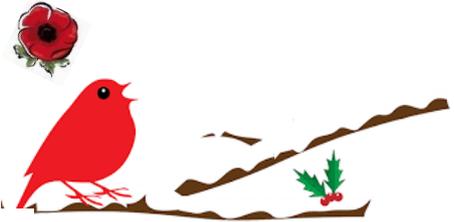




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Dear Parents and Carers,

Once again, I would like to take the opportunity to say thank you for your recent donations for the Alnwick Food Bank. The display of these gifts in our school hall demonstrates how much we care for both our local and the wider community. Just before we finished for the half term holiday, John arrived to collect the donations and he was delighted by the quantity. Harvest is very much a time for thinking about how lucky we are, but it is also an opportunity for us to think about how we care for others. As a school we are a very caring community and we strive to ensure that we work with all our children and all our families to ensure the best possible environment for our children. Our school vision that ripples through everything we do is:

The most valuable gift we can give a learner is to enable them to think for themselves, to care for others and thereby acquire a sense of self-worth and confidence which can be used to benefit both society and the individual.

We are also very lucky to have the Appleby Trust and the Alnmouth Burgage Holders who care about our school and give us generous donations towards our Beach Schools and the many resources you see across school, such as the outdoor equipment. We are currently in the process of buying more resources to improve reading and outdoor learning opportunities across the whole school.

Any donations we receive are used for the benefit of our children and recently I visited a member of the community - Lawrayne Hughes, who wanted to give us a generous gift from the estate of Fiona Gebbie.

Fiona completed her teacher training when there was a college based in Alnwick Castle and she did her teaching practice at Hipsburn. (The college closed down in 1977). Lawrayne, who is managing the estate, thought it would be appropriate to give the school this gift of book vouchers and we are very grateful. We will be using them for prizes in the future.

The PTA needs you..

The remaining members of our existing PTA plan to hold an AGM this half term and are keen to recruit new members - more information to follow.

As always - keep checking the calendar and the school website - we have a very busy few weeks ahead of us in this run up to the festive season!

Have a great half term!

Kevin Moloney, Headteacher



Some Upcoming Events

- ◆ Clubs this half term:
Mondays, Trident Soccer, All
Breakfast Club, Every Day, All
Tues/Weds Homework, All
Tuesdays, Dance, Yrs 3-4
Weds, Guitar, Yrs 3-6
Thursdays, NUF Games, Yrs 1-4
Thursdays, Christmas Crafts,
Yrs 1-2
Fridays, Lego, All
- ◆ Swimming Etal Wednesdays
- ◆ Ford Beach Day
Friday 10th November
- ◆ Children in Need
Friday 17th November
- ◆ Etal Beach Day
Friday 1st December
- ◆ Christmas Play EYFS/KS1
Tuesday 12th December -
9.30-10.15am
Wednesday 13th December -
2.15-3.00pm
- ◆ Christmas Play KS2
Tuesday 12th December -
2.00-3.00pm & 5.30-6.30pm
- ◆ Dunstanburgh Beach Day
Friday 15th December
- ◆ Christmas Dinner/Christmas
Jumper Day
Monday 18th December
- ◆ Bamburgh Beach Day
Wednesday 20th December
- ◆ Carols around the tree
Friday 22nd December, 2-3pm
- ◆ Break up for Christmas
Friday 22nd December
- ◆ Back to school
Monday 8th January 2024

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

Bearpees for Pudsey...

The Pudsey Bearpees Challenge - the most Spotacular challenge yet...

It's that time of year again and we are very excited to be supporting Children in Need once again on **Friday 17th November**. As well as doing lots of activities within our classes, this year we will be taking on the 'Bearpees Challenge'! Our PE coaches from NUFC will be supporting us by teaching the children how to safely do the bearpees and then we will be all set for the challenge on the day.



In addition, children can dress up for the day as 'Pudsey as they can'. Dress in spots (think socks, scarf or even a whole spotty outfit) or be Pudsey yellow for the day. We have set up a dedicated link on ParentPay for your CiN donations - please click on Pudsey to make your donation. Thank you!

Safety first...



Last half term we had a special assembly led by our visitor from Northumberland Council. She came to talk to us all about road safety and how to keep ourselves safe.

In particular, we talked about being seen especially as the days get darker, how to walk safely near roads (on the path, with an adult and away from the curb) and finally how to cross the road safely. We practised 'STOP, LOOK, LISTEN and THINK!'

We always like to think of how to keep ourselves safe as well as each other so it was a perfect reminder and a wonderful way to show our knowledge and respect to an outside visitor.

Archie C recently took part in a 6km night walk up Humbleton Hill to raise money for HospiceCare North Northumberland. It was an organised walk by the charity. We set off at 5:30pm and got to the top an hour later as the sun was setting. We walked back down in the dark and made it back to base at 7:30pm. He did amazingly well and smiled all the way. He has so far raised £210 for the charity. Fantastic achievement Archie!



Great fire beach day...



Bamburgh Castle class had an amazing 'Great Fire of London' beach day with Bridie from Mudlarks! We used all of our knowledge about the Great Fire of London to recall some amazing facts. Then we built what London looked like during 1666 in the sand. Each group included key features such as close houses, narrow streets, St Paul's Cathedral, Thomas Farriner's bakery and even a hole for Samuel Pepys to bury his cheese!



In the woods we talked about how we knew it was autumn and collected different types of leaves that had fallen off the trees and other precious autumn



finds, each group displayed and talked about what they had found. In the woods we talked about how the 'Great Fire of London' started with a spark. In groups we had a go at creating sparks using a flint and steel.

Later we went back to the beach and talked about different types of materials. Then in groups we collected items that had been washed up on the beach. We then created museums to display and categorise our collected finds.



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. Thank you.

School opens at 8.45am for pupils (unless they are attending breakfast club at 8.15am). Registration is at 8.55am. If your child is going to be absent or late, please inform the school office by 9am - there is an option to leave a message when you ring or you can drop us an email at:

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Autumn in Alnwick class...



Well done, **Alnwick Castle Class** - your first half term at school is complete and you should be so proud!

Just before half term we had a week of celebrating our Harvest Assemblies. You did an amazing job of retelling 'The Enormous Turnip' with your action story and your singing with the whole school was wonderful.

We have been recapping our Set 1 sounds learnt so far, writing some spells and doing some Halloween maths to recap our counting, subitising and representing numbers. We have thought about all we know about Harvest from our own celebrations to religions like the Jewish festival of Sukkot.

We have been having a bit of fun with Halloween so tried some skeleton art and songs and it is has been a great way to think back to earlier in the term when we learnt about our body and senses.

There has been so much fun and adventures - here's to another great half term!



Christmas potatoes

One of our parents will be selling their delicious Buston Farm potatoes in the football club car park in the run up to Christmas. They will be there on Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st December from 8.30am.

The potatoes (nectar variety) are: 25kg-£10; 12.5kg-£6; 5kg-£4 No need to pre-order.

If you would like the heritage potatoes they have:

Mayan Gold, Red Emmalie, Shetland Black, Pink Fir Apple, Violetta, Red King Edward or a mixed box.

The heritage potatoes need to be pre-ordered by Tuesday 19th December (text Karen on 07900 167 399). They are £14 for 5kg or £28 for 10kg.

