



New Hinksey CE Primary School

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

Welcome back after the half term break – we hope you all had a lovely relaxing time and are refreshed for the final, very busy, part of the school year.

We would like to thank you all for your great support of the Year 6 ‘mini fete’ which took place on the Friday before half term. A fantastic £177 was raised which will be used for the Year 6 end of primary school treat/trip out.

News from Classes:

Foundation Stage (Ducklings and Robins) – The children in Foundation stage have all settled back very happily after the holiday. We would like to give families the opportunity to contribute to the children’s Learning Journey books. Therefore we are introducing a system which informs us of any achievements or milestones at home – we are calling these ‘Wow’ moments, and can be anything from getting dressed independently, helping to lay the table, being kind to someone, making a fabulous model etc. A ‘Wow’ moment really can be anything that your family would like to share and celebrate with us. We will be handing out a set of ‘Wow’ moment sheets that you can fill in and bring into school whenever you want. There will also be extra sheets on the Parents’ Notice Board. We look forward to your contributions.

Finches – Our main focus for this term is ‘fairgrounds’ and we have already been busy setting up our role play area with fairground stalls for food and games. Our chalk pastel fairground pictures provide a suitable backdrop as well. In maths we have been using the vocabulary ‘before, after, between’ to describe the position and order of numbers up to and beyond 100. We look forward to gathering some historical information about fairs in the past and we are going to be interviewing some elderly members of our families for homework.

Owls – We have been learning about visiting fairgrounds in the past by interviewing one of our relatives and interviewing Mrs Foster and Lorraine. This information will form part of our information books on fairs. We have been making a timeline and looking at black and white photos of St. Giles’ Fair, looking for clues about what is the same and what has changed. In maths we have been doubling, halving and finding quarters of a shape or number. Our ‘mummy’ peas have grown very well so we will be planting them out very soon.

Doves – We have been reading and listening to Rudyard Kipling’s *Just So Stories*. We have used story mountains to plan our own versions. These have been about a range of animals including rabbits, flamingos and whales. We enjoyed making some delicious gnocchi in cookery which we ate with grated parmesan. In maths we have worked hard on ‘time’ and ‘perimeter’. Please note that Dove Class will be visiting the central library during the afternoon of Thursday 14th June so please can all children in Doves have sensible shoes, a water bottle and a lightweight rain jacket on Thursday.

Woodpeckers – We have been listening to and reading some Ancient Greek myths and discussing the features of such stories. Next week we shall start planning and writing our own myths for inclusion in a class book. In maths we have been learning about factors and fractions and practising our mental multiplication strategies. We have also begun composing a theme tune for our superheroes.

Kingfishers – Auditions were held for the KS2 Robin Hood Production. The children have their parts and they are all busy learning their lines and the songs. We have written our own poems linked to emotions and feelings after first writing a class poem called ‘Anger’. In science we explored how a prism changes a ray of light to show the colour spectrum. We have also started work on our key R.E. question for this term, ‘Does it matter what we believe about creation?’.

Fete Update – Roll Up! Roll Up! It’s the New Hinksey Summer Fete! Tomorrow 12-2.30pm
We hope to see many of you there and please bring family, friends and neighbours with you.

Parents are welcome in our school

New Summer Menus – You may have noticed (when you pre-book in ParentPay) that there are new menus in place for the Summer. There are some changes and different choices which we hope will appeal to the children, with some lighter, summer choices such as tuna jacket potatoes, cheese and ham bagel and salads, summer quiche and handmade southern style chicken nuggets. There are some changes in the vegetables too – ratatouille, baked corn on the cob and purple sprouting and sweet potato wedges now feature.

GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation) and Privacy – You may be aware that from 25th May 2018, the rules around data protection changed. The GDP Regulation changes how we can use your personal data and how we keep it safe, and also strengthens your rights over your own data. The new regulations make sure sensitive or private information about yourselves or your children remains safe. Whilst it is similar in many ways to the Data Protection Act that it has replaced, there are some differences which will mean a few changes at school and on our website in order to ensure we remain compliant.

For further information please visit our school website (www.new-hinksey.oxon.sch.uk) where you can read our updated Privacy Notice.

After School Club and Wraparound Care Invoices – the bills for May were sent home via book bags this week and are also on ParentPay. The deadline for paying is Friday 15th June and we would be grateful if you could all try to have paid by then. Thank you.

If you could start to let us know your After School Club requirements for next year from September that would be very helpful - please email Tracey (office.3213@new-hinksey.oxn.sch.uk).

Assemblies – There have been a couple of singing assemblies for KS2 this week to get on with learning all the Robin Hood songs. On Thursday Father James led an assembly on ‘Sacred Heart of Jesus’.

Resource Donations Still Needed – I think we will for ever have the need for more and more photocopying paper and boxes of tissues so do feel free to keep your lovely donations still rolling in! Many thanks indeed.

Everyone Welcome! – All members of the local community are warmly invited to an **Oxford Eid Extravaganza** at Cheney School on Sunday 17th June 12pm – 7pm. Entry is free and there will be: football, arts and crafts, zorbing, farm animal petting, falconry, market stalls, rock climbing, face paints, henna art, pony rides and much more. Go to info@oxfordeidextravaganza.co.uk for more information.

Wishing you all a happy weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Charlotte Haynes

Dates for Diaries

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.

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

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

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 in 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.