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

We enjoyed Dove Class' assembly this morning and thank them for sharing their work on inspirational people with us.

On Wednesday the class group photos were taken. Once a sample photo for each class is available, order forms and instructions will be sent home.

News from Classes:

Foundation Stage (Ducklings and Robins) – This week we have been learning about 'The Gingerbread Man'. The children have once again had the opportunity to re-enact a traditional tale through the use of props. They have also cut gingerbread men out in playdough and during a cooking session with Elaine. This was a good transition activity for the Ducklings who will be going into Elaine's class in September. A good time was had by all!

Finches – We have had an assorted week of finishing various end of term assessments, checking our next steps in English and Maths and enjoying practising our circus skills. We have started to learn the Scratch Junior programme on the iPads and we are using our imagination to create a simple space story. Imagination is also the theme in our music sessions and this week we listened to the 1971 version the song *Pure Imagination* written for Willy Wonka and The Chocolate Factory. In art we have created abstract patterns from our observational drawings of fruit.

Owls – We have worked really hard on our tricky maths assessments and done well. We finished our funny class book 'Circus of Thieves and the Raffle of Doom'! We have begun to write about Quentin Blake's book 'Clown'. Mrs Haynes saw us having great fun working on a maths investigation – designing and making a container with the capacity to hold the most lentils!!

Doves – The year 3 children have designed and made some wonderful puppets which they labelled in French. The year 4s are all enjoying their swimming lessons and developing their stroke style and swimming speed. We have been preparing for our assembly by designing and making ornate picture frames. We have been reading 'The Jungle Book' and have discussed heroic and villainous qualities of each character.

Woodpeckers – In maths we have been working on a model of a Hogwart's bedroom by making cuboids from nets. Earlier in the week we completed our half-termly assessments and worked hard to learn from any mistakes we may have made. We have finished reading the first Harry potter book and watched the film. We have discussed which qualities Harry has to make him a hero, and have written reviews.

Kingfishers – Miss Potier was unable to be in school with us this week but Mrs Smith stepped in to cover. On Monday we had a creative day but got back to focussed learning on Tuesday. We have been working hard on background work, preparation and planning of our biographies about a classmate. As we have not lived for many years we imagined that we were about 40 years old and will include what we hope to have achieved into our biographies. We have also completed some maths activities, had PE sessions and planned and prepared for our mini fete enterprise to raise money for an end of year treat or trip. Thank you to Carol for helping us with this.

Fete Update – Roll Up! Roll Up! It's the New Hinksey Summer Fete! Saturday 9th June 12-2.30pm
Raffle tickets are on sale and the sign-up sheet is in the playground - but it has LOTS of empty gaps that need filling. We can't run this event without your help, so please sign up for a slot running a stall. We also need donations of various items (see flier sent home last week, or check the list on the sign up sheet). The facebook group is a great place to get info/get in touch (search FB for New Hinksey School Association).
Final meeting Monday June 4th Duke of Monmouth 8.15pm for making final arrangements about the day. Thanks!

Assemblies – On Monday we heard the story of Androcles and the Lion as it has a powerful message about our value 'Caring'. On Thursday Father Ben led an assembly about the Holy Trinity using a PowerPoint.

Parents are welcome in our school

Resource Donations Still Needed – Thank you for your donations. We have had a particularly good response for glue sticks, photocopying paper and whiteboard pens and coloured card, all things that we use lots of all the time. We are now really desperate for **boxes of tissues** – it is surprising how many we get through in every class as there are always a quite few children with runny noses! If every family could buy one box of tissues and donate to school we would have quite a few to keep us going.

Thank You - to those families who gave us some bedding plants for our pots and tubs. Ms Christensen has been helped by groups of children to get them planted out.

Woodlands Residential – For current Year 4 and 5 pupils who would like to go on the Woodland trip in December, please can we remind you that the initial deposit of £75 is due for payment by today. Thank you.

We wish all our Muslim families a good and holy month of Ramadan, and we wish all of you a happy and safe half term holiday. **Don't forget that school is closed on Monday 4th June for a staff Inset day so all children should return to school on Tuesday 5th June at 8.45am.**

Yours sincerely,

Charlotte Haynes

Dates for Diaries

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

Save the Date!! Family Triathlon, Sunday 1st July 2018, 8.30 am

The event is 8km in total starting with a 200m swim in Hinksey Pool, followed by a 1.7 k run through the park and fields followed by a 6.1 km cycle around Grandpont Nature reserve. It is an inclusive event and children can take part as much or as little as they like! Money raised will go to the running of the South Oxford Family Room's Tuesday's session which provides vital postnatal support on breastfeeding and health of mothers and babies.

More information will follow but please contact Charlotte Gilman, charlottetilman22@gmail.com with any queries you may have.