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## Football fever and a festival...

This last half term of the academic year is always busy with lots going on both in and out of school.

This **Saturday, 9th June**, 9.30am-12.30pm, sees our annual fundraising event, the Hipsburn Football Tournament. Schools from all over the region come together to battle it out in what we consider to be *the* warm up tournament for the World Cup in Russia....

If you can help, come along to the school around 9am and if you can donate cakes, please bring them in to school either Friday afternoon or on the morning. It's always a great event, so come along if you can.



Hipsburn Primary has been invited to take part in the 'School Run' campaign. This is a nationwide campaign to highlight the importance of exercise for the whole family.

On **Monday 25th June**, Olympian and former Hipsburn pupil Laura Weightman will join us for our 'School Run' where children from reception to Year 6 will run laps of the school field. Parents, grandparents and staff are encouraged to join in too!

Please make sure your child has their PE kit in school. The event will start after morning registration. We do hope you can join us.

More details will follow regarding class time slots.



## Upcoming Events

- ◆ London Trip  
6th to 8th June
- ◆ Glendale Show  
Dunstanburgh Class  
7th June
- ◆ Hipsburn Football  
Tournament  
9th June
- ◆ Bike to School Week  
11th to 15th June
- ◆ Charity Run  
13th June
- ◆ Alnmouth Arts  
Festival  
16th to 17th June
- ◆ School Run with  
Laura Weightman  
25th June
- ◆ Transition Afternoon  
29th June
- ◆ Dukeshouse Wood  
4th to 6th July
- ◆ Year 6 Transition  
Day DCHS  
5th July
- ◆ School Sports Day  
10th July
- ◆ Year 6 Celebration  
Evening  
The Plough, Alnwick  
12th July
- ◆ Year 6 Leavers'  
Assembly  
18th July

## An arty Alnmouth...

The school has a long-standing association with our local arts festival in Alnmouth - this year it takes place on the **16th and 17th June**. We will be performing songs from around the world at 10.30am on the Saturday and each class has designed artwork which will be displayed as a collective piece of art at the festival.

We love this festival - it showcases lots of local individual artists and brings the community together - all in the beautiful surroundings of this coastal village!



This last half of the summer term is 35 days long meaning we break up for summer on Friday 20th July.



A school dinner costs £2.30  
35 days @£2.30 = £80.50  
Menus are on the school  
website

Swimming continues...  
for year 4s



A swimming lesson costs  
£4.50  
7 sessions @£4.50 = £31.50



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

On **Wednesday 13th June**  
we will be holding a  
charity run on the school  
field.

All children will be  
'running' half a mile to  
raise money for BRAKE,  
the road safety charity. A  
donation of £1.00 would  
be greatly appreciated.

Please make sure your  
child has PE kit/trainers,  
a water bottle and is  
wearing sunscreen.



## Brilliant bird boxes

Year 3 pupils have been working really hard designing and decorating some wonderful bird boxes which will be displayed around Alnmouth train station in the coming weeks, so keep a look out for them! We can't wait to go and see their bird boxes in action this half term.



**Gardening club donations** - if anyone has any unused/unwanted small gardening tools or gardening gloves our Gardening Club would really appreciate them! Any wooden crates would also be very gratefully received. Thank you!

## Attendance matters...

In line with national Department for Education guidance, our target attendance rate as a school is 96%. In consultation with our designated Education Welfare Officer, we are looking at ways in which we can help children achieve this target - for example, tackling persistent lateness is one area we can address, or arrange an informal, early meeting with the EWO to talk about any attendance concerns. In addition to the half termly attendance letters which go home, from September 2018, we will be pro-actively addressing the issue of persistent absence (where a child falls below 90%) by involving the EWO and talking to parents of those pupils at risk of falling attendance. We will give out further information in September.

### Every Minute Counts



Lateness = lost learning

Did you know?

| Lateness<br>(figures calculated over a school year) | = lost learning |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 5 minutes late each day                             | = 3 days lost   |
| 10 minutes late each day                            | = 6.5 days lost |
| 15 minutes late each day                            | = 10 days lost  |
| 20 minutes late each day                            | = 13 days lost  |

### Every School Day Counts



Lateness = lost learning

Did you know?

| 365 days in a year | 190 School days in total | Absence               |
|--------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| 100% attendance    | 190 days                 | 0                     |
| 95% attendance     | 180 days                 | 2 weeks               |
| 90% attendance     | 171 days                 | 4 weeks               |
| 85% attendance     | 161 days                 | 6 weeks               |
| 80% attendance     | 152 days                 | More than half a term |



Next week, 11th to 15th June, we are celebrating National Bike to School Week. The aim is to promote the importance of a healthy and active lifestyle.

So why not bike to school if you can?

We realise that this may not always be possible but biking part of your journey by parking nearby and then biking the last part to school could really help the children get active before the start of the school day. Please remember to stay safe, be seen and wear a cycle helmet.

Please be aware of extra bikes around during this week. Take extra care around the school grounds especially with younger children.