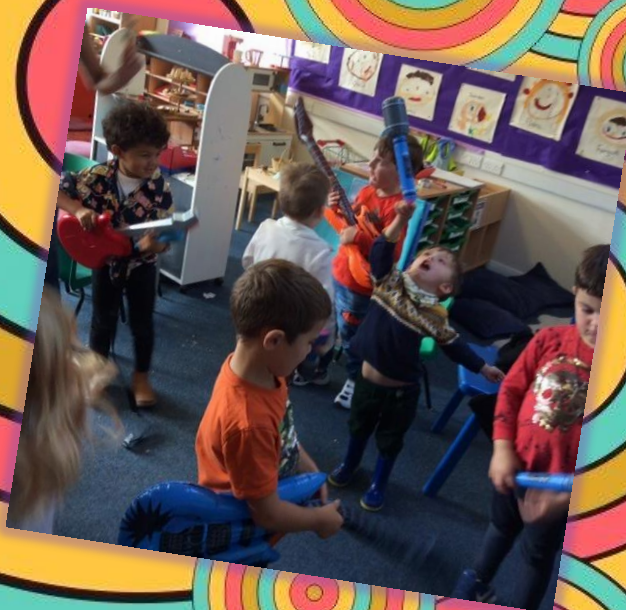


Groovy  
50th  
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### A golden day...

It was fantastic to see our pupils (and staff) celebrating the 1970s in style on our recent 50th anniversary day.

There was peace, love, flowers, flares and other very dodgy items of clothing all in wild abundance - it was groovy. We hope you like a selection of the photographs from the day and retro items from the 1970s which are dotted throughout the newsletter.

### Namaste...

What could be more 1970s than the teachings of a yogi?

Hipsburn had a special visit from a local yoga teacher, Catherine, back in September. She took classes from years 1-6 for a well-being and mindfulness session on the school field. The children learnt about the importance of breathing to help focus, relax, reduce anxiety, and stay calm. We then followed a guided meditation.

We hope to see Catherine again soon for further sessions.



### Harvest apples and brilliant baking...



Alnwick Class has been very busy collecting apples from the school field. We made delicious apple muffins with the best ones and used the spoiled ones for all sorts of arts and crafts. Lots of fun was had using the apple peeling machine and we very much enjoyed sampling what we had made!







There was some creepy fun in Ford Class just before the half term holidays - they all looked spook-tacular!



We are loving our new topic on Ancient Egypt. We were interested to learn that bodies were wrapped in about 20 layers of fabric with amulets between the layers.

5 layers was enough for this mummy!



Ford Class had their first beach day in over a year on October 21st. The sun shone as the children deepened their understanding of the Aztec Empire and their relationship to the cocoa bean, as well as the history and geography of the culture. In groups, the children built amazing 3D models of the ancient Aztec capital.

Later, they used their knowledge of the novel *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* to develop a mini screenplay of their favourite scene, then acted it out for the class.

In the afternoon, the children discussed the water cycle and made models in the sand to represent it.

They also created spooky Halloween surprises on the beach including pumpkins and skeletons made from found, natural objects.

Finally, we had fun at the park before heading home. Phew! We can't wait until the next one in December!







## New PE shed...

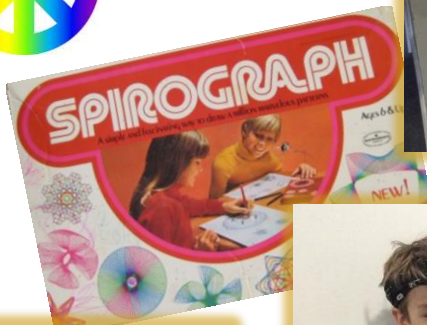


Have you seen our fab new PE shed in the school grounds?

The journey has been long and arduous due to COVID and the fact that some bits were missing which meant it couldn't be assembled the first time around - but it is here at last. Our after school hockey players are thrilled with it too.

A massive thank you to the PTA, Shelley and John Temple and Melissa and Hugh Clark for giving their time and expertise to the project and helping to make it happen.

## 1970s

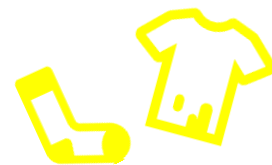




### Some Upcoming Events

- ◆ Alnwick Class Beach Day, Thursday 11th November
- ◆ Bamburgh Class, Into Film Festival, Wednesday 17th November
- ◆ Virtual Author Event Yrs R-4, Wednesday 17th November
- ◆ Children in Need Day, Friday 19th November
- ◆ Ford Class, Into Film Festival, Friday 19th November
- ◆ Etal Class, Into Film Festival, Friday 26th November
- ◆ Christmas Play tbc, Wednesday 8th & Thursday 9th December
- ◆ Flu Immunisations, Wednesday 8th December
- ◆ Etal Class Beach Day, Thursday 9th December
- ◆ Ford Class Beach Day, Tuesday 14th December
- ◆ Alnwick Class Beach Day, Wednesday 15th December
- ◆ Bamburgh Class Beach Day, Thursday 16th December
- ◆ Break up for Christmas, Friday 17th December
- ◆ Back to school, Wednesday 5th January

Please keep checking the calendar on the school website for more events



### Wear yellow for Pudsey...

We are very excited to be supporting Children in Need once again on Friday 19th November. This year's theme is 'together we can change young lives'. As well as doing lots of activities within our classes, we have been loaned 40 mini, individually named teddies and they will be helping the whole school take part in a great Pudsey hunt. Classes will be going on their bear hunt at different times throughout the week and the activity aims to provide lots of fun and adventure right up to the challenge for KS2 of some real orienteering skills. A winner from each class will receive a prize, kindly donated to school.

In addition, if your child wants to dress 'as Pudsey yellow as they can' for the day, that would be great. This can be a simple touch of yellow to a whole outfit, but KS2 please don't forget you have PE and Ford a film festival trip too! This year, there is a dedicated link on ParentPay for your CiN donations - please [click here](#) to make your donation. Thank you!



Please don't forget to check your ParentPay account on a regular basis and keep on top of payments to school.

A reminder that all pupils in reception through to year 2 receive universal free school meals. It can look a bit confusing on ParentPay as the meals are logged, but there is nothing to pay. Only children in preschool and years 3 and above pay for their lunches, unless you qualify in your own right for free school meals. Thank you.

Did you know we have a school pledge for all pupils? Our Hipsburn Promise weaves its way through each day at Hipsburn. It is embedded into our policies and we refer to it during assembly times and at other appropriate times during the school day. It was created by both the children and staff.

Check it out on the school website:

[The Hipsburn Promise](#)



### Healthy snacks please!

If you send a playtime snack for your child, please only send in a piece of fruit or veg - no processed snacks. Thank you.



A reminder that we have a small number of pupils in school with severe nut allergies. Exposure to nuts and nut products can cause a rapid and serious reaction for these individuals. We ask for your co-operation in not sending any nut product in to school, either as a snack or in packed lunches

