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Dear Parents and Carers,

A huge welcome back to the start of this new academic year! It is lovely to see our returning and new pupils in school learning once again and we have our fingers well and truly crossed that this will be the norm going forward, with no further disruption to school life.

I want to stress once again, particularly for our new parents, our commitment to keeping our children safe when online. This is equally true at home as well as in the school environment. Last term we joined **National Online Safety (NOS)**, the world's most comprehensive provider of online safety resources.

Our membership with NOS provides a wealth of accredited course and resources for staff and parents delivered through a whole school community approach.

To access and log into your parent account please follow the link: [NOS Parents' Enrol](#)

There is also an app where you can download free guides and watch short videos to keep you up to date with the latest games, apps and technology to keep your children safe online.

iPhone: [App Store](#)

Android: [Google Play](#)

Special thanks...

To everyone who kindly brought in gifts and cards for staff at the end of last term - it means a lot to us to read your positive comments and messages and the treats were much appreciated too!

Also thanks to **The Burgage Holders of Alnmouth** who have generously financially supported our beach schools over the last few years. I'm delighted to inform you that they are continuing their support over the next 5 years. Having experienced a beach school at first hand, I know how much well-being as well as learning takes place on these days. We are lucky to have such a fantastic resource on our doorstep and to have such support to enable them to take place on a regular basis.

Have a good half term!

Kevin Moloney
Headteacher



#OnlineSafetySavvy

Some Upcoming Events

- ◆ Etal Class are swimming on Wednesdays
- ◆ Clubs this half term:
Mondays, Cookery Etal
Mondays, Trident Soccer Ford
Tues/Weds Homework, All
Thursdays, Lego, All
Fridays, Thunder, Bamburgh
- ◆ Great Big Green Week
18th-26th September
Celebrating action on climate change
- ◆ Reading Meeting for Reception Parents (online)
Tuesday 21st September, 5-6pm
- ◆ Bamburgh Beach School
Thursday 23rd September
- ◆ School Photographs
Thursday 23rd September
- ◆ 50th Anniversary Event
Friday 1st October
- ◆ Year 5 Kingswood Presentation
Friday 15th October, 3.30pm
- ◆ Harvest Week, 18th October
Please bring in donations for the food bank
- ◆ Ford Beach School
Thursday, 21st October
- ◆ Kingswood deposits due
Friday, 22nd October
- ◆ Break up for Half Term
Friday 22nd October
- ◆ Back to school
Monday 1st November

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

A great send off...

Last term the year 6s enjoyed a fun-filled day of celebrations for their final day of primary school, including pizza-making, a 'guess who' with their baby photos and an outdoor disco!

We would like to wish them all the very best in their new adventures - you're off to great places, off and away (we will miss you..)



Hitting the right note...



On Wednesday afternoons last term, Alwick Class had a real treat. We were lucky enough to have Mr Moloney come along and do some special music lessons with us.

We have been using a programme called **Charanga** which has meant lots of singing, learning about singing the right note, keeping a rhythm and beat and even playing the glockenspiels. Wunderbar!

Did you know we have a school pledge for all pupils? Check it out on the school website:

[The Hipsburn Promise](#)



Fantastic Football!

In light of the Euros preparation last term, pupils in Alwick Class did their very own football practice at the end of their mini Olympic Week. They worked on their skills and even had a go at taking penalties. Keep up those ball skills!





Back in July (remember the summer?) Ford had a fabulous, fruity, Frisbee Friday. The children prepared strawberries, washed blueberries and chopped peach slices, before mixing them with meringues and cream, to make their own versions of an Eton Mess, a Ford Mess? The field was full of flying Frisbees! What an action packed afternoon we had with SO many facts to take on board! I wonder what amazing facts you can remember? A perfect science week before our growing topic last half term... we have so much fun exploring within our amazing school grounds.



Ford Class have harvested the crops they planted and cared for earlier this year. What a bumper crop of onions and potatoes! The children are also closely watching 7 courgettes as they grow...



Shop and grow...

Morrisons Good to Grow Scheme is offering a Grow Token for every £10 spent in store or online. Download the MyMorrisons app today to start collecting tokens and choose Hipsburn Primary to donate them to. We will then be able to exchange the tokens for FREE gardening equipment to help get our children growing.



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.

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



After a few teething issues (and no doubt there will be more!) we are up and running with our online payment system. Please activate your account if you have not done so already - remember you need to add each child if you have siblings in school. Payment items will appear in your account, but please have patience as we are new to this too!

A reminder that all pupils in reception through to year 2 receive universal free school meals. It can look a bit confusing on ParentPay as the meals are logged, but there is nothing to pay. Only children in preschool and years 3 and above pay for their lunches, unless you qualify in your own right for free school meals.

If you have any problems or you've misplaced your log-in details, please contact the school office and we'll do our best to help! Thank you.



[Hipsburn
School
Lottery](#)

The PTA have had to think a little more creatively about fundraising for school as their more usual events and activities have been non-existent over this last 18 months or so.

To this end, the PTA have set up a school lottery. Please take a look (click on the button) - as well as supporting our school, there are prizes up for grabs for you too.

The first prize draw is Saturday 18th September.
Thank you and good luck!!



1970s

Re-born on
01/10/21

It's a milestone birthday for us this autumn as Hipsburn Primary School is 50 years old! We are so proud of our little rural school community and we are keen to celebrate the event as much as we can. To this end, pupils are invited to come to school on **Friday, 1st October**, in fancy dress, if they wish - 1970s style of course as that's when we first opened (some of us can even remember the 70s). Think bell-bottoms, floral, tie-dye or basically anything that screams disco. There will be activities all day for the pupils to enjoy, celebrating our half-century in style.

Our plan then was to invite parents along for an after-school event on the same day. The Local Authority currently states that pupils should not be mixing with other classes either in school or in the grounds, so unfortunately, as things stand, we cannot go ahead with this. Things may change, as they often do in these days of Covid, so we will keep you informed if the guidance allows us to go ahead with this event nearer the time. So, fingers crossed that it will go ahead and save the date in case it does!