**U11 ENSFA FOOTBALL LEAGUE – Friday 8th March 2019**

Hipsburn Primary vs Swansfield Park Primary

HT: 0 – 0

FT: 3 – 1

The first half was quite eventful despite the empty score line. In the first ten minutes there was not a single shot on target and the game was very plain, until a dangerous header by Swansfield (number 13) shook the Hipsburn crossbar and was then cleared by Joe (Hipsburn keeper).The next ten minutes were very much dominated by Swansfield with a rapid fire of shots, but the Hipsburn defence remained firm with strong tackles and good clearances. Nearing the end of the first half, Hipsburn bounced back with some immense teamwork leaving Swansfield in shock. Number thirteen and ten for Swansfield showed some amazing link-ups which led to a couple close calls for Hipsburn.

At half-time Hipsburn was given a motivating team talk that boosted their spirits that led them to plough on in the second half with just as much energy as they did in the first.

Right at the start of the second half Hipsburn were forced to defend against Swansfield’s endless attacking force. A few minutes later Hipsburn defender, Toby, made a break-away run down the wing and took a fantastic, left-footed shot that curled sweetly into the bottom left corner and the Hipsburn players went wild with joy. Swansfield Park did not drop their heads and continued to play good football. Much to Hipsburn’s dismay, Swansfield’s hard work paid off as they found a gap in the Hipsburn defence and played a free-ball through to number 9 which led to a tidy finish. Even after conceding a goal, Hipsburn piled on the pressure and Finn made it to the Swansfield box. He took a powerful shot that came off the post and another that was expertly saved by the Swansfield keeper that deflected off a Swansfield defender which left Finn with an easy tap in. But Hipsburn were forced to defend a well-positioned free kick after a clumsy challenge by Hipsburn defender- Charlie. Luckily, the Hipsburn midfielder Ed deflected the shot with the side of his face. Then Hipsburn were on the attack and Ruaridh finished a quick break-away goal and, seconds after, the final whistle blew.

After a very physical but exciting game Hipsburn won 3-1, many thanks to the referee Richard Straughan, and to Joe Costello who coached Hipsburn.

By Ruaridh, Charlie and Toby

 Year 6

Well done Hipsburn!