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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the second half of the summer term. I hope you all enjoyed the half term holiday and that you managed to get time as a family to enjoy the weather. I cannot believe that we are heading towards the end of another school year! Although restrictions are slowly easing, we must, however, continue to remain vigilant and follow the government guidance to keep our whole community safe.

Several months ago one of our parents asked if she would be able to produce some artwork which could be displayed around our pond area. So, it was a lovely surprise when one wet Friday morning, Erica, Ben and mum arrived with two amazing pieces of artwork. I will be asking Jeremy our caretaker to put these up - once they are in place, please take a moment to wander over to our pond and have a look at the detail on these paintings. You may see some of our newts in the pond too!

This particular event reminded me of the positive support and talents of our parents, grandparents and members of

the wide community that have helped us in offering the best we can for our children here at Hipsburn.

Whilst it has been a challenge not to have an "open door" attitude for over a year now, I hope that it is not too long before we can open our doors again for adults to work with us in school.

In the meantime, please continue to follow the guidelines and enjoy the lovely weather that we are having.

Have a good half term!

Kevin Moloney
Headteacher



Recycling!

Please keep sending your items in for recycling - we accept bread bags, snack packets, dental items, batteries and printer cartridges (the small inkjet type). The link below shows you the kind of things we can recycle.

[Accepted waste](#)



Some Upcoming Events

- ◆ After School Multisports
Tuesdays, Ford Class
- ◆ After School Homework,
Computers and Crafts
Tuesdays/Wednesdays
- ◆ Bamburgh Class Trip to
Northumberland Zoo
Friday 18th June
- ◆ Dukeshouse Wood
Weds 30th June - Fri 2nd
July, Etal Class
- ◆ Year 6 Transition Day
at DCHS
Tuesday 6th July
- ◆ Bamburgh Class Beach
School
Friday 9th July
- ◆ Break up for Summer
Friday 16th July
- ◆ Teacher Training Day,
School Closed
Monday 6th September
- ◆ New Term Begins
Tuesday 7th September

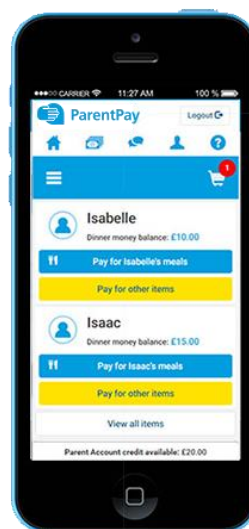
Please keep checking the calendar on the school website for more events



ParentPay - our new online payment service

We are pleased to announce that from **September 2021** we will be accepting payments online for items such as dinner money, school trips, milk, clubs and music. Using a secure website called ParentPay you will be able to pay online using your credit/debit card. ParentPay will be our preferred method of making payments to school. Some of the key benefits ParentPay will bring:

- ◆ ParentPay is easy-to-use and will offer you the freedom to make online payments whenever and wherever you like, 24/7
- ◆ The technology used is of the highest internet security available ensuring that your money will reach school safely - offering you peace of mind
- ◆ Full payment histories, balance alerts and statements are available to you securely online at anytime
- ◆ Using ParentPay also ensures that all financial transactions are safe and secure - helping us to remove costs associated with us having to manage cash securely on the school premises



How to get started with ParentPay?

Towards the end of this half term, we will send you your personal account activation details. Once you receive these you simply visit www.parentpay.com and set up your account, ready for September.

We need everyone to register even if your child does not have a school dinner or if you receive free school meals as we aim to take payments via this method for milk, music, clubs, trips and possibly even more things we haven't yet thought of!

Please do not make any payments to school via ParentPay before September 2021, as this is when the system goes live for us. We still need you to settle all outstanding payments by the end of this academic year, either in cash or cheque.

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STREETS

Walk to School Week 17th - 21st May

Well done to all the children in Key Stages 1 and 2 who managed to walk, cycle, scoot and stride to school this week. These children all earned stickers and a badge:

Key Stage 1 - **Ralph, Bertie, Alfie, Daisy, Erica, Heath, Martha, Anna, Megan, Freddie and Alice**

Key Stage 2 - **Charlie M, Blake, Finley, Verity, Oscar, Emma, Joseph BB, Connie, Isobel, Alexa, Harriet, Ben, Edward, Charlie K, Jack, Joseph R, Zachary, Emilia, George C, Freddie, Toby, James D, Andrew, Elsie, Ellie, Olivia-May, Eleanor, Kurt, James J and Lucy.**

PE Update...

Franki Clark, Head of PE & School Sport at Active Northumberland and School Games Organiser has sent her congratulations and certificates to year 5 for coming 3rd in the virtual School Games football

competition and to year 6 for coming 2nd in hockey. Both sports were played against local schools and results were emailed in then totted up. She will be in touch with regard to the county finals later in June. Well done Etal Class!

Cricket finals...

All children in year 4 have received a certificate for taking part in the virtual Northumberland Cricket Finals. They demonstrated the School Games values of passion, self-belief, respect, honesty, determination and teamwork as they competed with support from Tom Vickers, our local cricket development officer. We are all very proud of their achievements.



WW2 evacuee day...



On Monday 10th May, Ford Class had a great outdoor learning day based on their WW2 topic this term. The children gained a deeper understanding of what it meant to be evacuated during the war. They arrived at school looking fantastic dressed as evacuees with labels, gas masks and suitcases.



Dig for Victory!

The children planted seeds to take home and planted more vegetables in the school beds. Evacuee children often had to help out in the garden and farm to help feed the whole family. The children also planted a bean or pea plant to take home.

