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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back and once again, 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.

Online safety

The online world is posing an ever-increasing risk to children, and it is important that schools, parents and carers work together to take an active role in teaching children about online dangers. Learning how to act safely when using the internet is an incredibly important part of safeguarding our children. For over three years the school has been using resources from the National Online Safety platform and you will be familiar with the "Wake Up Wednesday" information that you receive on a weekly basis. NOS (National Online Safety) provide a wide range of resources and training materials for parents and carers as well as for schools. The resources include Parents & Carers courses, online video resources and weekly guides covering a huge range of topics, including:

- Online Relationships
- Fake Profiles & Social Bots
- Online Bullying
- Online Grooming
- Child Sexual Exploitation
- Sexual Harassment & Violence
- Sexting
- Live Streaming
- Online Challenges
- Social Media Platforms
- Radicalisation, Terrorism & Extremism
- Age Inappropriate Content
- Fake News

- Online Reputation
- Personal Data
- Pornography
- Targeted Adverts & Pop-Ups
- The Dark Web
- Games & Trends

The child friendly highly colourful graphics of a game can sometimes mask and mislead parents into thinking that the software is harmless and presents no risks. The Wake Up Wednesday information is invaluable in supporting adults become more aware of the risks around what our children can or could access.

To create your account, please follow <https://nationalcollege.com/enrol/hipsburn-primary-school> and complete your details. When you're set up, you'll be able to set 'Parent/Carer' as your user type. You can access National Online Safety online via any device- including via their brand-new smartphone app.

Answers to frequently asked questions and customer service can be accessed at <https://helpdesk.thenationalcollege.co.uk/helpcentre>

If you have a problem accessing these materials please contact the school office.

Have a great half term!

Kevin Moloney, Headteacher

Some Upcoming Events

- ◆ Clubs this half term:
Mondays, Trident Soccer, All Mondays, Drama Club, Yrs 4-6
Breakfast Club, Every Day, All Tues/Weds Homework, All Tues, Board Games, Yrs 3-4
Thursdays, NUF Football, Yrs 1-2
- ◆ Swimming Ford Wednesdays
- ◆ Scholastic Book Fair
11th-15th November
- ◆ Children in Need
Friday 15th November
- ◆ Etal Beach Day
Friday 22nd November tbc
- ◆ Alnwick Beach Day
Friday 29th November tbc
- ◆ PTA Film Night
Friday 29th November
- ◆ Ford Class to Woodhorn
Monday 2nd December
- ◆ Ford Beach Day
Friday 6th December tbc
- ◆ Christmas Play Whole School
Tuesday 10th December -
2.15-3.00pm
Wednesday 11th December -
9.30-10.15am
- ◆ Christmas Play KS2 Only
Wednesday 11th December -
5.30-6.15pm
- ◆ Christmas Dinner/Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 12th December
- ◆ Bamburgh Beach Day
Friday 13th December tbc
- ◆ PTA Christmas Jolly
Friday 13th December, 3.15pm
- ◆ Carols around the tree
Friday 20th December, 1.30-
2.15pm
- ◆ Break up for Christmas
Friday 20th December
- ◆ Back to school
Tuesday 7th January 2025



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

Get active for Pudsey

Following on from the great Pudsey Bearpees Challenge last year, we will once again be challenging all of our pupils to be active and to try and make life lighter for children who may be suffering with mental health issues...

It's that time of year and we are very excited to be supporting Children in Need once again on **Friday 15th November**. This year's theme is all about helping less fortunate children with mental health issues and we know that keeping active fosters a positive and healthy attitude, so our PE coaches from NUF will be supporting us on the Thursday with various activities.

In addition, children can dress up for the day on Friday 15th 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 below to make your donation. Thank you!



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. Thank you.



