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Welcome back to school

Dear Parents and Carers,

Summer is here at last and we are on the final leg of our academic year. For our Year 6s, this is their last few weeks at primary school and it can be an emotional time for both pupils and staff alike as we bid them farewell and wish them all the best for the future. They have just returned from their residential trip to London (a great time was had by all and there'll be a full report in the next newsletter) and they have the Leavers' Assembly coming up plus their celebration night out at The Plough in Alnwick. A busy time for them but all of which will give them great memories as they move on to pastures new.

We've made a good start to our recycling ethos as an Eco School, collecting bread and snack wrappers, batteries and dental products. Please keep sending in your items and please don't forget that we are a collection point for the Alnwick District Food Bank and appreciate donations all year round. Many thanks.

A huge thank you to everyone who donated items (and time!) and to all parents, grandparents, PTA members and Trident who helped make the Hipsburn Football Festival run so smoothly. The weather was pretty awful, but the players battled on regardless with Hipsburn United claiming the winners' trophy. Fantastic effort, well done to the team!

Have a good half term.

Kevin Moloney

This weekend (15th and 16th June), Alnmouth will host its annual Alnmouth Arts Festival, and, as usual we have been hard at work preparing our own entry! For our whole school project, pupils worked with local artist Daniel Weatheritt to create a collection of drawings and paintings on an ocean theme. These have been bound together to create a mysterious book, which looks like it has just washed up on the shore! Our book will be on display in the village, so make sure you pop along to have a look.



Some Upcoming Events

- ◆ Bike to School Week
10th June
- ◆ Beach School Duns Class
Thursday 13th June
- ◆ Alnmouth Arts Festival
15th and 16th June
- ◆ Sports Day
Tuesday 18th June, 1-3pm
- ◆ Sports Day for Preschool
Wednesday 19th June, 9.15am
- ◆ Beach School Etal Class
Monday 24th June
- ◆ School Games Finals Day
Thursday 27th June
- ◆ Beach School Alnwick Class
Monday 1st July
- ◆ Ford Class Assembly
Tuesday 2nd July, 9.15am
- ◆ Yr 5 Dukeshouse Wood
3rd-5th July
- ◆ Yr 6 Transition Day DCHS
Thursday 4th July
- ◆ Yr 6 at The Plough!
Thursday 11th July
- ◆ Beach School Duns Class
Monday 15th July
- ◆ Yr 6 Leavers' Assembly
Wednesday 17th July, 2-3pm
- ◆ Beach School Lindisfarne Class
Thursday 18th July

Please keep checking the calendar on the school website for more events as they happen

Beach Schools are fun...

A fantastic time was had as Dunstanburgh developed their identification skills rock-pooling on Alnmouth Beach on Friday 24th May. The children were also lucky enough to see Moorhen chicks, swallows, swifts, herons and a cormorant drying its wings in the sun on the way to the beach. The children found everything from dog whelks to velvet swimmer crabs in the pools and worked well in teams to complete a challenging scavenger hunt and create beach art.



Staff news...our 2 apprentices, Miss Monkhouse and Miss Thompson will be leaving us at the end of June, having both secured jobs, still in education. We wish them well. Jillian from preschool will also be absent from the end of June and we wish her a speedy recovery and look forward to her return in September.

Uniform matters...we have a number of pupils losing items of uniform. Can you please ensure all school uniform has your child's name in it so items can be reunited with their owner! Thank you.

This second half of the summer term is 35 days long meaning we break up on Friday 19th July, ready for the long hot summer weather!

Award achievement

Ford Class has been working extremely hard to achieve the Arts Award. In order to achieve the award pupils have been learning the violin, taking part in dance lessons, writing poetry and they even visited the Old School Gallery in Alnmouth to research local artists.

They have already presented their work to the whole school including staff and governors, and they will also perform a few pieces on their violins at The Alnmouth Garden later this month.

A huge well done to Ford Class!



On Friday 7th June, Ford Class celebrated World Oceans Day. We raised awareness to the rest of the school by dressing up in sea themed costumes. Our lessons for the day were based around World Oceans Day; we made bar charts in maths to show how many animals have been affected by pollution and wrote a letter to Anne-Marie Trevelyan in our English lesson. It was lovely to see all the children make a real effort and feel the passion that they have towards our world and saving our oceans.

Miss Allen



A school dinner costs £2.30
35 days @£2.30 = £80.50

Menus are on the school website. We ask that you keep on top of lunch payments - in advance or on the day - thank you.



Year 4s are swimming for the second half of this summer term, starting Wednesday 5th June. Each session costs £4.50.

£22.50 for summer 1;
£27.00 for summer 2;
£49.50 in total.



It's been a busy sporting time recently - here are just some of the highlights.

Congratulations to the Yr 5/6 Tag Rugby team on qualifying to take part in the Northumberland School Games Festival on 27th June. A big thank you to Mr Middlemist for the extra coaching session! The Year 6 Hockey Team will also go through to the finals.

Football League winners! The team were outstanding on Friday May 24th beating the local competition to be winners of the League. A big thank you to Matt Currie and Richard Straughan for refereeing and team management throughout the season.

Congratulations to Year 3 who took part in a Personal Best competition at Willowburn on, Monday 20th May. The children worked with children from local schools to achieve their personal best on a wide range of stations: Target Throws, Agility Course, Speed Stack, V Sit, Hurdle Agility, Word Connect, Chest Push, Golf and Balance. The schools nominated our Year 3s for two Determination Certificates!

As Jesse Owens, winner of 4 gold medals said: *'We all have dreams. But in order to make dreams come into reality, it takes an awful lot of determination, dedication, self-discipline, and effort.'*

Well done Year 3, we are very proud of you!

Miss Haswell



Congratulations to our brilliant Year 5/6 Tag Rugby Team who won at the North Northumberland Finals on 22nd May - we are so proud of you. The team members are excellent role models, demonstrating the spirit of the School Games. Which value is your strongest and which do you need to work on?

Determination	Teamwork
Self-belief	Honesty
Passion	Respect

Keep going no matter what. **Determination** is about the journey you go on to push yourself and achieve your dreams. Have the mental strength and self-discipline to overcome obstacles, commit to your goals and keep working every day to become the very best you can be. Don't hold back!

You've got to believe to achieve. Have the self-belief and confidence to succeed and reach your personal best.

Treating everyone equally, supporting each other and working together to have fun and achieve. Celebrate each other's success and be a positive team player.



Be honest with others and with yourself. Have the courage to do the right thing and what you know is right. Let the best person win, not the best cheat.

Giving it 100 per cent. Put your heart and soul into the game and never give up. Passion makes you enter the race and passion makes you finish it.

Show respect for the referee, for the opposition, for your team mates, for yourself and for the game. Accepting victory and defeat with grace, treating others politely and with understanding. Have respect every day, in every sport and for everyone.



Safeguarding update: Volunteering at Hipsburn

All parents who help the school by kindly giving their time to support us must go on the school website and read the documents regarding safeguarding which can be found under the **Our school** tab, **Volunteering at Hipsburn**. Once you have read the documents, please fill in and submit the Google Form to state you have read and understand the 5 documents. Thank you!

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