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Summer is on its way...

A warm welcome back to Hipsburn Primary for the final, summer term of the academic year. We hope you like our new look newsletter, which we hope will give you a flavour of what's coming up over the coming weeks.

This first half of the summer term is 29 days long (Monday 7th May is a bank holiday), meaning we break up on Friday 25th May for the half term break. We break up for summer on Friday 20th July.

Some Upcoming Events

- ◆ The Alnmouth Show
27th & 28th April
- ◆ SATS Week KS1
30th April
- ◆ Northumberland
Country Zoo
Bamburgh/Lindisfarne
10th May
- ◆ SATS Week KS2
14th May
- ◆ London Trip
6th to 8th June
- ◆ Glendale Show
Dunstanburgh Class
7th June
- ◆ Hipsburn Football
Tournament
9th June
- ◆ Alnmouth Arts
Festival
16th to 17th June
- ◆ Dukeshouse Wood
4th to 6th July
- ◆ Year 6 Transition
Day DCHS
5th July
- ◆ Year 6 Celebration
Evening
The Plough, Alnwick
12th July
- ◆ Year 6 Leavers'
Assembly
18th July

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school! I hope you have enjoyed the Easter break and that the children are raring to go in the summer term.

As usual, there is a lot planned to support and engage our children in their learning so please check the dates for activities in the newsletter. More information will follow as additional dates/events become known - don't forget our website calendar is updated regularly! We have two residential trips this term - one to London for year 6 and one to Dukeshouse Wood for year 5 - so, a busy time for children and staff!

One date I would like to draw your attention to is Wednesday 20th June. At 2pm, parents are welcome to visit us and see how Maths Mastery is working across the school. We have worked very hard this year on this new approach to maths and we would like to share our journey with you.

The school grounds have been tidied over the Easter holidays and we will be using the outside areas around our school for a range of lessons. We will update you on our work via the website.

Finally, we take the safety and well-being of all our pupils and staff extremely seriously. I wanted to share with you the following comments of David Street, Commissioner for Primary and Early Years Education within the local authority. He visited our school on Tuesday 13th March:

"From my visit it is clear to see that there has been a root and branch review of all safeguarding procedures since you came into post.

"It was good to see that procedures for access to the school site were robust and that the issues you had identified regarding the perimeter fence have been addressed.

"It can be a difficult act to match the safeguarding needs of the children while remaining an open and welcoming environment for all, yet I believe the school is now finding the correct balance.

"It was particularly pleasing to see the work done by governors in supporting your ongoing review of procedures and improvements. With their support and external view point the school is sure to remain vigilant in driving forward with further aspects of safeguarding best practice.

"As you noted to me yourself, safeguarding is the responsibility of everyone engaged at the school - staff, governors, parents and children. With all those groups supporting, discussing and helping move the agenda forward you are sure to create the safest learning environment possible."

Have a good term!
Kevin Moloney

It's time for lunch...

A school dinner costs £2.30
29 days @£2.30 = £66.70

**Swimming is fun...
for year 4s**

A swimming lesson costs
£4.50
6 sessions @£4.50 = £27.00
Whole term = £58.50

**If music be the food of
love...**

Violin lessons costs £45.00
Violin hire costs £22.00



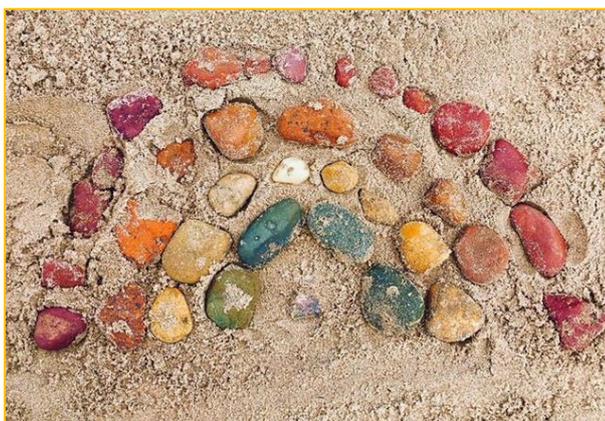
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U11 Football news

Our year 5 and 6 footballers are flying the school flag in the ENSFA league. They have won 2 out of their 3 games - check the website for full match reports and results.

**Book Fair success**

A big thank you to everyone who came along and made our book fair a huge success. Your purchases gave us a whopping £493 to spend on books for school!

**SATS and your child**

This half term sees SATS tests for our year 2 and year 6 pupils. It is essential that your child is in school and doesn't miss these exams. Remember, Mr Moloney is also running an after school SATS club for all year 6 children on a Thursday after school.

Year 6 parents are invited to come along to a SATS meeting on **Friday 20th April at 3.30pm** to find out more.



Did you know you can help raise money for school if you shop online? Simply go to www.easyfundraising.org.uk, type in Hipsburn in search for a cause (Friends of Hipsburn will appear) and join! You can download the app too - just make sure you go through the easyfundraising site or app to your chosen retailer and every time you shop, the school receives a donation. It's easy.

Take me to the beach...

Bamburgh class have had a fantastic time with Beach School, exploring the beautiful local environment.

A big thank you to Mrs Ellis and Mrs Melkerts for everything!