



New Hinksey CE Primary School

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

This has been a good week in school with lovely weather, although some of the younger children are a bit tired having coped with a full week in school after the long summer break!

News from Classes:

Foundation Stage – We extend a warm welcome to the new children and families in our Foundation Stage and have enjoyed welcoming back families that we already knew. The new children have now settled to form a happy class. Favourite activities have been playing with the trains and cars, and dressing up in costumes especially the superhero ones. Just a reminder – the children are offered fruit, milk and water throughout the day. They are also offered a plain biscuit each day, but this option is reliant on parents donating some packets of biscuits now and again throughout the term – thank you.

Year 1 – Our focus in English is storytelling and we are learning to tell the story of ‘The Bird in the Forest’. We enjoyed explaining what the bird said at different points of the story. We have also helped to make the display. In maths we have been busy counting and ordering numbers. It has been lots of fun getting to know each other!

Year 2 – We have been ordering 2 digit numbers in maths, writing our story ‘The Bird in the Forest’, and making bird masks and flying bird models. We have been finding out about the Chinese Autumn Lantern Festival on 15th September. Can you spot the full moon? Why not gaze at it while eating round cakes!

Year 3 – We have worked hard on our place value in maths this week. We visited the allotment and cooked a healthy soup out of the beans and potatoes we collected. In science we have begun to learn about the main food groups and how to follow a balanced diet. We are going to design and make fruit and vegetable smoothies next week so please can you send in 50p per child to Mrs Tucker to cover the cost of ingredients – many thanks.

Year 4 – In our first full week we have been planning a short play about The Great Fire of London. We are creating a wonderful display of the fire with our flame painting and making 3D Tudor houses. We have been thinking about how particles behave in solids, liquids and gases. Yesterday we visited the allotment and collected sunflowers that we planted whilst in Year 3.

Year 5 – We have had a good start to the year. We are enjoying the story ‘The Secrets of Vesuvius’ by Caroline Lawrence. We have written about the characters in the stories using relative clauses to add information to our sentences. In maths we have been learning about Roman numerals and have also been improving the speed of our mental addition and subtraction.

Year 6 – In science this week we have been learning about light; how light travels and how we see things. The children are planning short videos to explain these concepts in simpler terms to younger children in school, and will film them next week. We have also been working on our Great Fire of London quiz PowerPoints, learning how to add animation to make different bits of text appear and disappear at the right time. Next week are moving back in time to The Vikings.

After School Club Bills and Wraparound Care Bills –The payments were due by today, Friday 16th September. If you have not yet paid please do so at once as places will be cancelled for children who are in debt. Please note that the after school care club is now fully booked and there are waiting lists for places should anyone drop out. There are sometimes cancellations so it is worth asking if you have a changed need. From now on After School Club sessions will be charged at £10 for a full session and £7 for a part or second sibling session. **Unused places will be charged for unless 24 hours’ notice is given.** If your child is off school sick then there is no charge but please make sure you phone the office to report the absence at the start of the day.

Parents are welcome in our school

Start of Day - Children **should be at school on the playground to line up with their classes by 8.45am**. If they are not getting here in time for the line then they are late. The playground gate will be closed and locked at 8.55 each day. We expect parents of years 2 -6 to say goodbye in the playground to avoid congestion in the cloakrooms and corridors and to enable the children to develop independence.

Nasal Flu Immunisation Forms for Years 1, 2, 3 – please ensure that they are returned as soon as possible to ensure that the correct dosage is ordered. Thank you.

School Lunches – Please make every effort to use ParentPay. We are **no longer accepting cash payments for lunches**. It is also very helpful if you have pre booked your menu choices in advance as it means learning time is not lost whilst each child thinks about and decides their choice for that day.

Year 5/6 Residential to Woodlands – The 3rd payment was due by 10th September. Please pay on ParentPay and also check that the second payments are up to date. We will organise a meeting before half term to talk further about details, packing etc. so that the half term break can be used for getting organised. The dates of the residential are 7th - 11th November. All our places are now taken up by those who have returned forms and paid deposits and instalments.

After School Activity Clubs – please collect from the main playground gates at the end of the clubs.

Activity	Day	Time	Who for	Additional information
Football	Tuesday	3 – 4.15pm	Yrs 1 - 6	Run by Club Energy. Starting 20 th September. £30
Key Stage 1 Computing	Wednesday	3 – 4pm	Max 10 children in Yrs 1 and 2.	Run by Mrs Nash – please see her if there are queries.
Art Club	Wednesday	3 – 4pm	Yrs 2 and 3	This club is now fully subscribed. Dates: 5 th , 12 th , 19 th October, 2 nd , 9 th , 16 th , 23 rd , 30 th November and 7 th December.
Homework	Thursday lunchtime	12.35- 1.05pm	Yrs 4, 5, 6	Any child who has not completed homework from these year groups will miss their lunchtime play and go to the Yr 4 classroom to catch up with it.
Maths Challenge	Some Thursdays	After school	By invitation	More details to follow for those who are invited (from Ms Christensen).

Yours sincerely,

Charlotte Haynes

Dates for Diaries

Friday 23rd September Year 2 Sharing Assembly at 9.10am in hall

Monday 26th September Open Afternoon 3 – 4pm for families to visit classes and meet the teachers

Thursday 29th September School Photographer here for individual and sibling pupil photos

Friday 7th October Year 3 Sharing Assembly at 9.10am

Thursday 13th October Harvest Festival in church at 9.15am

Friday 21st October Year 5 Sharing Assembly at 9.10am in hall

Friday 21st October End of Half Term at 3pm (After School Club as normal)

Monday 24th October – Friday 28th October Half Term Holiday (no school)

Monday 31st October Back to school

Job Vacancy – 4.5hrs alternate weekends **caretaking** at The Community Centre in Lake Street (£8.50 per hr). Closing date 30th September. Contact Debby Forbes on 01865 242666 or email enquiries@southoxford.org