



New Hinksey CE Primary School

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

Thank you to all those families who came to International Evening last week. We had a huge turnout with an amazing selection of food. Thank you also to Year 1 for their fabulous assembly about 'Hansel and Gretel'. Children from Year 1 to Year 6 have participated in very useful internet safety sessions this week run by CEOPs trainer Nick. It is well worth parents also finding out about keeping children safe online by visiting the 'Thinkuknow' website.

News from Classes:

Foundation Stage (Ducklings and Robins) – We have started learning about 'shape'. We have shared books about shapes; printed shapes, drawn around shapes and found shapes in the environment. We have also been learning about the importance of saying the 'magic' words of 'please' and 'thank you'. Speaking of which, can we say a big thank you for the biscuit contributions this week.

Finches – We used our senses and brainstormed effective words to describe various autumnal things such as leaves, cones, sticks and apples. We then selected and combined the words to make an autumn senses poem. We enjoyed practising different sound effects to go with our storytelling of 'Hansel and Gretel'. We hope you enjoyed watching it today!

Owls – We have been rounding off our rainforest topic by learning about food chains and making our own 3-D rainforest scenes. We have been showing our understanding of this term's maths learning with some tests and revisiting the tricky parts. We have learnt some different playground games and had fun trying them out! We all deserve a lovely half-term after working very hard.

Doves – We have begun to find out about endangered animals and what humans can do to help. Our internet safety session was really useful and informative. We had fun making our fair trade healthy banana ghost lollies! We have earned a homework free half term but are all asked to bring in a favourite book that we have enjoyed reading on the first Tuesday back.

Woodpeckers – We have been learning about Sikhism and what 'the five Ks' mean to Sikhs. We wrote a few questions about things that we were not sure about and were lucky to have the opportunity to ask Mrs Harry about them. Thank you and Happy Divali Mrs Harry (and anyone else who's celebrating this weekend). We have read and listened to some of Rudyard Kipling's 'Just So' stories and have written our own in a similar vein.

Kingfishers – We had our maths assessment today so we have been revisiting our learning. We enthusiastically took on the roles of Callum and Iona for some hot-seating in English to help understand the feeling and actions of characters (from 'Sky Hawk'). Our trip to Brookes University was really fun – the highlight being a Paralympic sports PE session!

Congratulations on 100% Attendance This Term

We are delighted that so many children have achieved 100% attendance and would like to congratulate: Scarlett, Eshal, Harry, Altan, Manha, Noah D, Edward DF, Ryan, Tony, Ayliffe, Poppy, Zavaan, Clara W, Amelia A, Max, Maisie, Alfie G, Amelia H, Tarn, Serene, Chemu, Ammar, Iris R, Noam, Freddie W, Carl, Lucas, Jonah, Isaac, Taya, Ethan, Mackenzie, Yasmeenah, Nicky, Jim, Ava, Ollie M, James, Luke, Asele, Eric, JJ, Ollie F, Delilah, Eva, Natasha, Roben, Amiyah, Joe S, Goda, Abbeer, Noah B, Layla D, Leigh, Chloe G, Olive, Alfie L, Amber, Benjamin, Mia, Fiona, Molly, Freya W, Mahmoud, Sophia A, Tai, Nargus, Hammad, Ernie, Edie, Freya L, Cherie, Rabbi, Eleanor, Jaylon, Daisy, Edwin, Bill, Iris K, Irenna, Kiran, Dylan.

Parents are welcome in our school

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**. 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'.

Grow Your Tenner - Localgiving are running a match-funding campaign from TUESDAY 17th OCTOBER. This means that any donations of up to £10 that you make to New Hinksey School Association through Localgiving from 10am on this date are doubled. If you add gift aid too, a £10 donation from you will raise £22.50 for the children! Please, please consider donating and help us make our money go further at no extra cost to any of us. There is also the option of setting up a monthly direct debit whereby six monthly installments will be match funded (after the first 6 months). Search Localgiving.org for "New Hinksey School Association". The School Association funds resources and activities which benefit every child in the school. Many thanks.

School Lunches

Please ensure that you have paid in advance for your child's school lunches. The half term holiday may be a good time to look at the menu and choose meals with your child. There are some meals that some children regularly do not enjoy so it may be worth sending in packed lunches on those days. We have tried the Sticky Barbecue Chicken and Sticky Barbeque Quorn twice but it has not been popular with the children. We have therefore decided to substitute Chicken Curry and Quorn Curry for those meals when they next occur (14 November and 5 December).

Arriving Late in the Morning – Please can we remind you that the bell rings at 8.45am each day and classes lead in straight away after that. If you arrive at the school gate after the lines have led into class you are a bit late and we ask that parents say goodbye at the main gate and that children then quickly go into class independently and quietly.

Picking Up at 3pm – As it is getting very crowded in the little back playground we ask that only parents picking up children from Finches (Yr 1) or Owls (Yr 2) wait there. All KS 2 children will be asked to go straight through onto the big, main playground where they can be collected after their younger siblings have been picked up.

Yours sincerely

Charlotte Haynes

Dates for Diaries (for next half of term)

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
Thursday 9 November – Parents Evening
Friday 10th November – Doves Sharing Assembly
Friday 10th November – Cake Sale on playground at 3pm
Monday 13th November – Parents Evening
Friday 17th November – Woodpeckers Sharing Assembly
Friday 24th November – Kingfisher Sharing Assembly
Friday 24th November – Cake Sale on playground at 3pm
Tuesday 12th December – 2pm KS1 Nativity Performance
Wednesday 13th December – 9.30 am Foundation Stage nativity to parents
Wednesday 13th December – 2pm KS1 Nativity Performance
Thursday 15th December – Christmas Lunch
Monday 18th December – 2.15pm – Christingle Service in Church
Tuesday 19th December – 1.00pm – Term Ends

The Swan School Consultation: The Swan School is a new comprehensive secondary school due to open for Year 7 pupils in 2019 at the Harlow Centre site in Marston. The River Learning Trust which is responsible for opening the new school is having a consultation period about what The Swan School will be like, including the catchment area. The proposed draft catchment area overlaps totally with the current Cherwell School catchment area as well as having some additional areas and as such the school may be of interest to parents.

All consultation materials, including a questionnaire, are available via <http://theswanschool.org.uk/> and you can also sign up on the website for regular email updates.

The consultation is running until Monday 27th November and there are public consultation events being held at New Marston Primary School 6-8pm on Weds 1st November and Tuesday 7th November.

