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

Thank you to Year 4 and Miss Mzizi for their fabulous assembly this morning – great dance moves! It has been a busy week in school this week. Can I remind all parents that next Friday (17th March) school is closed to all children (Inset day).

Vision Tests

Reception children have brought home today information about vision tests which will be taking place in school on Wednesday 22nd March. Please only return the forms if you do not wish your child to have a vision test or if your child is already under the care of an optician.

After School Club and Wraparound Care Bills – The bills were prepared and sent home last week via book bags and they are also in ParentPay. Please look out for these and log on to ParentPay to pay the invoice by the deadline Friday 17th March.

Red Nose Day on Friday 24th March for Comic Relief – Children are encouraged to come to school in pyjamas and/or with a funky colourful hairstyle and to bring a joke or two to school with them to tell their friends. We are asking for a donation of £2 per child and **all the money will go to the charity** to support people in the UK and Africa who are living very tough lives. It is a fun way to help good causes and we hope you will enter into the spirit!

French Café – The Year 5 children (with a little help from adults) will be running a French Café on Wednesday March 15th from 8.30am until 9.15am. Please support this by coming along and enjoying a drink and a croissant (or similar). Tickets for this are selling well so be sure to get yours on Monday if you want to come.

Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers – please collect these and hand in to school as we can get lots of lovely equipment from the scheme - the more we collect the more we can get!

Dates for Diaries

Wednesday 15th March – French Breakfast Café in school hall 8.30 – 9.15am

Thursday 16th March – International Evening – 6.30pm tour the 'international' classrooms; 7pm shared meal in hall

Friday 17th March – Inset day – School closed to all children for staff training

Friday 24th March – Sharing Assembly for **Year 2** in school hall at 9.10am (parents welcome)

Friday 24th March – Comic Relief 'Red Nose' Day – pyjama day, silly hair and bring a joke to school with you (£2)

Thursday 30th March and Wednesday 5th April – Evenings for Parent-Teacher meetings

Friday 31st March Sharing Assembly for **Year 3** in school hall at 9.10am (parents welcome)

Friday 7th April – End of Term at 1pm

Monday 10th April – Friday 21st April School closed for Easter holiday

Monday 24th April – start of Summer Term

South Oxford Adventure Playground: *Your local adventure playground behind Grandpont Nursery, run by volunteers!* Please help raise money to open SOAP through 2017. All monies raised will fund our play workers to run free, fun play sessions open to everyone. Want to learn more or get involved in SOAP? Please come along to our **AGM on 15 March, 7.30pm, at the Grandpont Pavilion.** Lots of opportunity to get involved or simply learn more about this wonderful playground! Hope to see you there.

Parents are welcome in our school

News from Classes:

Foundation Stage – This week we have been experimenting and making different patterns with paint. This has included marble and sponge painting. In the reception class we have been learning to add two sets of numbers to gain a total. We have also been practising writing numbers, counting along number lines, using our fingers to count and singing number songs. We were number mad!!

Year 1 – We have had two highlights this week – firstly our exciting trip to the Pitt Rivers Museum where we all learned a lot from the materials workshop. Thank you to Freddie’s mum and Julia’s dad for coming with us. Our second highlight was taking part in a fairy-tales drama workshop on Wednesday which was great fun and very creative.

Year 2 – We have been telling the time again (o’clock, half-past, quarter past and to) and talking about lengths of time: minutes, hours, days, weeks, months of year. Please keep talking about this at home. We have been practising our reading comprehension skills each day. We thoroughly enjoyed our fairy-tale drama session provided by *Perform* – a leaflet was sent home about classes. We have started to make an Australian animal sock puppet – practising tying knots at home would be really helpful!!

Year 3 – We have enjoyed experimenting with ramps of different surfaces and cars in science to find out about forces. In maths we have learnt to tell the time in five minute intervals and to solve time related problems. In Design Technology we have begun to design and make our own versions of the Terracotta Army. Next week on Wednesday 15th March is our Christchurch Singing Concert. The doors will be open at 10.45 and the concert will be from 11 – 11.30 so please come and watch if you can. The children need to wear a school t-shirt or sweatshirt.

Year 4 – In maths we have been improving our time telling skills – we have even used a time number line to help calculate the duration of events. We have also started our own research about an aspect of Japan that interests us. Having created informative posters about electrical safety, some of which are displayed around our school, this week in science we have been putting together various circuits and investigating which ones work and why.

Year 5 – We have finished filming our documentaries about the Amazon and have enjoyed watching each other’s. We have begun finding out about countries in South America other than Brazil and have been writing questions based on a reading text for our classmates to answer.

Year 6 – This week we have been learning how to plot coordinates in all four quadrants and how to “translate” shapes from one place to another. In English, we have written some beautiful poems about Africa. On Tuesday, we were visited by the school nurse team, who ran two sessions on puberty and sex and relationship education. The children put the nurse through her paces with some very difficult questions! Please remind your child to try to finish his or her reading book this weekend (if they haven’t already done so) as on Monday we will be holding our termly book quiz.

Wishing you all a very happy weekend and hopefully some lovely spring weather.

Yours sincerely,

Charlotte Haynes



New Hinksey Primary School International Evening

All our families are warmly invited to come and celebrate our multinational and multicultural school on Thursday 16th March 2017

The evening **starts at 6.30pm** with the classes all open and exhibiting work by the children all about the Wonderful World topic. Please tour the school.

At 7pm we will all meet at the hall and have a **delicious plate of tasty treats** from around the world. **We ask that everyone brings a dish to contribute to the buffet table** – savoury or sweet.

Soft drinks, wine and beer will be available for a contribution.

Please come and enjoy this social occasion, meeting and chatting to other families. There will be a sign-up sheet on the playground or in the glasshouse to give us an idea of numbers.