Buston Potatoes will be selling potatoes, crisps, oils and vinegars from the football club car park on **Wednesday 18th December** from 8.30am to 9am with a share of proceeds going to the school. More information will be shared on the PTA Facebook page.
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1458038254841670>

Martha and Ralph recently took part in a 6km night walk up (and down) Humbleton Hill to raise money for HospiceCare North Northumberland. They were absolute stars - well done!



Pupil voice



Our new school council members have now been elected by the pupils. They have had their first meet and greet session and are already considering ideas for the next meeting.

They will represent their classes and the school at various activities and events during the coming year. They will be the voice of all our children at Hipsburn and will discuss and share ideas from their classes, which will help to inform and be a part of the decision making in our school.

Our new school councillors are:

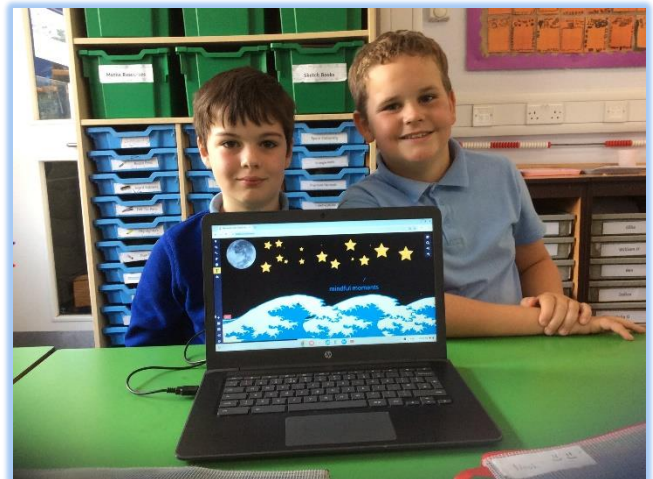
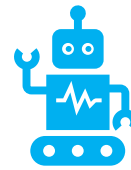
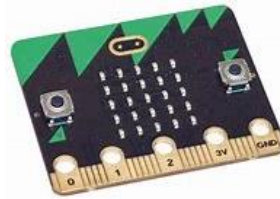
- Alnwick Castle Class - Henry and Sianna
- Bamburgh Castle Class - Emily and Flora
- Ford Castle Class - Ella and Abbie
- Etal Castle Class- Hector and Tilly



Coding is fun

Ford Castle Class have had so much fun making timers using microbits. The children took time to plan the best length of time for their timer by evaluating other timer products that are familiar to them. Following this, they completed some tricky programming to make a timer that counted down from a set time. Once completed, they then debugged and edited their design. They were able to display a symbol after the timer had counted such as an alien or heart. They even managed to make the microbit timer play music, giggle and say hello when shook! Excellent teamwork and resilience shown!

The class worked really hard to create logos that match their mindful, microbit timers! The children used sketchpad to layer clipart and create an effective logo. We discussed brand identity and made sure the logos matched the product.



Harvest festival



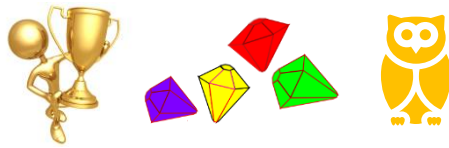
It was lovely to see parents and grandparents in school for our harvest festival. Here are some of the children practising before the big day with a live audience!

We hope you enjoyed it - thank you to everyone who gave generous donations for the Alnwick District Food Bank.

Here's to the next performances in December...



It's a celebration



Every Friday afternoon we have celebration assembly in school. Outstanding work and effort is shared and exemplary behaviour is celebrated too. We also celebrate those that have demonstrated our learning behaviours of Resourcefulness, Resilience, Reflectiveness, Relationships, Respect and Risk taking.

We announce the jewel winning crew for that week as well as awarding the attendance owl to the class with the highest attendance.

Children also share their achievements outside of school with others, should they wish to do so - please encourage them to bring in any awards/certificates to share on the Friday. We have seen some fascinating trophies and certificates over the last few years - please keep sending them in as it is lovely to see and share the achievements of our children.

