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Welcome back to school!



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all had a lovely summer break and I would like to 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. We have already had one class trip in our first week and as a whole school will embark on an outing to watch the Tour of Britain.

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 and 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 that they reach their potential.

As always - keep an eye on the website and in particular the online calendar for all the latest events. We try to upload photos here too!

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.

Last term it was a privilege to read the children's reports before they were shared with parents. Thank you to those parents who have completed the return slips with feedback. It is not too late to return these slips as they help us to continue thinking about how to develop as a school community. Please return these to the school office as soon as possible.

Similar to last year we will be having a Welcome Event after school on Friday 20th September at 3.30pm - everyone is welcome and the theme this year is Hogwarts - further details to magically follow!

Have a good term!
Kevin Moloney



This first half of the autumn term is 38 days long meaning we break up on Friday 25th October.

Some Upcoming Events

- ◆ Tour of Britain
9th September
- ◆ Year 5 Swimming
11th September
(every Wednesday)
- ◆ Duns Class to
Lesbury Bowling Club
12th September
- ◆ Book Fair
16th-20th September
- ◆ Duns Class Beach
School
19th September
- ◆ Welcome Event
20th September
(details to follow)
- ◆ Bike to School Week
23rd-27th September
- ◆ Flu Vaccinations
16th October
Reception to year 6
- ◆ Harvest Festival
21st & 22nd October
Separate letter to
follow. Donations to
the Alnwick District
Food Bank
- ◆ Dunstanburgh Class
Assembly
24th October 9.00am
- ◆ Halloween Themed
Cake Stall
25th October at 3pm

Leavers' round-up

We said goodbye to our year 6s at the end of term – we shall miss them but wish them well in their new high schools. We hope they all have fond memories of their time here at Hipsburn.
Here are a few reminders...



A bronze award for Hipsburn

Well done everyone!

We have worked hard as a school and as an eco-school committee to get our **Eco-Schools Bronze Award**.

Our recent recycling projects continue to show how committed we are in helping our environment. We will continue to recycle many things – remember we collect bread wrappers, snack wrappers, batteries and dental items (toothpaste tubes, boxes & outer packaging, toothbrush heads). Take a look at the recycling section of Eco School on our website for more information.

Watch out for an Eco School Press Release in September which will give information about our action plan and takes us forward. Let's keep up the good work and get the Silver Award!



The book fair is in school next week and you are welcome to come along and browse after school.

The fair will be in Bamburgh classroom and parents can access the fair directly from the KS1 yard (the room is the one facing the log cabin for our new parents)

Your library needs you!

Our school library depends on the kindness of volunteers to keep it running every week on a Friday afternoon. If you can spare a couple of hours and would like to help, please let the office know, thank you.



Didn't we have a lovely time
the day we went to beach
school



The Pirates of Dunstanburgh Class had a brilliant beach day on Monday 15th July to celebrate the end of their topic. Boat building, making aquarium bottles, shark attack races, treasure hunting and face-painting in the sun on Alnmouth Beach - all made for the perfect day. Children shared their knowledge of famous pirates, navigation, types of ship, diseases and punishments followed by sea shanties and more games.

Thank you to everyone who came along to help.
Great fun was had by all!
Miss Haswell



Play leader training

On Thursday 18th June Year 5 children and the PE Committee from Years 3 and 4 had an afternoon of training with Keziah Gilbert, the Alnwick & Berwick School Games Organiser. The training prepared them for their posts as Play Leaders in September. Hannah was particularly impressive, having a brilliant attitude and energy. All the children received a Change for Life Champion's certificate.

Well done!



Morning routine... Teachers will be on the school yard from **8.45am** each morning. At **8.50am**, at the sound of the school whistle, teachers will line up with their class and take the children in to school. School will start at **8.55am**.

If you find the class has already gone in to school and the doors have been shut - please take your child to the school office to sign them in and gain entry.

In adverse weather, children will be greeted by a member of staff at the door to Bamburgh Castle Class and sent in to the hall.