Air Raid Shelters

Even after children were evacuated to the countryside, there was still the threat of bombs. The children developed their team building skills to make their own shelters to hide in, just in case air raid sirens went off. They ensured the shelters were strong and safe and thought about what was needed in their shelter and how long they might be in there e.g. beds, chairs, food, books, radio etc.

Drama and Writing

In groups, the class wrote poetry, plays and postcards from an evacuee child's perspective. We discussed how children might have felt being taken away from their families and arriving somewhere completely different. Would they love it or hate it? Would all children feel the same?

Peg Dolls

The class made magnificent dolls, soldiers and animals from wooden pegs, material scraps and pipe cleaners. Evacuee children would have made similar toys to play with because no other toys may have been available.

During the two outbursts of rain the class took cover in the classroom, enjoying songs from WW2 including 'Run Rabbit Run', 'Don't Fence Me in' and 'In the Mood'.

The children (and adults) also found out about how families became creative to extend their rations by adding vegetables into some of their usual favourites, for example, carrot scones!



A fantastic day was had by all!
A big thank you to Bridie from Mudlarks and our brilliant governors.

A-quizzing and a-hunting...

National Reading Champions Quiz

A very big well done to our superstar team of enthusiastic Year 6 readers who took part in the regional heat of the National Literacy Trust's Reading Champions Quiz, alongside schools from all across the North East.

We are incredibly proud of their efforts and amazing knowledge of all things book related!

Here is a taster quiz question that the team has come up with for you to have a go at...

In Julia Donaldson's *Room on the Broom*, what did the animals on the broom do to escape the dragon?

- A. Together, they made themselves look like one big monster to scare the dragon
- B. They ate the dragon
- C. They shouted at the dragon to scare him away

Find the answer at the end of the newsletter!



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Trust



The Great Bug Hunt 2021

The challenge is simple- show us what you find!

We are taking part in The Great Bug Hunt 2021 across the school and it would be great if your family could get involved at home too. All you need to do is choose a local habitat and get exploring...then report your findings: this could be as a poster, report, poem, podcast- whatever you like!

Entries brought into school will be submitted to the national competition, where winners can receive a bundle of insect exploration related prizes. We will also be awarding prizes in school with a winning entry to be chosen from Early Years, KS1 and KS2.

We can't wait to see what you discover!



Proud to take part...



Did you know that every year June is Pride Month? Last half term our school helped to make pom-poms for a rainbow which is now displayed in the Duchess' Community High School in Alnwick.

The rainbow is an important symbol of LGBTQ + PRIDE. The colours represent equality, diversity, acceptance, tolerance and understanding and we were very proud to be part of its creation. Thanks to everyone involved in this project - it looks fab!

Bamburgh Class outdoors...

On Thursday the 22nd of April Bamburgh Class had a special Spring Watch Outdoor Learning Day working with Bridie from Mudlarks.

We started our day with some games, running, a scavenger hunt, talking and listening around the parachute and mindfulness activities. We worked in groups to learn all about birds in our local environment and look for signs of nesting birds. We also learnt how to stay safe when pond dipping and searched and identified living things in our school pond. Finally, we wrote froggy poems and stories to share and perform and made our very own Bog Babies out of clay.

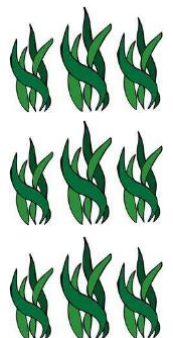
Bamburgh class would like to thank **Mr and Mrs Darling & Alfie** for looking after a sick and injured hedgehog that the class found last autumn. Mr and Mrs Darling looked after the hedgehog over the winter period in their garage; helping it to survive the cold. On our outdoor learning day, Mrs Darling returned the hedgehog to school for the children to see it being released back to its habitat in the school grounds.



Beach School Day - Rockpooling

On Thursday 27th May Bamburgh were thrilled to be able to have a Beach School Day. For the first time, Mr Moloney accompanied Bamburgh Class to experience and see how fabulous our Beach School Days are!

We had a great day exploring and observing rock pools. We found and identified many sea creatures and plants using ID charts. We found sea anemones, shore crabs, limpets, hermit crabs, barnacles and lots more! We collected and examined shells that had washed up on the beach, looking closely at their shapes and thought about the habitat and food they would eat. Finally, we recreated our own rock pools on the sand using a variety of natural objects we found on the beach to create art and sculptures.



Loving the great outdoors...

Well, it was another spectacular day at the beach for us and we just had the best time on our Alnwick Castle Class outing. This trip was an opportunity to link all our 'Great Outdoors' topic learning and combine our understanding about plants, insects and birds. We had so much fun observing, identifying, investigating and exploring all these things around the beach environment.

We explored the river walk, the dunes and up the 'mountain' (Bracken Hill) to collect so many different species of plants, identify birds and collect mini-beasts on our hunt. We used the beach for some imaginative beach art and worked hard as a team to create different challenges.

We showed great listening skills and were able to share our thoughts, remembered our manners and simply had such an adventure. **Well done Alnwick Castle Class!**



A school dinner costs £2.30
29 days @£2.30 = £66.70

Menus are on the school website. We would ask that you keep on top of lunch payments - in advance or on the day - thank you.

Please pay promptly - we like cash and cheques payable to NCC. You only need to write one cheque - just write on the back what it is you're paying for!

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



The answer to the quiz question on page 4 is AI

Thank you!

A big thank you to the Appleby Trust for their recent generous donation to school. We have been able to buy extra chrome books, headphones for the children and purchase a licence for the Lexia programme, which supports reading across the whole school.

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.