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Dear Parents and Carers,

A huge welcome back to the start of this new academic year! I hope you have all had a fabulous summer and enjoyed the amazing weather that we have had. We look forward to enjoying the outdoors as much as we possibly can this term too and once again we are very grateful to The Burgage Holders of Alnmouth who have generously financially supported our beach schools over the last few years. I'm delighted to inform you that they are continuing their support, and, having experienced a beach school at first hand, I know how much well-being as well as learning takes place on these days. We are lucky to have such a fantastic resource on our doorstep and to have such support to enable them to take place on a regular basis.

I want to stress once again, particularly for our new parents, our commitment to keeping our children safe when online. This is equally true at home as well as in the school environment. We are members of National Online Safety (NOS), the world's most comprehensive provider of online safety resources.

Our membership with NOS provides a wealth of accredited course and resources for staff and parents delivered through a whole school community approach.

To access and log into your parent account please follow the link: [NOS Parents' Enrol](#)

There is also an app where you can download free guides and watch short videos to keep you up to date with the latest games, apps and technology to keep your children safe online.

iPhone: [App Store](#)

Android: [Google Play](#)

We regularly send out to parents the Wake-Up Wednesday which is designed to be information on one

single page. The website is regularly updated too with safeguarding information and please share any concerns or thoughts you may around this subject.

This term we will be having our Harvest Assemblies in school and we are looking forward to our class assemblies that we used to have in place before Covid. We will be sending you separate information about dates and times so you are able to join us. Our very special Leavers Assembly in July for Year 6 was both special and memorable and we are thinking of our children who have moved on to Year 7. We are also re-launching our School Council this term so your child may be coming home soon and practising their speeches. The School Council is an important part of our school as well as instilling in the children the British Values that we weave into everyday life.

Have a good half term!

**Kevin Moloney**  
Headteacher

## Some Upcoming Events

- ◆ Years 5 and 6 pupils are swimming on Wednesdays
- ◆ Clubs this half term:  
Mondays, Trident Soccer, All Breakfast Club, Tues, Weds, Thurs, All  
Tues/Weds Homework, All Tuesdays, Computer, Bamburgh Tuesdays, Hockey, Years 5/6  
Weds, Guitar, Years 3-6  
Thursdays, Thunder, Bamburgh Fridays, Lego, All
- ◆ Etal Beach School  
Friday 30th September
- ◆ Bamburgh Beach School  
Thursday 6th October
- ◆ School Photos  
Friday 7th October, individual and family groups
- ◆ Nasal Flu Immunisations  
Friday 13th October, R-Y6
- ◆ Harvest Week, 17th October @ 9.15am and 19th October @ 9.15am, parents welcome.  
Please bring in donations for the food bank this week
- ◆ Ford Class Assembly for Parents  
Thursday, 20th October, 9.15am
- ◆ Ford Beach Day  
Friday, 21st October
- ◆ Break up for Half Term  
Friday 21st October
- ◆ Back to school  
Monday 31st October

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

### Hipsburn housekeeping...

The start of the new academic year is a good time to remind everyone, new and old, of some of the general day to day things which (hopefully) make the school run smoothly...



ParentPay is our online payment system. Please activate your account if you have not done so already - remember you need to add each child if you have siblings in school. Payment items, such as lunches, clubs, swimming and lots more will appear in your account. We appreciate you keeping on top of payments as they become active.

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 for our own recording purposes, 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.

If you have any problems or you've misplaced your log-in details, please contact the school office and we'll do our best to help! Thank you.



It's great to see pupils cycling and scooting to school! Please don't leave bikes and scooters on the school premises overnight - the grounds are not secure. Thank you.



Did you know we have a school pledge for all pupils? Check it out on the school website: [The Hipsburn Promise](#)



[Hipsburn School Lottery](#)

Did you know we have a school lottery? The PTA set this up after the pandemic as an alternative way of raising funds for school. Please take a look (click on the button above) - as well as supporting our school, there are prizes up for grabs for you too.

The first big prize draw is Saturday 17th September and there are prizes every week. Thank you and good luck!!



A massive thank you to all you recycling superheroes out there who helped us recycle bread bags, crisp and snack packets, batteries and dental products over the last few years. However, these schemes are now closed and we are no longer collecting items. Companies are getting better at recycling and most large supermarkets and local Co-op stores collect soft plastics and batteries to be recycled, so you can now drop them in when you shop.



Please do not send cakes or sweets in to school when it is your child's birthday. We have a number of children in school with allergies - thank you for your understanding.



**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



Here are more pictures from the Queen's Jubilee celebrations in school back in June. The weather was fantastic....



Here are preschool crown winners Poppy, Henry and Maddie proudly wearing their super crowns...

The sun shone on our early years' street party and for our fish n chips on the school field...



School is closed on Monday 19th September, the day of the Queen's state funeral

### Dukeshouse Wood

Northumberland, England

It was fantastic to see the return of both our London and Hexham residentials last term. Here are year 5s (now our year 6s) having a great time at Dukeshouse Wood in Hexham...



Huge congratulations to Etal Class Teacher Miss Gleghorn who got married in beautiful Santorini in the summer. She is now Mrs Atkinson and we wish the newlyweds all the best for their future together.