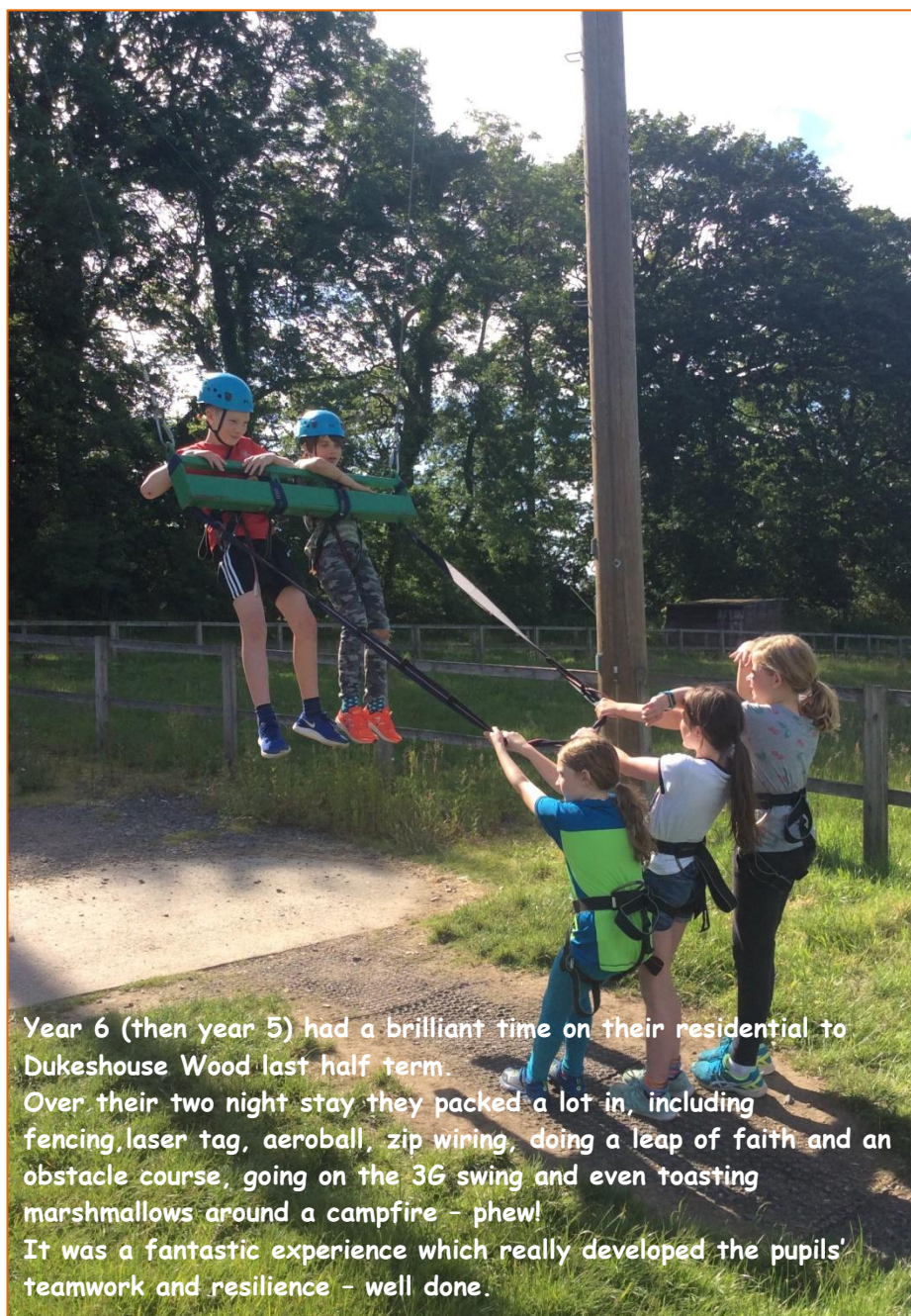
Home time collection at 3.15pm will be as normal, from the classrooms.

Please report any absences to the school office by **9.15am latest** - you can leave a message on the phone system at any time.

Staff news...we have two new members of staff who started with us this September. Miss Barron is an Apprentice Teaching Assistant and Ann Coyne is our new Lunchtime Supervisor. We welcome both of them to our Hipsburn team.



Yoghurt pots wanted...we are collecting large empty yoghurt pots (see pic for size - other brands are available!) for a project in November. We would appreciate you sending these in before the half term break in October - thank you.



Year 6 (then year 5) had a brilliant time on their residential to Dukeshouse Wood last half term.

Over their two night stay they packed a lot in, including fencing, laser tag, aeroball, zip wiring, doing a leap of faith and an obstacle course, going on the 36 swing and even toasting marshmallows around a campfire - phew!

It was a fantastic experience which really developed the pupils' teamwork and resilience - well done.



A school dinner costs £2.30
38 days @£2.30 = £87.40

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 whole of the autumn term, starting Wednesday 11th September. Each session costs £4.50.

£31.50 for autumn 1;
£31.50 for autumn 2;
£63.00 in total.



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