Weekly Information / Reminder Email 21st October 2026

Dear parents and carers,

I have collated some information / reminders below which I hope you find useful.

National Online Safety 'Wake Up Wednesday' guides for parents and schools.are available on our website click here

Winning Crew

Congratulations to West Crew, who won the most jewels for their good manners, kindness, attitude and hard work at the last count! An amazing 447 jewels!
All children in West Crew will be able to come to school in non-uniform on Friday 23rd October.

Harvest Festival

A huge congratulations to all our incredible children for their singing at last week's Harvest Festival. It is a wonderful experience to see our youngest children (aged two) right up to our oldest children aged eleven performing in front of such a large audience. I am always so impressed that we seem to have new songs every year as well as some of the old favourites. I am sure you will agree the children sang with immense confidence, enthusiasm and the harmonies and singing in rounds was fantastic.

We would also like to thank you for your generous donations to The Alnwick Food Bank. The volunteers have asked me to pass on their heartfelt thanks for your support.

The Great Choco Apple Sales

Thank you to all who supported our sales over the last 2 weeks. The children raised a fantastic £142.70 towards resources for future gardening clubs.

FREE Tickets Alnwick Playhouse

There are 60 free tickets available for pupils and their parents to attend Gaby Gulliver's Travels at Alnwick Playhouse on Saturday 24th October.

🎭 Event details:
Gaby Gulliver's Travels – Alnwick Playhouse
How to claim your free tickets:
Book online: Visit the event page and use the code SGFGABY when booking.
Book by phone: Contact Alnwick Playhouse directly on 01665 660550.
Please note that this offer is available for the **Saturday performances only**.

Assembly Focus:

This week, our children explored the history and traditions of Halloween. Rather than just focusing on sweets and costumes, the children took a step back in time to discover where these familiar autumn customs actually come from. The children learned that Halloween began over 2,000 years ago with the ancient Celts. They celebrated a festival called Samhain (pronounced 'SOH-in'), which marked the end of the harvest and the start of a cold winter. The Celts believed that during this time, the boundary between our world and the spirit world became blurred. As Christianity spread across Europe, the old Samhain traditions blended with Christian holidays. November 1st became All Saints' Day (also known as All Hallows' Day) making the night before All Hallows' Eve —which eventually shortened to the word Halloween.
We ended the assembly with the children enthusiastically describing their costumes and plans for Halloween. They are all very excited about the School Halloween Disco this Friday!

Celebration Assembly

Our Friday afternoon Celebration Assemblies are a wonderful way to recognise our children's achievements. During this time, we present our weekly Star and Headteacher certificates to celebrate their hard work and positive attitudes. We also hand out the attendance owl to the class with the highest attendance for as well as Year 6 announcing the jewel totals and the overall winners for the week too. It is a busy assembly!

We also love celebrating what our children achieve outside of school. If your child has recently earned a medal, trophy, or certificate, or has participated in a competition, we would love to share and value their success. Seeing these achievements is incredibly inspiring for the rest of the school and helps children learn to appreciate the talents of their peers.

Please send any achievements into school with your child on Friday mornings so we can celebrate them together. Thank you for supporting this special part of the school week.

Northumberland Parent Forum - SEND Conference

See poster attached

Children in Need

This year, we will be celebrating Children in Need on **Friday 13th November,** following this year's 'Run for Pudsey' theme. Throughout the week, each class will take part in the Daily Mile every afternoon, working together to reach our school goal of running for Pudsey. If you would like to support fundraising, please donate using the link below. On Friday 13th November, children can come to school in their own clothes, wearing something yellow or Pudsey-themed. Etal will also be joining in by completing their Daily Mile on the beach.

Click here for Hipsburn Primary School's Just Giving page

Diary Dates

Fri 23rd Oct - PTA Disco

Fri 23rd Oct - School closes for half term

Mon 2nd Nov - Back to School

Weds 4th Nov - Ford Class to Alnwick Playhouse

W/b Mon 9th Nov - Scholastic Book Fair

Fri 13th Nov - Etal Beach Day , Children in Need

(Please note we may have different Teacher Training Days to the DCHS)

Christmas Activities / Events - More details will follow soon

Christmas Play - Tues 8th and Weds 9th Dec

Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day - Thurs 10th Dec

PTA Christmas Jolly - Fri 11th Dec

R to Y6 - Alnwick Playhouse - Weds 16th Dec

Carols Around the Tree - Fri 18th Dec 1.30pm - Families welcome

Signposting

Northumberland Family Hubs have asked us to share the attached posters regarding loan sharks

Trident Soccer - starts 2nd Nov - please contact Ryan directly to book a place - letter attached