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

Thank you to Finch Class for their lovely sharing assembly this morning. They are obviously very inspired by the Circus theme

and have written some great stories which they shared with us.

It is not too late to pay for the Bookfeast trip which took place last week. It was £4 per child and can be paid through ParentPay – thanks.

Important Notice about Lunch Change Next Week (Fish and Chips) Please read and take note: - There is a school census on Thursday next week (17th May) which determines some of our funding for the following year. One of the bits of data looked up is the number of children taking up the universal free school meal (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) and the general Free School Meal entitlement. **We will therefore be serving our Fish and Chip meal on THURSDAY 17th and not on Friday.** If your child would like fish and chips on Thursday 17th instead of Friday 18th when there won't be fish and chips, please book them in using the Thursday section of Parentpay – Toad in the hole for fish, vegetarian toad in the hole for vegetarian sausage roll. The school meal for Friday will be Toad in the hole (meat and veggie) so for Friday booking tick fish for meat toad in the hole and veggie sausage roll for veggie toad in the hole! If you make sure your child knows what they are having (school dinner or packed lunch on both days we will also check and book them in anyway). We are asking that as many children as possible have the fish and chip meal on Thursday next week so that we can maximise our funding – thank you.

News from Classes:

Foundation Stage (Ducklings and Robins) – This week the children have been enjoying the story of Jack and the Beanstalk, although some of them were quite afraid of the giant! The Robin group were able to retell the story thinking about its beginning, middle and end. The Duckling group have been retelling the story using props. The children have also been watching each day as our beanstalk seems to mysteriously grow overnight! Lastly, many of the children have been focusing on 'rhyming' activities. Thank you again for donations of paper and biscuits.

Finches – We have worked very hard to edit, improve and present our Big Top story books. We finished off our beautiful illustrations and front cover designs, all ready to show them off in our assembly! Our clown puppets are complete, with hats, wigs and bow ties and we look forward to using them in our role play area. In maths we have been busy measuring and comparing 'weight' and brainstormed the vocabulary linked with it. Our science trip to the allotment helped us identify and name the parts of a plant.

Owls – We have been thinking about the skills and qualities circus performers need to do particular jobs in a circus so we can write job adverts. We have been practising our own circus skills. We have been weighing and measuring capacity in maths and going over bits of maths we find tricky.

Doves – We have worked hard to develop our addition and subtraction skills in maths. In science we have investigated magnetic poles and made our own compasses. In D.T. we enjoyed cooking delicious carrot and courgette bread and designing our own persuasive posters to encourage people to eat it. In music we are learning to sing 'Lean on Me'.

Woodpeckers – In science this week we have been finding out about how particular plants and animals have, over time, adapted to their environments. In maths Year 5 children have been learning about coordinates and Year 4 about area and perimeter. We have begun designing (and making) some doll size 'superhero' outfits. Please do send in any scraps of fabric you may have that may be of use (ask your child the sorts of things they need) – thanks.

Kingfishers – We have completed our 'How to draw a superhero' instructions. Year 6 students have completed the last of their SATs test revision with Mrs Smith and Year 5 have been investigating volume and cube numbers. We have begun our science work on 'Light' by finding out about light sources both natural and man-made, and then have

Parents are welcome in our school

discovered that light travels in straight lines. We were very pleased to welcome Mrs Young back after her broken ankle.

After School Club and Wraparound Care Invoices – paper copies went home last week and the bills are also in ParentPay. The deadline for payment is Friday 18th May please.

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.

Fete Update - This year's **circus-themed fete** will take place on Saturday 9th June 12-2.30pm. As usual there will be entertainment, great food, a well-stocked bar as well as loads of fun stalls. As in recent years the raffle has some fantastic prizes including a £50 Boden voucher, a haircut from Mahogany, a Miele vacuum cleaner, Farmer Gow's tickets, cinema tickets and lots more. Tickets will go on sale in the playground the week before half term, but each family will also receive 2 books in book bags at the end of next week. Please look out for these and consider selling these to family, friends and neighbours, or buying them yourselves. Money and stubs can be returned to sellers in the playground from Monday 21st May. If you think you can sell more tickets for us to work colleagues or elsewhere, please see the sellers to arrange this. Finally, we had a productive planning meeting last week and have a committee in place for the fete organisation. However, as always, all of our meetings are open to everyone and we welcome new faces at any stage if you'd like to join us. Our next meeting is at 8.15pm in the Duke of Monmouth on Monday 14th May. Many thanks. New Hinskey School Association.

Weeding Party Volunteers Wanted for Tomorrow! – Governors are organising a weeding party to tackle the fast growing weeds which are quickly springing up around the outside areas of school. This will be at 2pm, tomorrow **Saturday 12th May**. Please turn up with a garden rubbish bag and a pair of gardening gloves to help keep our grounds looking tidy. Many hands make light work!

Swimming Day Lunches – please pre book school lunches on ParentPay for children in Years 4 and 5 if they want a school meal on Tuesdays. Send a packed lunch in, please, if not pre booking.

Shoes and Clothing Worn at School – Please make sure that your child has PE kit in school and has proper trainers or plimsolls to wear for PE. In the Summer months your children are welcome to wear sandals to school but they must have a strap that goes around the back of the heel – they should not be flip flops without anything to keep them on the back of the heel/foot. If crocs are worn to school they must also have the heel strap on. Crocs are **not** OK for PE.

Bollywood Dance Club – will **not** be running on Thursday 17th May but will be back on the following week (24th).

Have a happy weekend, and I have one more plea (!), if you have any spare bedding plants or could get us some when out shopping we would like to plant up the tubs around school now that the spring bulbs are over.

Yours sincerely,

Charlotte Haynes

Dates for Diaries

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 12-2.30pm

Friday 15th June 9.10am – Woodpecker Class Sharing Assembly

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

Friday 29th June – SCHOOL CLOSED for Inset

Friday 6th July 9.10am – Owl Class Sharing Assembly

Wednesday 11th July – Sports Day (morning) 10 am in Hinksey Park, weather permitting.

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

Don't Forget The Lake Street Nursery Spring Fete which is on this Sunday (13th) from 12 – 3pm
Family Ceilidh - 27th May 2018, 3-5pm, Cutteslowe Park Pavillion. For info and tickets go to facebook.com/familyceilidhoxford