6. We ask that you keep on top of lunch payments - in advance or on the day - thank you.



**Please pay promptly - we accept cash and cheques payable to NCC. Thank you.**

## Etal story writing competition

Pupils in Etal class recently took part in a story writing competition and the winner was announced this week. Congratulations to Bella for her fantastic festive tale - here's the story for you all to enjoy.



### When Santa Got Stuck Up the Chimney

"Arriving at house 1,200,811. Two children. Children's names: Abigail and William Stockton," Santa recorded into the microphone. As he climbed out of his sleigh, the Chief Elf, Twinkle-Toes, sprang into action and dived head-first into the sack of presents. After eleven seconds he sprang back out of the sack with Abigail's and William's presents in hand.

"Here you go, sir, Abigail Stockton and William Stockton's presents. Child 2,100,028 and child 2,100,029," Twinkle-Toes stated as he handed the presents to Santa. "Thank you," Santa replied.

Santa walked to the chimney and started to climb in. "Sir, we go through the door now!" Twinkle-Toes said, remembering the new protocol. Unfortunately, it was too late. Santa was already jammed in the chimney. Twinkle-Toes slapped his forehead in exasperation because Santa had already done this 1,200,810 times tonight. "Not again," Twinkle-Toes muttered.

"Did you hear that?" Abigail whispered to William with excitement in her voice.

"What?" William muttered, half asleep. Abigail had her ginger hair tied up in a bun and, on the middle of her pyjamas, there was a massive Rudolph. Everyone at her school just called her Abi. Abi was seven years old and she loved Christmas more than anybody in her family. William had the curliest black hair in the universe and he had on some Star Wars Christmas pyjamas.



He had been obsessed with Star Wars ever since he was four years old and since then it had been Star Wars this and Star Wars that. Ten years on, he was still obsessed with it.

"Do you think it's Santa?" Abi said, trying to keep her voice down.

"It's probably just a few birds marching around. Just go back to bed," William groaned.

"Fine then, I'll go and see for myself," she said.

Abi tip-toed down the stairs and crept into the living room, being careful not to wake her parents, Sam and Jane, up. She heard a rustling in the chimney, looked up and saw Santa's red trousers. Abigail gasped in excitement. "Oh no!" Santa shrieked.

"Almost got it," Twinkle-Toes said. Then, all of a sudden, BANG! Santa fell through the chimney and into the fire place (which, thankfully, was not lit).

"You're Santa!" Abi shrieked, almost waking up her parents.

"You should not be awake," Santa whispered.

"Let's get you to bed."

OK, Santa," Abi giggled. Santa took her upstairs and back into her bedroom.

"Now go to bed, Abi," Santa whispered, tucking her in with his big, cuddly arms.

"Night night, Santa," Abi mumbled. And with that she fell asleep, excited for Christmas morning.



## Allsorts Funday



Due to the success of their recent Christmas Funday, Allsorts are planning to have another during half term on **Thursday, 20th February**. Time is **9am - 3pm** and the cost is **£18.00 per child**.

If you wish to book a place, please text the Allsorts number, **07598 818846** or see Karen in preschool.

Thank you!



**Don't forget we are a collection point for the Alnwick District Food Bank all year round (not just for Harvest!). Donations are always welcome - just drop them in the bin in the school porch.**

**At the start of the school day children are not supervised until the whistle is blown on the yard. Teachers are available on the yard from 8.45am and the whistle is blown at 8.50am. Arrangements are in place to supervise those children who are in breakfast club.**



### Festive beach school

On Wednesday 18th December, Dunstanburgh Class had a special Beach School Day with an Ancient Egyptian theme in the morning. The children thought carefully about the structure and engineering of The Pyramids, why they had been built and then, in teams, built their own! Some hot chocolate and biscuits on the frosted beach helped! The children also demonstrated their understanding of the lives of the Egyptian people by building their own Egyptian villages in the sand.

In the afternoon we had a Christmas theme: making and decorating beach Christmas trees and sand snowmen. We all had a fantastic day in glorious winter sunshine and the children, as always, were a real credit to the school.



### Festive gallery



Here is a selection of photos showing what we all got up to last half term - from spotty Children in Need to Christmas crafts...



## Eco news

Well done everyone - we have now achieved both the Bronze and Silver Eco-Schools Awards! Our new committee came together to discuss the Autumn Term 2019 Action Plan, and they are proud to be helping make changes which will benefit all of us, both in our school and in our local community.

Our next three Eco-Schools topics in our action plan cover Waste, Energy and Marine. To start with, we are committed to:

1. **Recycling** - we are helping to reduce landfill at a local level. We are a drop-off point for the unrecyclable (see a reminder below).
2. **Switching off** lights, school computers, in fact anything we can when it's not in use.
3. **Reducing** the use of plastic. We have school litter picks and we also recycle paper in our classrooms.

The next step of the Eco-Schools journey is the **Green Flag Award**. It will be amazing if we can gain this award to show our local community how passionate we are in helping our environment. If you would like to get involved in the Eco-School programme by sharing your time, ideas or skills please contact us directly. If you are struggling for spare time, don't worry, we will keep you updated on our progress regularly and invite you to participate in Eco-Schools projects or events organized by the pupils themselves.

We hope you are as excited about our eco-journey as we are. Please continue to drop off at our recycling point and spread the word!

**Many thanks for your continued support.**



One of our first priorities has been to recycle the un-recyclable! We have a few initiatives up and running and we want you to send in your used **batteries**, **bread wrappers**, **crisp and snack wrappers (no nuts please!)** and **oral care products and packaging**.

All brands are accepted, however, please see the photos below as to what waste can and can't be accepted. Please note we cannot accept waxed bread wrappers (like Warburtons Toastie packs), only the LDPE wrappers (example shown).

You can find further information on our school website too. <http://www.hipsburn.northumberland.sch.uk/website/recycling/408966>



Eco-Schools  
Silver Award



Eco-Schools  
Bronze Award



*Eco Club members with the lavender collected from our school garden to make soap*



ACCEPTED  
WASTE

