Weekly Information / Reminder Email 1st 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

Playground Equipment

Please may we remind parents/carers/ grandparents of the following:

- Children should not arrive at school before 8.40am (unless at breakfast club)

- The play equipment **should not be used before 8:45am or after 3:00pm,** no matter how tempting it may be. For safety reasons, the equipment can only be used during times when staff supervision is in place.

Thank you for you

Ford Class - Swimming

On Wednesday the 7th of October, Ford will be going swimming as usual but their session will involve learning about water safety. Please can all children bring:

- Their normal swimwear
- A t-shirt
- A pair of shorts

School Assembly Focus:
This week, our children took part in assemblies focused on understanding homelessness, exploring what it means to have a safe and secure home, and the power of community kindness.
During the assembly, the children discussed what makes a house feel like a home—focusing on feelings of safety, dignity, and belonging. We explored how homelessness can look different for everyone, noting that it doesn't just mean sleeping on the streets; it can also mean living in temporary accommodation, shelters, or moving between safe places.
The main message of our assembly was centered on empathy and social responsibility. The children came up with practical ideas on how our school community can help support others, such as The People's KItchen.
Next week, we will be focusing on the Alnwick Foodbank and the work of volunteers.

Gardening Club

We have had a successful few weeks Bramble Picking and Apple Picking - it has been a lovely way to begin preparing for our Harvest Festival. Next week (5.10.26) we would like you to bring a vegetable or your choice that we can make into vegetable creatures!

We will then be preparing for our Great Chocco Apple Sale on Tuesday 13th October 3.15-3.30pm so keep the date for your diaries!

Alnwick Beach Day

We would really appreciate some parent volunteers - please respond to this email if you are able to help.

Y6 Parents only

Please see a letter attached from DCHS.

A Big Thank You from the PTA

A big thank you to everyone who came along to the Cricket Club on Saturday 19th for the Lesbury Autumn Show and to all parents who helped with the games and in the marquee. Thanks also to everyone who donated teddies to adopt - we'll definitely do that again. After expenses, we made £414!

We had some great prizes and we'd like to thank:

Morris and Plumley Vets, Jobsons of Alnwick, Scot JCB (and Wayne at Scot JCB who donated the Defender Teddy), Allison Wort, McDonalds, Billy Shiel, Hutchinsons, Paxtons, Sheriffs, Alnmouth Post Office and the Cricket Club for inviting us along to take part.

Next up is a **Halloween Disco on 23rd October** - see attached. Please save the date - we will let you know when booking opens.

Cauliflower Cards

The PTA are doing Cauliflower Cards again this year. Forms will be sent home shortly. If you're new to the school this is a do-at-home art project to design your own Christmas cards. Please follow the Hipsburn PTA Facebook page for more information and design tips.

Diary Dates

Fri 2nd Oct - Bamburgh Beach Day

Sat 3rd Oct - Hipsburn Choir at St Mary's Church Lesbury 10am

Tues 6th Oct - Y6 to Berwick, Sports Leader Training

Weds 7th Oct (am) - School Photographs

Fri 9th Oct - Alnwick Class Beach Day

Tues 13th and Weds 14th Oct - Harvest Assembly 9.05am (Doors open after drop off)

Tues 13th Oct - Y3/4 and Y5/6 Football Teams to tournament

Tues 13th Oct - 3.15pm - Choco Apple Sale

Mon 19th and Weds 21st Oct - parent teacher meetings

Fri 23rd Oct - PTA Disco - details to follow

Fri 23rd Oct - School closes for half term

Fri 11th Dec - PTA Christmas Jolly - details to follow