



Email: [admin@hipsburn.northumberland.sch.uk](mailto:admin@hipsburn.northumberland.sch.uk)

Web: [www.hipsburn.northumberland.sch.uk](http://www.hipsburn.northumberland.sch.uk)

Headteacher: [Mr Kevin Moloney](#)



All PE will be outside, so please ensure your child has **labelled** warm, practical clothing in school at all times (joggers and sweatshirt as well as t-shirt and shorts). All children must bring in their own labelled water bottle every day too.



Just as lockdown started we took delivery of a number of chromebooks. We've dusted them down and they are now in use helping our older pupils with their IT work.

Bamburgh class are taking part in a beach school day every week this half term. Please order a school packed lunch (if required) via the google form and remember, your child needs suitable clothing including wellies and waterproofs and possibly suncream! See the letter sent out to you for further information.

## Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to warmly welcome you and your children back to Hipsburn Primary for the new school year! The children have already settled well into their new classes and we look forward to another very exciting school year ahead. Thank you for your co-operation with our staggered drop off and pick up schedule, we will keep tweaking to ensure a quick, safe handover at both ends of the day.

A very special welcome to new pupils and their families across the school and to all our Reception children: I am sure you will be very happy here!

We take pride in being a friendly and happy school; staff and governors work extremely hard and are committed to the school and its values. I will continue to work with them to ensure your child is safe, happy and receives the best possible education so they reach their potential.

As always - keep an eye on the website and in particular the online calendar for all the latest events. The newsletter section is also a good source of information that has been sent home.

Should you have any concerns, questions or queries please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff or myself who will be happy to help. Our current circumstances may be challenging to us all but your child remains at the heart of everything we do at Hipsburn.

Finally, can I say a thank you to the parents who have sent emails giving such positive feedback to myself and the staff over the past few days. I appreciate your support and encouragement - it is invaluable for staff morale and well-being.

Best wishes for the new school year,

**Kevin Moloney**  
Headteacher

## We'll miss you...



We would like to bid a fond farewell to last year's year sixes, who have now moved on to secondary school. It was not quite the send-off we envisaged for them, but we were delighted to have them back for their last half term of primary school, and it is safe to say that they thoroughly enjoyed being back too. In these pictures, the leavers are wearing their greatly-anticipated leavers' hoodies, which we hope will be a precious keepsake to help them remember their time here at Hipsburn Primary.

Goodbye and good luck to the Year 6 class of 2020!

Miss Jones

## Harvest donations



As many of you know, we are a collection point for the Alnwick District Food Bank and we always ask for donations at harvest festival time. Sadly, parents will not be allowed in to school this year to share harvest celebrations, however we still very much need your kind contributions. You can check out what the food bank needs on its website or facebook page, just search for the name.

Please drop donations in to the box just inside the school front door by **Monday 19th October** as this gives us time to get items to the food bank before the half term break.

We do accept donations all year round too!

Thanks in advance on behalf of ADFB.



This first half of the autumn term is 37 days long - we break up on Friday 23rd October.

In conjunction with **Cauliflower Cards**, the PTA are once again offering pupils the chance to design their own festive cards, mugs, wrapping paper and tags. These are great to give as gifts and every item you buy means money for the school. Look out for the envelope coming home with your child - it has all the information you need for getting involved and the deadlines for ordering. Happy designing!

# COVID-19 Information

We are so pleased to see the children back in school and yet we are all still mindful that we are in the midst of a pandemic. Here is a simple checklist of what to do if your child shows signs of the virus:

- ◆ If your child shows symptoms of Covid-19 please call NHS 111 to request a test and inform school that you have done so
- ◆ Contact school again with the result of the test
- ◆ If you need to contact us after 3.30pm on a Friday, please use the admin email address: [admin@hipsburn.northumberland.sch.uk](mailto:admin@hipsburn.northumberland.sch.uk)



As part of the NHS Flu Campaign for 2020, nurses will be in school on **Monday 14th December** to give pupils the nasal flu vaccine. This is for children in all year groups, reception through to year 6 and your permission is required. In an attempt to reduce the burden put on schools in the administration of this campaign, this year the NHS decided to contact parents directly, via a postal consent campaign. We understand the response has been low, so we will be sending consent forms out to you via email in the next couple of weeks. There will be instructions as to what to do next, so please look out for the email and act straight away to have your child vaccinated. Thank you.

## It's good to know...



We are an eco school and we love recycling! We send our waste to Terracycle who love hard-to-recycle waste. There are collection points in school for your crisp and snack packets, bread wrappers, dental products and batteries. Please check out what waste products can be recycled on our website using the link:  
[Recycling at Hipsburn](#)



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. As a school, we regularly discuss allergies and anaphylaxis in an effort to raise awareness and understanding. We know nuts can form a healthy part of a nutritional diet, however, we ask for your co-operation in not sending any nut product in to school with your child. Thank you.



Please use [easyfundraising](#) next time you shop online – it's a really simple way to raise money for school through your everyday online shopping with retailers like Amazon, Argos, John Lewis, eBay, ASOS, Booking.com, GoCompare, Boden, M&S – and it's completely free! Our supporters have raised over £1600 so far, so please keep shopping and use the link to sign up if you haven't done so yet.  
[easyfundraising for Hipsburn](#)

**£20,000  
prize fund**  
to be won by  
4th December 2020

**BIG**  
Battery Hunt!



This year, once again, we are joining in the Big Battery Hunt! Look out for a collection box coming home with your child to fill with unwanted batteries or simply bring them in to school. We need your used batteries by October half term - the more we collect, the more chance we have of being in with a chance of winning the big £20,000 prize!

**GOLD**  
Prize money spent  
by you

5  
Prizes

**SILVER**  
Tablets & Tech for  
your school

20  
Prizes

**BRONZE**  
Class certificates

100  
Prizes

### After school activities...

Due to the current situation and the emphasis on trying to keep pupils safe within their bubbles, we have limited after school activities this half term.

Cramlington Rockets are currently running an after school club on Thursdays for Ford Class - years 3 and 4.

Trident Soccer are returning to teach football skills to Bamburgh Class, years 1 and 2 on Mondays beginning 21st September, for 5 weeks. Information will be sent out to Bamburgh Class parents - Trident deal with all bookings and payment themselves - details will be on the email.

We will look at how all of this works and make similar offerings to other year groups in Autumn 2.



**TRIDENT SOCCER**

### Payments to school



A school dinner costs £2.30  
37 days @£2.30 = £85.10

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 for all school lunches, milk and after school clubs. For those of you new to Hipsburn Primary and by way of a reminder, we accept cash and cheques (payable to NCC - Northumberland County Council). Please put payment in a named envelope, with details of what you're paying for, and drop it in the class box or in the basket in the school's front porch. If paying by cheque, everything can go on the same cheque; if paying by cash, please try to give the exact money as we are trying to minimise items going back and forth between home and school.



Milk provision for the  
whole of the autumn term costs  
£7.92

