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Welcome back and a fond farewell....



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope everyone has had an enjoyable and restful summer break and I would like to welcome you and your children back to Hipsburn Primary for the new school year. We have been delighted in the way that the children have settled so quickly into their new classes and we all look forward to another successful school year.

A special welcome to new pupils and parents across the school and to our new Reception children; I hope you will be very happy here.

We are a warm and welcoming family school and both staff and governors work hard and are very committed to the school and I will continue to work closely with them, to ensure that the children receive the best possible education.

As always, we keep the website up to date so please check the online calendar on a regular basis for all the latest events.

Should you have any questions, queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff or myself who will be more than happy to help you.

We look forward to working in partnership with you in the coming months.

We said goodbye to our first year 6 cohort at the end of term and we wish them all every success at high school. A few of them have contributed to this newsletter, so look out for their stories!

Have a good term!
Kevin Moloney



Lining up!

A reminder that our morning routine has changed for the new term.

Teachers will be on the school yard from **8.45am** each morning. At **8.50am**, at the sound of the school whistle, teachers will line up with their class and take the children in to school.

School will start at **8.55am**.

Alnwick Castle and Lindisfarne Castle classes will line up on the key stage 1 yard. Alnwick Castle will line up closest to the ship on the yard - staff will be on hand to help!

Key stage 2 children will line up on the KS2 playground.

If you find the class has already gone in to school and the doors have been shut - please take your child to the school office to sign them in and gain entry.

In adverse weather, children will be greeted by a member of staff at the door to Bamburgh Castle Class and sent in to the hall.

Home time collection at 3.15pm will be as normal, from the classrooms.

Some Upcoming Events

- ◆ Book Fair
10th-14th September
- ◆ Year 5 Swimming
12th September
(every Wednesday)
- ◆ Welcome Celebration
28th September
(details to follow)
- ◆ Harvest Festival
22nd & 23rd October
Separate letter to follow. Donations to the Alnwick District Food Bank
- ◆ Flu Vaccinations
23rd October
Reception to year 5
(More details nearer the time)
- ◆ Basketball Competition
25th October
KS2 at DCHS
- ◆ Ford Class Bake Sale
Halloween/Harry Potter themes
26th October at 3pm

This first half of the autumn term is 38 days long meaning we break up on Friday 26th October.

Leavers' round-up

We said goodbye to our (first) year 6s at the end of term - we shall miss them but wish them well. Here is a look at what they got up to before breaking up. In their own words.....



Year Six Leavers' Assembly

On Wednesday 18th of July, year six had their assembly to celebrate and remember their time at Hipsburn. This included a play, award ceremonies and a special look back at some great moments.

In their play, year six acted as teachers and performed a play written by themselves. Different classrooms and settings in the school were included in their performance. Maybe the parents in the audience received an insight as to what really goes on at Hipsburn...

Next, there were some awards for the year sixes that describe them well, as decided for by the teachers. And then, the year six pupils presented awards for the teachers!

And finally, there was a PowerPoint presentation for the year sixes, including a look back at old photos from their time at the school, which has been most of their lives for some pupils.

The parents and families were welcome to look around the school hall at some photos found on the school website and computers that were printed around from previous years at the school. Drinks and snacks were provided just before home time, so that parents can take their actors home! The audience of the school and parents loved the assembly dedicated to the school's leavers, and we were all very excited to act in it and watch it!

Sadie

Beach day was amazing...

.... we all had a great time, even some of us made new friends. I will be telling you about the beach day. There were 3 other schools there, swans field , Felton & hipsburn primary school (us).the first activity was this or that e.g. cats or dogs then you would run to one side. The two leaders names were Bridie & Helen. The second activity was making a den. Then we had lunch. Then we did an awesome scavenger hunt at the end we got sweets. We had so much fun at the beach.

Charlotte H



The Plough

The plough was very wonderful, the food was divine and the music was fit for the mood of the party.

When everyone came in everything was prepared and then the food came in the right temperature and the dessert came and it was marvellous, how it was laid out and the taste was breath taking.

When we went to dance everyone was well behaved and the music was great!

(I'm pretty sure everyone's favourite part was Sadie's wacky dance moves)
I hope the year 5s will enjoy their party next year as much as we did.

Angelina





A school dinner costs £2.30
38 days @£2.30 = £87.40
Menus are on the school
website

**Swimming on Wednesdays
for year 5s
Starts 12th September**



A swimming lesson costs
£4.50
7 sessions @£4.50 = £31.50



Please pay promptly - we
accept cash and cheques
payable to NCC. Thank you.



The book fair is in school next
week and you are welcome to
come along and browse after
school.

The fair will be in Bamburgh
classroom and parents can access
the fair directly from the KS1
yard (the room is the one facing
the log cabin for our new parents)

Wedding bells
congratulations to
our TA Miss Prior
who got married
over the summer.
We wish Mr and
Mrs Bell all the
best!



Sporting silver

At the start of the summer we received the fantastic news that we achieved our Silver Games Mark Award!

This makes it the second year in a row for us to participate in this award and achieve this wonderful result. It is thanks to our fixtures, events in school time and in our after school clubs that have been enjoyed by our ever active pupils. This year, with the help of Mrs Burroughs, sports coaches and increasing inter-school events, we have continued to see a rise in a great variety of activities that the children can participate in. Well done to the active pupils of Hipsburn!

We can't wait to see what activities you get up to next and please see our PE Board for news and updates, we already have inter-school fixtures timetabled for the year ahead in a range of sports.

Happy active sporting times for Autumn 2018 in the meantime!



Ford Class - the long hot summer may seem a lifetime ago, but it was on one of those scorching hot days that Ford class went to the Alnwick Garden for Musical Roots. The class performed on their ukuleles as part of the Northumberland Musical Roots Celebration Day. The children performed songs including 'Shake it Off', 'Uptown Funk' and 'Rockin' All Over the World'. The children were fantastic and it was great to see so many parents supporting them at the Gardens.



*Musical
dudes*

Children in Ford Class performed a super assembly celebrating Ancient Greeks including bartering, Gods and Goddesses, slavery, famous Greeks, Olympic Games, pottery and finishing with the Greek myth of Arachne the Spinner.



*Greek
Gods...*

School Council

This year Hipsburn started a new group - led by Miss Cowell - called the School Council. At the start of the year children who wanted to be part of it, sent in an application letter describing why they should be in the school council. The children read this in front of their year group. Everyone then voted for who they wanted to be part of the school council. We normally have at least one meeting per term, where we talk about things the children or teachers have suggested. These include new equipment for the playgrounds, different after school clubs, crew treats and more. After we write down all of our ideas, they go to Mr Moloney who reviews the ideas, and if he thinks they are appropriate the school try and put them into action. Each September, 2 new children from each year group will be selected to work with the school council and come up with their own ideas. It is an amazing opportunity for children as it lets them come up with some ideas - rather than just the teachers and adults coming up with it all!