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

This has been a busy week in school. The children have been learning their dances for May Day on Tuesday; Year 1 had an exciting festival visit; Year 6 have been busy practising for their SATs. Father Ben led an interesting assembly yesterday about places of interest in the Holy Land and he showed some wonderful photographs on the screen.

News from Classes:

Foundation Stage (Ducklings and Robins) – We have been learning about ‘Traditional Tales’ and ‘Nursery Rhymes’. The Duckling group have been creating and looking at a story map of ‘Goldilocks and the Three Bears’ and the Robin group have been comparing different versions of ‘Goldilocks’ and ‘The Gingerbread Man’. The Robin group have also been halving, doubling and are continuing to learn the names of 2D and 3D shapes. Just a couple of reminders: please can the parents of the Robin children fill in the reading record in their child’s bookbag so that Elaine is aware that the child’s small reading book has been read. Also, we have run out of plain biscuits for snack time so all donations would be welcome.

Finches – We all sang brilliantly at the KS1 Festival with Julia Donaldson on Wednesday. It was great fun having a packed lunch, travelling on a coach and joining in with ten other schools plus a band, Malcolm (her husband) and the conductor. We felt very proud to see all of our artwork and letters to Julia Donaldson on display at the event and were especially pleased to finally meet the famous author that we have spent so much time learning about. Thanks to Chris’ and Rosa’s mothers for helping out on the day. We have worked hard for the rest of the week, writing up news about our circus workshop, and brainstorming interesting adjectives for character descriptions.

Owls – We have been practising our May dance ‘Strip the Willow’, practising our number bonds to 10 and 20 and doubling and halving and trying out a past KS1 test paper to see which bits of maths need more work. We have been reading circus books to inspire our writing and artwork.

Doves – We have enjoyed investigating magnetism in science. We have learnt about magnetic materials and poles. In English we have been reading different stories about Robin Hood and turning these tales into exciting newspaper reports. In maths we have created multiplication arrays. We are going to start cooking in the next few weeks - please can everyone contribute £1 towards ingredients. Thank you.

Woodpeckers – We have been finding out about and writing biographies of our sporting heroes this week. We have enjoyed creating simple cartoon strips on our heroes and villains theme. We have begun a new science topic on evolution and inheritance and have enjoyed finding out a little about how scientists can tell what a dinosaur might have looked like, how it moved and what it ate from studying fossilised remains. We will be designing and making costumes (doll-sized) for the superheroes that we are creating. If you have any off-cuts or pieces of fabric that you don’t need then we will be very grateful to receive them. Thank you.

Kingfishers – We are creating our own superhero and writing a set of instructions so that others can follow them to draw the same superhero accurately. Our maths this week has focussed on data handling, collecting data and representing it on a graph or chart. Year 5s are also learning a lot about Roman numerals. In science we are starting a focus on light.

Reminder for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 – please remember to go onto ParentPay and pay the £4 for each child’s Bookfeast ticket. A separate letter was sent out earlier in the week with more details about the trip on Wednesday. Also **all of the children in Doves, Woodpeckers and Kingfishers need a packed lunch on Wednesday 2nd May.**

Booking lunches on swimming days – Please remember that as the children leave early for swimming on Tuesdays, if you want your Year 4 or Year 5 child to have a school lunch on Tuesday **you must pre book them in on ParentPay or if you are unable to do that, send them in with a packed lunch** – Many thanks.

Parents are welcome in our school

Woodlands – December 2018

The children currently in Years 4 and 5 should have brought home a letter about Woodlands. Please complete the form if you wish for your child to go as well as paying the deposit on Parentpay. Thank you.

Clubs: These are up and running as follows:

Tuesdays (start 24th April) Club Energy Multisports, 3 – 4.15pm. Please sign up and pay online by visiting www.clubenergysports.com (choose tabs: Clubs....After School Clubs....find New Hinksey.....Add to cart etc. You can also collect a form from us and return it with payment in an envelope that we will pass on to the sports coaches.

Wednesdays (starting 25th April) Computer Club for Year 1 and 2, 3-4pm. 10 places – see Mrs Nash to sign up.

Thursdays (starting 26th April) Bollywood Dance with Narinder, 3-4pm. Please contact Narinder directly by emailing her at narinder.thapar@tiscali.co.uk for details.

New Hinksey Summer Fete - this year's fete will be on Saturday 9th June 12-2.30pm. We really need lots of new volunteers to step forward this year and get involved in the planning stages to see how things are run and organised. If you would like to help and find out more please come along to a planning meeting at The Duke of Monmouth on Monday 30th April at 8.15pm.

September 2018 Nursery Places: Please can you help us? If you have children born between 1st September 2014 and 31st August 2015 or know of neighbours and other local families with children this age, please contact us or encourage their parents to phone us (01865 242169) as soon as possible if they would like a nursery place for September. This is for the 3 year old part time places (every morning). Thank you for your help.

Making Useful Donations to School: We will be very grateful to receive any kind donations of the following items to help replenish resources: Pritt Glue Sticks; Packs of A4 photocopying paper; Art paper for sketching or painting; Coloured card for art and D.T. Packs of black or coloured whiteboard pens (the dry wipe sort i.e. wipe off without water or spray). Thank you to those families who have already sent in donations.

Yours sincerely,

Charlotte Haynes

Dates for Diaries

Tuesday 1st May at 2pm – May Dancing on the school playground (fingers crossed for good weather)

Monday 7th May – School Closed/No School as it is May Bank Holiday

Wednesday 23rd May – the class group PHOTOS will be taken (school sweatshirts/tops should be worn please)

Friday 25th May – 9.10am Dove Class Sharing Assembly

Friday 25th May – Break up at 3pm for start of half-term holiday (after school club as normal)

School Holiday Monday 28th May – Friday 1st June

Monday 4th June – School Closed for INSET (no school for all children)

Tuesday 5th June 8.45am Children return for start of term (swimming for Years 4 and 5)

Saturday 9th June - SCHOOL FETE

Friday 15th June 9.10am – Woodpecker Class Sharing Assembly

Friday 22nd June 9.10am – Kingfisher Class Singing Sharing Assembly

Friday 6th July 9.10am – Owl Class Sharing Assembly

Wednesday 11th July (morning) – Sports Day

Friday 20th July (morning) Year 1 and 2 hope to put on a Circus Show for parents!

Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th July – 2pm – Key Stage 2 performances to parents 'Robin Hood'

Tuesday 24th July in afternoon – Year 6 Leaver's Assembly (Year 6 parents please save the date!)

Wednesday 25th July END OF TERM at 1pm after Lunch

South Oxford Adventure Playground (SOAP): Get out and play every day. Open Monday-Friday after school; 3.15-5.15pm. Everyone welcome. It's fun and it's free. All 7+ year olds staying without a parent/carer must have a new registration form for 2018. Forms available at SOAP. See website for more detail: <http://www.soapoxford.org.uk/>

Vacancy at SOAP: SOAP is looking for a Party Bookings Manager. Please email hiresoapoxford@gmail.com for more info.

The Lake Street Nursery Spring Fete will take place on Sunday 13 May from 12- 3pm - with fun for all the family including stalls, games, a bouncy castle, face painting, cakes, crafts, a BBQ, music and much, much more. There's space both inside and out, so come rain or shine it'll be a great day of fun for people of all ages. Everyone is welcome and entry is only £1 entry per adult. Kids go free.