



New Hinksey CE Primary School

Vicarage Road Oxford OX1 4RQ

Tel: 01865 242169 Fax: 01865 242169

Email: office.3213@new-hinksey.oxon.sch.uk

Website: www.new-hinksey.oxon.sch.uk

Headteacher: Mrs Charlotte Haynes

24th February 2017

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

We hope that you have returned from the half term holiday refreshed and that you were not too badly blown about by Storm Doris yesterday!

News from Classes:

Foundation Stage – All of the children in Foundation Stage have had a happy and healthy start to the week. We are currently updating our resources, particularly in the outdoor classroom. We are looking for the following items in good condition and would be delighted to receive any you no longer use:-

- Table cloths (especially small ones for children's play tables)
- Flat sheets (double or king-size)
- Curtains and cushions
- Any push/pull toys such as doll push chairs, wheelbarrows or carts
- Books with DVDs

Year 1 – We have been hearing, stepping, mapping and telling the story of Little Red Riding Hood. We explored the good and bad characters in drama and had a go at making a 'Wanted' poster for guess who? In maths we have been counting in 2s, 5s and 10s and we have also begun to halve and quarter shapes. Our role play area is going to change into a materials workshop and we are looking forward to making things for an explorer's kit.

Year 2 – We have been focusing on frogs this week in science and art, exploring their life cycles, their characteristics and appearance. We have been learning an Aboriginal Australian story called 'The Greedy Frog' which we will be telling you for this week's homework. In maths we have been doubling and halving and learning some fractions: quarters, halves and thirds. **Our sharing assembly will be on Friday 24th March.**

Year 3 – Mrs Tucker says we have settled back brilliantly into this half of term and we have enjoyed finding out about the famous fossil hunter Mary Anning. In maths we have worked hard to use the expanded method to solve addition sums. We have begun research on Chinese animals and found out about a wide variety of animals living there such as red pandas, birds of prey and the mongoose. We are having fun learning our songs for the singing performance at Christchurch which is on Wednesday 15th March. The doors will be open from 10.45 and the concert will be 11am till 11.30am. Please come along. **Our sharing assembly will be on Friday 31st March.**

Year 4 – We have been asking and answering questions about Kensuke's Kingdom, and beginning to understand the difference between a 'retrieval' and an 'inference' type of question. We have also begun our own painting of Hokusai's 'The Great Wave'. This week in science we were introduced to our new topic of electricity by having fun exploring various equipment and 'fiddling' with electric toys. In this unit we will also be considering the energy we get from batteries. **Our sharing assembly will be on Friday 10th March.**

Year 5 – Year 5 children have been enjoying the early preparations that they have been making for the French café that they will be running on Wednesday March 15th. In English this week we have been concentrating on the correct punctuation and layout for direct speech and also converting it to indirect speech. In maths we have been learning the 'bus stop' method for divisions.

Year 6 – This week, as well as continuing to work hard on our English and Maths skills, we have learnt how to do gesso carving with Mrs Smith and designed and made mirror frames themed on our African topic. We have also enjoyed investigating triangles.

Parent Governor Vacancy – The deadline for registering your interest in standing for the parent governor vacancy was today. Three parents have come forward so a parent election will be organised.

Parents are welcome in our school

World Book Day – This takes place next week on Thursday 2nd March. All members of our school community – pupils, parents and staff are warmly invited to come to school dressed up as a character from a book. Children are also asked to bring into school that day a favourite book. In their classes they will have the chance to show and talk about these books to their friends. It should be a fun day and we will try to take lots of photos to display in school. Each child will also bring home a £1.00 book token which can be used towards buying any book or can be used to buy one of the many specially produced £1 books available at lots of participating shops until 26th March.

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). Look out for tickets being sold on the main playground at the beginning and end of the school day in the coming weeks.

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!

Important Reminders:

- All children with long hair (girls and boys) are requested to have their hair tied back every day in school.
- Children must have properly fitting trainers or plimsolls for PE lessons otherwise they will have to sit out.

New Menus – With this newsletter your child should have brought home the new menu. Many of the meals are the same with just a few changes here and there. Please remember that it is useful to use ParentPay to pre-book meals **with** your child so that they can make their choices and know what it is they are having for lunch.

Yours sincerely,

Charlotte Haynes

Dates for Diaries

Thursday 2nd March – World Book Day – Dress up as a book character; bring a favourite book to school with you.

Friday 3rd March – School Class Photos (please can children wear a school sweatshirt that day)

Friday 10th March – Sharing Assembly for Year 4 in school hall at 9.10am

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

Friday 24th March – Comic Relief ‘Red Nose’ Day

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

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

Message from South Oxford Adventure Playground: *Your local adventure playground behind Grandpont Nursery, run by volunteers!* Please help raise money to open SOAP through 2017. Sponsor 8 year old Simon to run the Junior half-marathon in Brighton this weekend. He loves SOAP and wants as many children to enjoy it as possible. Please help us raise money to open after school and through the holidays. Go to his link to know more. <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Simon-Henderson5> 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.