



New Hinksey CE Primary School

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

Harvest Festival is next week and we will be celebrating in Church on Thursday (28th) at 9.15am. Parents are welcome to join us. Our harvest tradition is to deliver gift boxes of food to senior citizens in the local area including Vicarage Court. To do this we need your support. **Please start sending in to school from Monday food items suitable for making up the boxes.** Popular items are: jars of jam, honey, Marmite, Bovril; tins of fruit, tuna, sardines, beans, pulses, vegetables; packets of biscuits, cakes, rice, pasta, dried fruits, small packets of cereals; packet or tinned soup; bars of chocolate; tea and coffee. As it takes us a number of days to make up the boxes and deliver them, highly perishable goods are not recommended. All items should be taken to the Learning Suite/ICT Room. Many thanks. We also need some empty shoe boxes so please send these in as well.

Year 6 Parents re. Applying for Secondary School – You must complete an online application for your child's place at secondary school **by 31st October 2017**. Many of the schools have upcoming open days and evenings for you to go and look around to help you make your choices. New Hinksey cannot fill in the forms on your behalf and it is important that you do not miss the 31st October deadline. You can access the forms on the Oxfordshire County Council website (School Admissions – Common Application Form) or you can go onto the school website, use the 'links' tab at top of home page and then click on the link that says 'Oxfordshire LA'.

News from Classes:

Foundation Stage (Ducklings and Robins) – This week we have really been thinking about whether they are in the Duckling or Robin class. They have printed some beautiful pictures of Robins and Ducklings using their hands. The Robin group has learnt about 'harvest festival' and they have started to learn a song and a rhyme to sing in the church. Robins will be going on a brief visit to the church next week to support their preparation for this big event.

Finches – We have begun to 'hear, map, step and tell' the story of 'Hansel and Gretel', which is set in a forest. We have also explored some of the characters in the story. In science we have looked carefully at our bodies, named the parts that we can see and collected data about eye and hair colour. We also discovered that our feet are either 2 cubes or 3 cubes longer than our hands! Don't forget to go online for the maths homework, which is linked to the learning this week – finding pairs that make 5, 6 and 10.

Owls – We have been learning the story of the 'Magic in the Rainforest' and identifying rainforest mammals. We have started making rainforest animal sock puppets and tried moving like sloths, jaguars, racoons and monkeys in PE! In maths we have been revising and using our number bonds to 10. We are very excited about our trip next week to the Living Rainforest – please return the permission slip by Monday and send a packed lunch on Wednesday.

Doves – We have worked hard on our paragraphing skills in English. We have pretended to enter the world of Narnia and described our magical forests. In science we have learnt about and sorted animals into the six animal groups (ask us what they are). In maths we have practised subtracting by counting up. Remember our trip on Wednesday when we need a packed lunch.

Woodpeckers – We are continuing to enjoy 'The Jungle Book' story in our English lessons and have been finding out more about rainforests. We have also been learning about direct speech and reported speech. In maths we have been learning our times tables and practising some strategies for multiplying 2 digit numbers by 9, 20 and 25.

Kingfishers – This week we have been working on understanding different types of nouns and how to add detail to them so our writing is more interesting. We have started a watercolour painting of an atmospheric forest scene. Thursday's IMPs (Injury Minimisation Programme) trip for Year 6s was a great success. Children learned how to perform CPR and put people into the recovery position. They all listened brilliantly and learned a lot.

Parents are welcome in our school

School Photographs – Friday 29th - Please make sure you send children to school in the clothes you would like them photographed in. **Please could afternoon Duckling children attend at about 9.15am to have their photos taken?**

After School Club – If you wish to contact ASC whilst it is in session (3pm – 5.30pm) please use the After School Club mobile number which is: **07716865789**. Thank you.

Macmillan coffee morning Friday 29th September. The School Association is hosting a coffee morning with fresh coffee and pastries after drop off in the Nest (formally Year 3 class) in aid of Macmillan cancer support. Please come along and meet new faces, catch up with those you know and raise a bit of money for this good cause. All welcome, particularly parents and carers new to the school.

Parent Governor Vacancy – Jasper Smith (parent of Theo, Cara and Luca who have all moved on to secondary school) has now resigned from his parent governor post. We would like to thank him for his many years of dedicated service to the governors and his support of the school. We therefore have a parent governor vacancy and will need to hold an election. If you would like to nominate yourself for this role please send an email to head.3213@new-hinksey.oxon.sch.uk stating that you would like to stand, by Tuesday 3rd October. If there is more than one candidate an election will be held. If you would like to find out more about the role of a governor please email our chair of governors, Harm Jan Fricke (hjfricke@btinternet.com) or phone him on 07969931077.

Clubs – Please see last week's newsletter (on the school website) for a reminder about clubs taking place this term. In addition, if there is enough interest, there could be a **Bollywood dance class** for Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 children run by Mrs Narinder Thapar. It would be on Thursdays after school, 3.05pm – 4.05pm, starting Thursday 5th October. The cost is £5.00 per lesson including refreshments. **Payment to be per term by cash or cheque direct to Narinder. Please contact Narinder directly for enquiries or to sign up: narinder.thapar@tiscali.co.uk**

Woodcraft Folk - The South Oxford Woodcraft Folk 'Elfins' group has a few free spaces for children to join us. Sessions run on Tuesday evening at South Oxford Community Centre for children 6-9 years old. We are also looking for a new group leader for sessions with about 15-20 children. If you have any questions about this, talk to Laura Hunter, parent of Chloe (Woodpeckers) and Freddie (Owls) or Anna Lawrence, parent of Ernie (Woodpeckers) and Edith (Doves), or email Anna Hoerder-Suabedissen, parent of Kiran (Kingfishers) and Fiona (Doves) on anna.hoerder-suabedissen@dpag.ox.ac.uk.

Headlice – unfortunately the first headlice of the year have been spotted in Foundation Stage. Please could all families check hair over the weekend and treat as necessary. Thank you.

Second Hand Uniform Sweatshirt Sale – It will be possible to buy second hand Hinksey sweatshirts in the school hall on Monday 3 – 4pm. Every sweatshirt just £1.

Best wishes for a lovely weekend, and **don't forget to come to tour the school and meet the teachers at our Open Afternoon on Monday from 3pm – 4pm**. Do encourage neighbours and family to come along too especially if they have preschool age children and would like to see their local primary school.

Yours sincerely

Charlotte Haynes

Dates for Diaries (for this half of term)

Monday 25th September – Open Afternoon 3 – 4pm.

Thursday 28th September – School celebration of Harvest Festival in church at 9.15am. Parents welcome.

Friday 29th September – Photographer in school for individual pupil and sibling group photographs.

Friday 13th October – Owl Class (Miss Kilpatrick) Sharing Assembly, 9.10am in the school hall. Parents welcome.

Friday 13th October – International Evening 6 – 7.30pm in the school hall

Friday 20th October – Finch Class (Mrs Nash) Sharing Assembly, 9.10 in the school hall. Parents welcome.

Term finishes at 3pm on Friday 20th October (After School Club as usual).

Monday 23rd – Friday 27th October Half Term Holiday

Monday 30th October – School closed to all children for staff training

Tuesday 31st October – Term starts again

Low Carbon South Oxford Swap Shop takes place on Saturday 23rd September at the Community Centre in Lake Street. Bring from 9.45 – 10.30 only, Take from 10.15 – 11.30. Refreshments available at the café.

