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

This has been a busy week in school with trips to the Story Museum as well as the first week of SEND reviews. Thank you to those parents who came. Yesterday in assembly Father James talked to us about Lent. Thank you to the Owl Class for their fantastic assembly when they shared with us their enthusiasm for Anthony Browne books.

Tennis Workshop

On Monday 19th, all Finches, Owls, Doves and Woodpeckers will be taking part in free tennis workshops. Please ensure that all children in those classes have PE kits in school on Monday as well as for their regular PE lessons.

News from Classes:

Foundation Stage (Ducklings and Robins) – We have been moving on from Jez Alborough's bear stories to his ones centred on ducks. However, 'Mr Bear' did come and visit so that he could read a story to us (aka Elaine, and really scary!). We also enjoyed learning how to program the 'Beebot' robots so that they moved in various directions. We were particularly skilled at estimating how many steps forward it would take for the 'Beebot' to hit a target. We would like to thank our parents for their continued biscuit donations for snack time.

Finches – In English we have worked well in small groups to create 'human freeze frames' of the beginning, middle and end of our particular Julia Donaldson stories. We used the photography to re-tell the stories in our own words. This has been an opportunity to read, edit and improve our sentence writing. We have all worked well in Maths to add and take away numbers by putting the big number in our heads and then counting on or back. We have painted our coil pots bright and cheerful colours and we will glaze them next week so that they will be ready for Easter.

Owls – We have been working on multiplying and dividing in Maths. In RE we have been learning about Easter and this week we handled lots of interesting Easter-related objects and ate a bit of hot cross bun. We have been writing about our favourite Anthony Browne book to share in our assembly. We have been practising our play based on 'Piggybook'.

Doves – We have worked hard to solve word problems in Maths. In English we have developed our inference skills to help our comprehension work. In Science we have continued to learn about changes of state by making jelly and observing it changing. The Year 4s had a fabulous trip to The Story Museum.

Woodpeckers – We have watched a film of the third Caroline Lawrence book (and many of us have read it). We have written film reviews or summaries of the story. Some of us have started writing letters to the author to tell her how much we have enjoyed her books and how they have helped us learn about life in Ancient Roman times. Thank you very much to Anna Lawrence (Ernie's mum) who dissected a sheep's heart for us this morning to help us understand our own circulatory systems. Thank you also Anna for sharing your lovely photos of your walk up a volcano!

Kingfishers – We have been planning our own science fiction story. Andy Warhol is becoming a more familiar name as we are learning about his life as an artist and drawing him! This week we have found the volume of shapes, made shapes with given volumes and learnt the formula to find the volume of cuboids. We have deepened our understanding of abstract nouns by creating our own islands and marking on those areas of interest, eg Sea of Despair, Forest of Hope.

Spring Term SEND Reviews - Thursday 22nd March is a day set aside for teachers to be released from their classes to meet parents for Individual Education Plan reviews. Letters have been sent home with individual appointments. Please return the response slip to Mrs Haynes. Thank you.

Parents are welcome in our school

Bollywood Dance Club

On Thursday 22 March at 4pm (when parents come to collect) they are warmly invited to watch the children perform their dance. It will only take 10 minutes.

After School Club and Wraparound bills are due to be paid by today. If you have not already paid, please ensure you pay over the weekend else places may be withdrawn.

After School Club Bookings and Cancellations – Please can parents **email** the office email (office.3213@new-hinksey.oxon.sch.uk) with queries about future bookings and cancellation information. There are too many to be able to remember all the different dates and who is doing what by word of mouth! – many thanks.

SOAP

SOUTH OXFORD ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND (SOAP) would like to invite you to its AGM, Tuesday 20th March 2018, 7pm for 7.30pm, Grandpont Pavilion, Whitehouse Rd, OX1.

The Agenda will include future plans and design for a new building; upgrading of some of the play equipment; and plans for the coming year. If you have experience in fundraising, website maintenance, or would like to get involved in SOAP, or just learn more, please join us! Everyone is welcome. Drinks and snacks will be served.

Booking lunches

Parentpay offers the facility for parents to book lunches in advance. It is extremely useful when parents do that as it saves teaching time when teachers do not have to book every child's lunch in school. There are occasions when children have to leave school promptly to go on a trip (such as swimming lessons for Years 4 and 5 after Easter) and the teacher will not have time to enter lunches on the computer. Therefore, on those days if children have not been pre-booked for their lunches, they will have to bring packed lunches as it will be too late for the school kitchen to produce extra lunches once the children return from their swimming lessons. A further letter with details of the swimming will be sent home to all Year 4 and 5 children. Thank you.

Keeping Children Safe Online – As parents we urge you to take responsibility for finding out the best ways to keep your children safe on line when they are not in school.

Two good websites for parents are: www.thinkuknow.co.uk and www.nspcc.org.uk

Easter Egg Raffle – Please start sending in donations of Easter chocolate and other Easter gifts for the Easter Raffle which will take place on Wednesday 28th March. Do remember to get a few things when you are out shopping over the next few weeks – many thanks. PTA parents will be selling tickets in the playground at drop off and collection times from Wednesday 21 March.

Yours sincerely,

Charlotte Haynes

Dates for Diaries

Monday 19th March and Thursday 22nd March 3.30 - 6.30 Parents' Evenings – please sign up on the sheets

Wednesday 21st March – Sports Relief sponsored 1k run (separate letter sent home this week)

Thursday 29th March – Term Ends after lunch at 1pm (no After School Club)

School Holiday Friday 30th March – Friday 13th April

Summer Term starts at 8.45am on Monday 16th April

Oxford Children's Hospital

On Sunday 25th March there will be a five mile run at Blenheim Palace to raise funds for the Oxford Children's Hospital. You can sign up at: ox5run.co.uk or call 01865 743444.