



# New Hinksey CE Primary School

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

Firstly, weren't we lucky with the sunny weather on May Day afternoon? The dancing was delightful and there was a great turn out of family and friends to watch. Thank you for your many complimentary comments about the event. Secondly, thank you to a number of families and friends of the school who have helped stock up our diminishing resources by donating packs of photocopying paper, whiteboard pens, Pritt glue sticks and coloured card for art, as well as supplying some small treats and knick-knacks for the reward box. Please see message below.

**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; Coloured card; Packs of black or coloured whiteboard pens (the dry wipe). In addition we are always pleased to receive items for the reward box. Some ideas are: bouncy balls, packs of playing cards, fancy/novelty pens, pencils and rubbers, small games and toys, stickers, arty/crafty items!

## **News from Classes:**

**Foundation Stage (Ducklings and Robins)** – We would like to thank our parents for their kind contributions of biscuits and stationery this week. In the foundation stage we use a lot of post-it notes in the children's books and a huge amount of paper, so these contributions were particularly welcome. The children work very hard at our mark making table to produce some beautiful pieces of work. This week they have made pictures from assorted shaped paper, practised their writing, filled in pretend registers and made models such as crowns and boxes with paper and glue sticks. As you can appreciate, all of this work requires an enormous amount of 'fuel' so any donations are very welcome.

**Finches** – We have been busy planning and drafting new stories based on Big Top Benn. We have got lots of imaginative ideas for the new characters and 'problems' of the story and look forward to making them into beautiful story books. We enjoyed the May dancing and have started to work on our own dance in P.E.. In maths we have been using facts that we know to solve three number problems such as  $7+8+3$ . We finished sewing our clown puppets in D.T. and made some templates for the rest of their costumes.

**Owls** – We have been adding and subtracting 2-digit numbers in maths. In science we drew our Charlotte potatoes and 'mummy' peas before planting them. In English we have done drama and writing inspired by the animation 'El Caminante'. Thank you for coming to see us dance 'Strip the Willow' on May Day.

**Doves** – We have worked hard to develop our thesaurus skills to create character profiles of the heroes and villains in the Robin Hood story. We enjoyed planning our own science investigations to find out which magnets are the strongest. Our Bookfeast trip was inspiring and has given us lots of creative ideas for our own story writing and illustrations. Next week we are doing some cooking so please can each child bring £1 toward the ingredients and hand to Mrs Tucker – thank you.

**Woodpeckers** – We are enjoying the first Harry Potter story and have been doing lots of creative work inspired by it. We have invented new shops and designed and made posters to advertise them. We have written descriptions of a broomstick shop and dialogues that may have taken place in that shop. We have made timetables for Harry's lessons. In French we have been learning how to say that particular foods are good or bad for our health.

**Kingfishers** – We have been writing instructions of how to draw a superhero. We have investigated the features of a superhero in our English work. We have also been working on our fraction calculations and answering maths word problems. After our Bookfeast trip we have written a recount of our visit.

**After School Club and Wraparound Care Invoices** – paper copies came home this week and the bills are also in ParentPay. The deadline for payment is Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May please.

*Parents are welcome in our school*

**Congratulations** - to budding poet Freya Leech who entered the 2018 Live Canon Poetry Competition. Her poem, based on the Baba Yaga stories she had studied in school, was shortlisted and Freya was invited to attend a celebration event at a theatre in Greenwich where she was presented with a copy of the published anthology of poems. Well done Freya.

**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.

### **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 News** - Thanks to those who came to the meeting, or who have offered help in the build up. It's not too late to be involved in the pre-fete planning and organisation. As you'll see below, some of us have had to take on more than one role so we'd love some help. Here's the outline of who is coordinating what so that you can approach the correct person if you are able to be involved in any way. Likewise if you have any contacts that could get us a raffle prize or a good deal on some food or entertainment, we are always looking to minimise costs and maximise fundraising!

1) **On-the-day volunteer coordinator** (those volunteering to man stalls/cafe/bar/BBQ etc) - April Jones, Jo Willmott, Olivia Selinger 2) **Bar** - Charlotte Gilman & Louisa Brossler 3) **Stalls** - Claire Aldridge 4) **Breckon & Breckon & Publicity** - Harmonie Limb 5) **Raffle prizes** - Ben Armstrong 6) **Entertainments** - Louisa Brossler & Anna Lawrence 7) **Food & shopping** - Olivia Selinger 8) **Making & coordinating raffle ticket sales** - April Jones 9) Pre-fete planning coordinators - Jo Willmott & Anna Lawrence 10) **On-the-day fete organiser/coordinator** - Chloe Purcell. Please get in touch in person or via facebook (search New Hinksey School Association).

**September 2018 Nursery Places:** Please can you help us? If you have children born between 1st September 2014 and 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

**Weeding Party Volunteers Wanted!** – 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 on **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> 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!

**New Hinksey School Association** - has a fundraising account with Local Giving to collect donations from friends and family who would like to support the school. It is possible to make one-off donations, set up a regular direct debit or even create your own fundraising page for a sponsored event. In the past year we have raised nearly £3,000 through donations to Local Giving alone. If you would like to find out more, or make a donation, please go to: <https://localgiving.org/charity/newhinkseyschoolassociation/>

Have a happy long weekend and see you all on Tuesday (School closed on Bank Holiday Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May)  
Charlotte Haynes

### **Dates for Diaries**

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May** – School Closed/No School as it is **May Bank Holiday**

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

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May** – 9.10am **Dove Class Sharing Assembly**

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

**School Holiday Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June**

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June** – School Closed for **INSET** (no school for all children)

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June 8.45am** Children return for start of term (swimming for **Years 4 and 5**)

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> June - SCHOOL FETE 12-2.30pm**

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June 9.10am** – **Woodpecker Class Sharing Assembly**

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 9.10am** – **Kingfisher Class Singing Sharing Assembly**

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June** – **SCHOOL CLOSED** for Inset

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July 9.10am** – **Owl Class Sharing Assembly**

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July** – **Sports Day** (morning) **10 am in Hinksey Park**, weather permitting.

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

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July** – 2pm – **Key Stage 2 performances** to parents 'Robin Hood'

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

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> July** **END OF TERM at 1pm after Lunch**