Every half-term, we are going to practise all the skills we have learned and have crew competitions in our last PE lesson of the term. Our school sports leaders will announce the winners in our celebration assemblies.

In autumn 1, the overall winning crew was West and everyone in West crew received 3 jewels each. Well done!



A hint of the story...

With a script by Sue Langwade, our vibrant, colourful and contemporary panto this year is packed with quirky characters old and new, and will keep you on the edge of your seat. All with a hint of Snow White!

In the multi-coloured, mystical Kingdom of Duluxembourg, a land overlooked by a charming castle, a panto was brewing! Come and join us as we dive into into this fabulously fun adventure with enchanted forests, some super-skilled individuals, magical mirrors and a Queen sassy enough to bring the house down!

This isn't a story you'll want to miss. (Oh no you won't!) Performances run on Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th December - please remember to fill in the google form and let us know how many to expect! Thank you.

<https://forms.gle/vyvQx9NmKgpzK2Q8>



SSOC (School Sport Organising Committee)



All of our year 6 children have now been trained up as our new sports leaders. Last term some of them represented Hipsburn in Berwick for their training and had an amazing time learning new sports skills. They have already begun to use these new skills with the younger children in school. They are very proud of their achievements.



Tennis festival



Some of Etal class represented our school at the Alnwick tennis festival at Alnwick tennis club. It was a chance for our children to gain tennis skills, and for some, having the chance to experience a new sport. It was open to all abilities and we had a lovely mixed group of beginners and more experienced players attending.



Please keep checking your ParentPay account and keep up to date with payments to school. A reminder that only pupils in preschool and years 3 and above pay for school dinners (unless you qualify for means tested free school meals)



A big thank you to everyone for supporting the recent **Light Festival** - it was a great success and enjoyed by many! The mist descended as the day wore on, but the weather didn't dampen the fun and enthusiasm.

Well done to the pumpkin carving winners - 1st place Lauren, 2nd place Laura and 3rd place Flora.

With your help we managed to raise a fantastic £568!



Lights, Camera, Action!



Movie Night is on **Friday 29th November** in school - see further details below. Please pay for tickets on ParentPay to book your child's place by Friday 22nd November.

MOVIE NIGHT
 HOSTED BY THE PTA
Friday 29 November
 3:15-5:30 pm
 Screening starts at 3:30
 Tickets £3

FILMS
 Years 1-6 Despicable Me 4
 Pre-school & Reception Toy Story

SNACKS & DRINKS
 Available to purchase (cash only)
 Bring a packed tea (nut free)
 & a comfy blanket/cushion

Please pay via Parent Pay by Friday 22 November to book your child's place

All pre-school & reception children are required to be accompanied by an adult



Christmas Jolly, ho, ho, ho...

The Christmas Jolly will be taking place on **Friday 13th December**, where the raffle will be drawn. There will be stands, games, mince pies and mulled wine.

We need your Jolly Jars! Please can we ask that each child contributes a jolly jar for the Tombola. You can have fun putting this together, please see the images on the left and below for inspiration! Please return jars to the school office by Monday 9th December.



HIPSBURN SCHOOL CHRISTMAS JOLLY

REFRESHMENTS - MULLED WINE
 MINCE PIES - PRIZE STALLS
 THE CHRISTMAS RAFFLE - GAMES
 JOLLY JAR TOMBOLA

13TH DEC | **AT 3:15PM**
 IN THE SCHOOL HALL

CASH ONLY

All proceeds will go to the school PTA who are raising money to improve our outdoor facilities.

Keep in touch...

The PTA now has its own dedicated email address for any queries/suggestions you may have - hipsburnschool.pta@gmail.com

The PTA has also set up its own Facebook page with the hope that all parents/carers/guardians who use Facebook will join (it is a private group and there are a couple of security questions to answer). The page will contain information about forthcoming events. The link to the page is [Hipsburn School PTA | Facebook](#)

