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Dear Parents, Carers, Pupils, Staff, Governors and Friends of New Hinksey,

PLEASE READ THIS LETTER! It has become apparent that many people are not reading the weekly newsletter and are therefore uninformed about what is happening in school including dates and times for events and meetings. If your child is not very efficient at handing over the newsletter, please go to our website www.new-hinksey.oxon.sch.uk where the weekly newsletters can also be found. Thank you.

It has been another busy week in school – KS2 rehearsals, sports day, visits to new classes as well as continuing with learning activities in the classroom. Reports were sent home on Tuesday which we hope you have all received and enjoyed reading with your children.

News from Classes:

Foundation Stage – We enjoyed the most fantastic Sports Day. We all participated in the races and in cheering each other on whether balancing beanbags on our heads or eggs on spoons! We all ran in straight lines and there were no injuries! We also made our teachers very proud by being mature and well behaved when we met our new teachers on swap around morning. Please remember to inform Foundation Stage staff if you do not want your child to be face painted.

Year 1 – We have enjoyed all the ‘changes’ to our classes this week. We spent some time thinking about and discussing the comfortable and uncomfortable feelings that we can have when we move up to Year 2. In ICT we have been learning SID’s top tips to keep safe online (see this week’s homework for more information).

Year 2 – We have been measuring our hands, classroom teddies and objects. Sonia measured us and most of us have grown 6cm in 6 months! We really enjoyed exploring the woods, pond and meadows at Boundary Brook Nature Park on Monday. We made beautiful books to record the experience. We enjoyed our ‘move-up’ morning being Doves and getting to know Mrs Tucker and Mark.

Year 3 – In History we have been learning about and designing our own hill forts. We made nettle soup and bread and had a prehistoric feast with food from the Stone Age, Bronze Age and the Iron Age. We have enjoyed rehearsing for next week’s play and meeting our classes for next year.

Year 4 – We have created our own Egyptian gods and turned them into puppets. Hopefully by the time you are reading this we will have enjoyed an entire morning at the outdoor pool where we played, splashed, raced and had all sorts of water fun. We completed the scientific diagrams of mini beasts which we drew with mathematical precision.

Year 5 – We have been busy practising our parts for the end of year production, as well as making props and getting our costumes organised. We enjoyed our ‘move-up’ morning and felt very mature as Year 6s – we are looking forward to being the oldest in the school next year with Miss Potier, Mrs Sumser and Carol.

Year 6 – We have been applying our maths skills to helping Mrs Sumser rearrange the Kingfisher class room this week. We created scale drawings of the available space and furniture. We have also been working on props and costumes for ‘The Keymaster’.

Sports Day – Both the Foundation Stage sports on the playground and the school sports day in the park were very successful and the rain held off just enough for us to complete the carousel of events. Every child did very well indeed, working together and having a try at all the activities with enthusiasm. It was good to see many family members watching and supporting too. We would like to commend the exemplary attitude and effort that the Year 6s (and a few Year 5s) displayed in their role as team leaders. It was a joy to see them encouraging and helping younger members of their team in such a mature way – THANK YOU TEAM LEADERS.

Parents are welcome in our school

After School Club and Wrap Around Bills – The deadline for payment of the June bills is today, Friday 14th. Please make sure these invoices are paid over the weekend if you have not yet done so. Thank you.

After School Club for next year

The Club is filling up very fast for next year. Please confirm your requirements for next year by email to Tracey. Her email address is office.3213@new-hinksey.oxon.sch.uk

In September the bills for July will be distributed (apart from current Year 6). In addition, bills will be issued for prompt payment for places booked for September. Thus, people will be paying in advance for regular booked places. Those people who book occasionally will be billed at the beginning of the next month. However, there is no guarantee that there will be spaces for occasional bookings.

The Keymaster – There will be performances of this production (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6) at **2pm in the school hall on Tuesday 18th and Wednesday 19th** next week. Please come and watch on one of the days. All of the reception class, Year 1 and Year 2 will watch the dress rehearsal on Monday afternoon so the younger children will already have seen their brothers and sisters perform. Please use the main playground gate which will open at 1.45pm.

Year 6 Leavers' Assembly – we will be holding our special farewell assembly for the Year 6s on Thursday 20th July at 9.15am in the hall. Each Year 6 child makes a speech and there is singing and presentations too. Please can families ensure that every Year 6 pupil has someone in the audience to mark this special event.

SOAP – All of years Reception to Year 6 will need a packed lunch on Thursday 20th as we are going to South Oxford Adventure Playground for a picnic and some outdoor play. Reception children will have their picnic in school and then come to SOAP for an afternoon play so the day is not too long for them. All children will need sensible shoes and clothing suitable for outdoors that day.

Cake Sale – Last week's sale raised £77 for School Association funds. Thank you to all who baked, set up and sold cakes that day, and to those who bought and ate them!

Reward Box Donations – thank you so much to the parents who donate small gifts, toys and stationery items for Mrs Haynes' reward box. It is much appreciated and the children's eyes light up when they see the huge selection of things to choose from.

Goodbye – We wish Mrs Wendy Wilkins a fond farewell and thank her for her amazing work as our PPA teacher this year. Hopefully we will see a bit of her next year doing supply and booster teaching.

PLEASE DO NOT FORGET THAT TERM ENDS AT 1PM ON FRIDAY AND ALL CHILDREN SHOULD BE COLLECTED PROMPTLY.

Wishing you all a happy weekend.

Yours sincerely

Charlotte Haynes

Dates for Diaries

Tuesday 18th July – Key Stage 2 performance at 2pm in the school hall

Wednesday 19th July – Key Stage 2 performance at 2pm in the school hall

Thursday 20th July – Year 6 Leavers Assembly at 9.15am (parents please try to ensure every child has a guest in the audience to hear their speeches)

Thursday 20th July – End of Year day out at SOAP (packed lunch needed by all children Reception – Year 6)

Friday 21st July – End of Term at 1pm

Come and see Chase and Marshall on the 1st August 2017, Broad Street Oxford.

To celebrate kids go free* with the Oxford Tube, the heroic pups will be making appearances at intervals throughout the day from 11.30am.

Come along and see your favourite PAW Patrol characters, as seen on Nick Jr. and explore one of our Oxford to London coaches. Pick up a children's activity pack and set of colouring pencils for your next trip to the capital on board the Oxford Tube.

*Free travel is based on up to 2 children aged between 5 - 15 travelling with one fare-paying adult between Oxford and London. T&Cs apply, visit oxfordtube.com for details.

