



# New Hinksey CE Primary School

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

Well we have all made it to the end of another eventful school year! Children have made great progress in their learning and have also benefitted by a plethora of enriching trips, visits, workshops and extra-curricular activities. The school cannot fulfil its ethos and values without the support of everyone who is part of the school community and I would like to say a public thankyou to everyone for the part you play in making New Hinksey a very friendly, nurturing and successful school – pupils, governors, parents and grandparents, local clergy, neighbours, friends of the school and especially each and every one of the wonderful, dedicated staff who are a fantastic team to work alongside and who daily do so much to help every child be the best they can.

## News from Classes:

**Foundation Stage** – We had a really exciting Monday morning thanks to Cathrin (Carl-Johann’s mummy) and Sarah’s face painting skills – many thanks for that. Thank you also to the many parents who attended our lovely ‘Teddy Bears’ Picnic’. We played circle games, had a story and entertained the rest of the people in the park with our singing. We say a fond farewell to this year’s Reception class – they really have been a pleasure to teach.

**Year 1** – We have taken all our books home and helped to tidy the class. We have enjoyed reflecting on all the hard work we have done in Year 1 and have noticed all the progress that we have made! Our cake making skills were put to use when we all made fairy cakes to ice and eat of course! We really enjoyed watching the dress rehearsal of The Keymaster and the end of term activities in class.

**Year 2** – this week we have been looking at the potatoes we grew at the allotment. In groups we have cooked 6 different potato recipes (!) and the whole class have tried and even enjoyed some of them! We have worked so hard in Year 2 and made great progress and deserve a lovely break this summer. Remember the summer reading challenge at the library which sounds brilliant.

**Year 3** – We have had an enjoyable last week. We have had fun playing and constructing our own maths games. We have reviewed our favourite parts of the year which include our ice skating trip, making nettle soup and the Christchurch singing trips. Year 3 were brilliant suffragettes and workers in The Keymaster and we all loved learning and singing the songs.

**Year 4** – This week has been a winding down period after all our hard work over the year. We enjoyed performing The Keymaster, as well as enjoying each other’s company playing games. We have loved getting to know and being taught by the enthusiastic and happy Miss Phephi Mzizi and wish her all the best and good luck in her next school in Bicester and also for the future. Goodbye and thank you Phephi!

**Year 5** – We enjoyed our performances this week and hope you did too. We have been finding out about some of the important people in various Civil Rights movements including Martin Luther King, Mahatma Gandhi and Nelson Mandela, and producing Powerpoint presentations which we have shared with our classmates. Enjoy the summer break!

**Year 6** – We have had an emotional last week in school performing The Keymaster, making our leavers’ speeches, playing at SOAP and preparing to say goodbye. Everyone at school would like to wish this group of children the very best of happiness and success in their futures. Good bye and God bless to Abdullah, Aleemah, Ava, Bella, Cornelius, Davey, Hiba, James, Kayleigh, Kyshia, Lana, Luca, Maddie, Max, Molly, Olivia, Poppy, Sanaa and Saul.

**School Lunches Next Term** – We have been notified that **the price is going up to £2.20** for each lunch, starting in September. Also if your child is currently in Year 2 and is going into **Year 3 in September** then you **will need to start paying (using ParentPay) for their school meals**. The government scheme of free meals is only for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children. Thank you.

*Parents are welcome in our school*

### **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](mailto:office.3213@new-hinksey.oxon.sch.uk)

In September the bills for July will be distributed (apart from current Year 6 and other leavers). **In addition, bills will be issued for prompt payment for places booked for September. Thus, people will be paying monthly 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** – The end of year Key Stage 2 performance was a huge success and much enjoyed by everyone – lively acting, enthusiastic singing, fabulous props and the odd joke thrown in as well. Well done and many thanks to all staff and pupils who put on the show and to the full audiences we had both days.

**Year 6 Leavers' Assembly** – We said goodbye this morning to our Year 6s in an emotional assembly where each Year 6 child shared a short speech about the school with us. Thank you to our Chair of Governors (Harm-Jan Fricke) and to Father James and Father Ben for attending and helping with the presentation of leavers' gifts – an engraved pencil and pen set from the school and a colourful Good News Bible from St. John's Church.

**New Topic for Next Term** – In September when we return for the new school year the whole school topic for Year 1 to Year 6 will be *Fabulous Forests*. We have already started planning and it is sure to be an interesting topic that will enthuse and engage the learners. Foundation Stage will start the year with a topic called *Me and My World*.

**Just Add Imagination** - fun activities to inspire your children during the holidays!

Oxford University has a new initiative aimed at helping local primary school children and their parents explore the range of exciting and creative careers that science and maths can lead to.

See [www.oxfordsparks.ox.ac.uk/justaddimagination](http://www.oxfordsparks.ox.ac.uk/justaddimagination) for some fun activities you can do together at home over the holidays, and information about a range of exciting careers.

**PLEASE DO NOT FORGET THAT TERM ENDS AFTER LUNCH AT 1PM AND ALL CHILDREN SHOULD BE COLLECTED PROMPTLY.**

Wishing you all a happy, relaxing and safe summer holiday and look forward to seeing most of you, refreshed, in September.

Yours sincerely

Charlotte Haynes

### **Dates for Diaries**

START OF TERM – WEDNESDAY 6<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER at 8.45am

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](http://oxfordtube.com) for details.

**Crafty Kids Summer Holiday Art School** - This will take place 10am – 1.30pm, 24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> July at West Oxford Primary School and is for 6 to 11 year olds. Book by email ([office@oxfordmusicandart.com](mailto:office@oxfordmusicandart.com)) or by phone (07752 792477)