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A time to remember ...



Some Upcoming Events

- ◆ Years 3-6 to Film Festival, 14th November
- ◆ Children in Need 15th November
Non-uniform
- ◆ Christmas Play
Whole school
Wednesday 11th December, 5.30-6.30pm
(no matinee performance)
- ◆ Christmas Play
Whole school
Thursday 12th December, 9.30-10.30am and 5.30-6.30pm
- ◆ Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 13th December, £1 to Save the Children
- ◆ Christmas Lunch
Friday 13th December, all pupils welcome!
- ◆ Lindisfarne Class Beach School
Monday 16th December
- ◆ Christmas Fair
Wednesday 18th December, 3.15-4.15pm
- ◆ Carols around the tree
Friday 20th December, 2.30-3.15pm, everyone welcome!
- ◆ Back to school, Monday 6th January 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

This time of year is very much a period of reflection - we start the month with remember, remember the 5th of November with all the fireworks and noise and then turn our thoughts to quiet remembrance of those lives lost in conflict. A big thank you to everyone who contributed to the poppy appeal in school - it is something we support every year.

November is probably the calm before the December storm as we hurtle towards the busy festive season - the upcoming events section tells you some of the things in store, but it really is worth keeping an eye on the calendar on the school website as we do our best to put absolutely everything on there!

The Hipsburn Promise

Last term we worked hard to agree 'The Hipsburn Promise'. We thought about what makes our school so unique and special. Within our promise we are focusing on three intentions - Responsibility, Resilience and Reflection (the three Rs). We have been looking at these in our assemblies and we will be thinking about the three Rs across everything we do at Hipsburn.

Here is the promise:

Everyone can:

- play and learn inside and outdoors
- develop lifelong skills to protect and care for the environment
- learn in an environment where everyone is respected and valued
- be rewarded for trying their best and helping others
- take part in celebrations and community events
- perform to a range of audiences
- eat lunch together, talk and play with friends
- participate in a wide range of clubs
- have their learning enriched through trips and visitors to school
- represent our school in competitions
- take part in Beach and Forest Schools
- experience a residential trip

Have a good term! Kevin Moloney

This second half of the autumn term is 34 days long meaning we break up on Friday 20th December. Ho, ho, ho.

CONGRATULATIONS



Staff news...huge congratulations to Mrs Johnson and the whole family on the safe arrival of baby Archie. He looks adorable - what a head of hair!

A big welcome to Miss Gleghorn who is settling well in Alnwick Class.

Also, a big well done to **Miss Jones** who has gained her NPQML (National Professional Qualification for Middle Leaders). This has taken a significant amount of extra work and study within a busy school environment - fantastic!

We love Lego

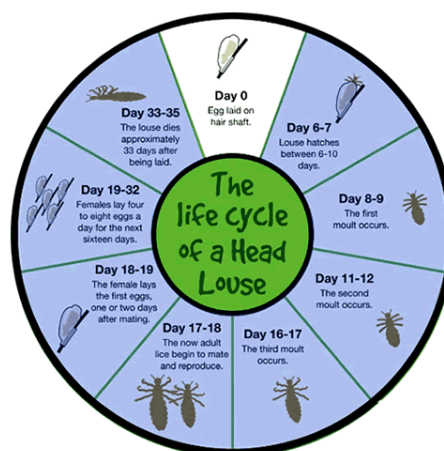
Do you have any spare Lego which you can donate to school? It is great fun and educational to use during wet playtimes and our Lego club (where we challenge ourselves with Lego building) would welcome more Lego too. Thank you.



Our junior librarians have had a successful first half term in their new roles, and our year 5s have also been supporting reading across the school by listening to younger pupils reading on a Friday afternoon. We have published lists of recommended reads for each year group on our website. We hope you find these useful in supporting your child's reading at home.



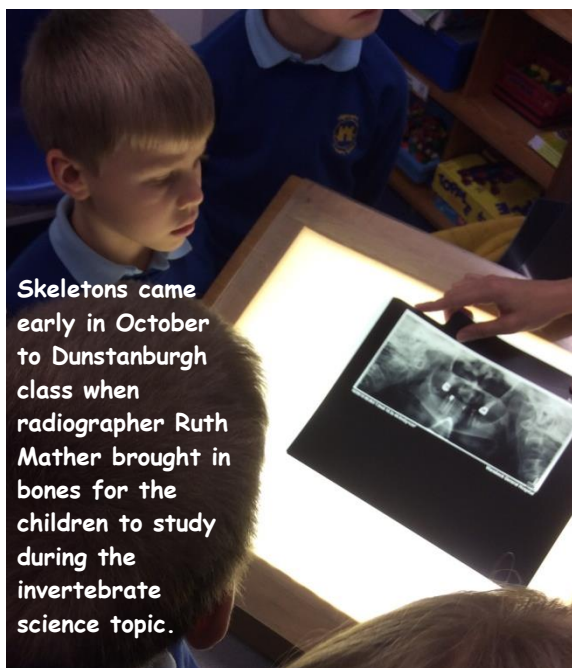
Don't forget to come in your spots for Children In Need this Friday 15th November. We're building a big Pudsey out of coins and decorating a biscuit or two and giving a prize to the person wearing the most spots!



Headlice have been reported in school, so please be vigilant and check your child's hair regularly. Further advice and information can be found on the NHS website.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

Dunstanburgh round up



Skeletons came early in October to Dunstanburgh class when radiographer Ruth Mather brought in bones for the children to study during the invertebrate science topic.



Wax lyrical! On Friday 8th November Dunstanburgh got crafty with Mrs Waugh and her fellow crafters as they made melted wax pictures. The children could then scratch areas off or add others colours until they reached the desired effect. It took a lot of concentration!



Dunstanburgh Class had a great time honing their bowling skills at Lesbury Bowls Club in September. Thanks to Colin and the team who bowled us over!

Fundraising news

The Halloween cake sale was a spooktacular success, raising £100 for school.

A big thank you to everyone who contributed cakes and to those who bought the goodies.



Please don't forget to 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, ASOS, Booking.com, eBay, Boden, and M&S and it's completely free! Our supporters have raised £1552 so far, so keep shopping and please use the link to sign up if you haven't done so yet. Thank you.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/hipsburnps/>



Parents, families and carers were treated to a wonderful Harvest Festival last half term. A huge thank you to parents and staff for your generous donations for the Alnwick Food Bank and a big thank you to Cherie for providing refreshments which raised a super £69 for school.



The PTA Needs Your Help!

The PTA is a volunteer-run organisation that raises money to provide extra facilities and activities for all our children to enjoy at Hipsburn Primary School. With your generous support, the PTA-organised events over the past year raised over £1500 - this is a phenomenal amount of money!

The next big event is the Christmas Fair on **Wednesday 18th December** and to make this year's even more successful, the PTA needs your help with both raffle prizes and donations.

Raffle Prizes Do you or your family/friends own a business that would like to donate a prize? A meal for two at a restaurant/café, afternoon tea, hamper, massage, beauty treatment, gardening, gift voucher? If so, we would be incredibly grateful if you were able to provide a prize.

Donations Cakes/brownies/cookies, bottles/gifts (for tombola), chocolates (for the incredibly popular tombola), cheeky bags - (cheeky bags will be sent home at the start of December, baked donations to be brought to school on the morning of 18th December - **THANK YOU!**



A school dinner costs £2.30
34 days @£2.30 = £78.20

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.



Year 5s are swimming for the second half of the autumn term, starting Wednesday 6th November.

Each session costs £4.50.
£31.50 for the half term.



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