



New Hinksey CE Primary School

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

Sharing Assembly – Well done and thank you to Year 3 for their sharing assembly this morning when we heard all about Stonehenge and saw some great models of the standing stones.

Question and Answer Session for Parents – Staff and Governors met with representatives from 9 families on Wednesday and some productive and informative discussions took place. Thank you to those who attended. There will be some feedback in the newsletter next week from the parent governors.

News from Classes:

Foundation Stage – We have seen the exciting emergence of our butterflies which have now been released into the skies. The children enjoyed the funny interactive puppet show presented by Emma Boor. We also learnt a great deal about the differing varieties of British birds which was a good introduction to our new class names. We have stepped up our transition activities with the Reception class visiting the Year 1 classroom for a story with Mrs Nash. The Nursery children met some of their new friends during our first Reception Class (Robins) settling in visit. Unfortunately we had to postpone our picnic due to the poor weather. We now plan to visit Hinksey Park on Wednesday 19 July at 9.30am. Any parents and carers are welcome to join us. Please inform one of our team if you intend to do so.

Year 1 – We were very excited to experience the butterflies emerging from their chrysalises, almost in front of our eyes! We enjoyed setting them free to begin the lifecycle over again. This has timed well with our finishing of our sewn butterflies in DT. Our ‘pond life’ research is deepening, as we learn to map and tell an ‘information text’, with scientific key words. We hope to find a real variety of life when we pond dip at Boundary Brook Nature Reserve on Wednesday 5th July – don’t forget we all need a packed lunch that day. In maths we have begun to tell ‘quarter past’ and ‘quarter to’ times. Ask your child to try to explain with analogue and digital clocks at home!

Year 2 – We have been adapting our butterfly creation story into a play for our sharing assembly next week. We have been making moulds from sand and making plaster cast sculptures. Please come to see them and our other insect sculptures and ‘Four Seasons’ paintings in the classroom on Tuesday from 3 to 4pm.

Year 3 – We had a wonderful trip to the Ashmolean Museum to discover ‘The Watlington Hoard’. We learnt all about what treasure is and the importance of archaeological finds. We have developed our subtraction skills in maths and continued to sew our prehistoric style bags. Our Christchurch singing concert on Monday was beautiful and the New Hinksey children were considered a great example of good behaviour.

Year 4 – We have been on a fascinating ‘treasure hunt’, learning about Viking coins and silver found locally, now held at the Ashmolean. We have also turned into inventors of future gadgets. In maths we have been working on adding, subtracting and simplifying fractions, as well as converting these parts of numbers into decimals. For RE we took part in a game show that allowed us to further explore the miracles of Jesus and we also began rehearsing our group plays that focus on one of these miracles.

Year 5 – We loved visiting the Sun Dome on Wednesday this week. We learned some interesting facts about the sun and also about the work of scientists at the Culham Centre for Fusion Energy. In maths lessons we have been getting to grips with fractions, decimals and percentage equivalents. We have been enjoying our rehearsals for ‘The Keymaster’ and have started making parts of our costumes. Please note that every Year 5 child needs a packed lunch on Monday (3rd July) as we are going to Oxford Spires Academy for a science day.

Year 6 – Lots of us have been visiting our new schools this week on transition days so it has been very quiet in class! We have been working collaboratively to design board games. We greatly enjoyed the Sun Dome visit during which we learned some fascinating facts about fusion of hydrogen atoms in the sun.

Parents are welcome in our school

Cake Sale – There will be a Cake Sale on Friday 7th at 3pm in the playground. All are welcome to bake and donate cakes and cookies and, of course, don't forget to bring some money to buy cakes with on Friday.

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely

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Dates for Diaries

Tuesday 4th July – Art Exhibition in classes from 3pm – 4pm (please come along to tour all the classes and encourage relatives and neighbours too)

Friday 7th July – Year 2 Sharing Assembly – 9.10am in hall

Tuesday 11th July – Sports day in Hinksey Park (morning)

Wednesday 12th July – Swap Around Morning (children spend time in their new classes)

Friday 14th July – 2.20 to 2.45pm – meeting for parents of children moving from Reception to Year 1

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