



# New Hinksey CE Primary School

Vicarage Road Oxford OX1 4RQ

Tel: 01865 242169 Fax: 01865 242169

Email: [office.3213@new-hinksey.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:office.3213@new-hinksey.oxon.sch.uk)

Website: [www.new-hinksey.oxon.sch.uk](http://www.new-hinksey.oxon.sch.uk)

Headteacher: Mrs Charlotte Haynes

24<sup>th</sup> March 2017

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

Thank you to Year 2 for their delightful sharing assembly this morning when they shared many interesting facts about Australian animals and also performed a short play about a greedy frog!

**Parent Governor Election** – We would like to thank all 3 candidates for standing for the vacant parent governor. I am pleased to inform you that the parent with the most votes was Harmonie Limb (mother of James in Year 3) who is duly appointed as parent governor and will start attending Governing Body meetings. She joins the existing parent governors who are: Olivia Selinger (mother of Mia in Yr 3 and Ayliffe in Nursery), Jasper Smith (father of Luca in Yr 6), Ollie Raikes (father of Benjamin in Yr 3 and William in Reception) and James Webber (father of Freya in Yr 3, Josh in Yr 1 and Poppy in Nursery).

**International Evening** – What a lovely evening this was last week. The classrooms looked great with so much interesting work displayed about different parts of the world and then the delicious shared plate meal was much enjoyed by so many of our families. Thank you to everyone for your plates of food and for your good company and for being so helpful with the clearing up. Especial thanks to Becky (Luca's mum) who did the shopping for us and to Chloe (mum of Bill and Delilah) who put together the quiz.

**Comic Relief** – Many thanks to all who entered in to the spirit and wore pyjamas to school with their red noses. We will let you know the sum raised for charity next week.

**Class Photographs** – If you wish to order please return order form by 31<sup>st</sup> March with the payment in the envelope.

**Cake Sale** – The School Association (PTA) will be holding a cake sale to raise money on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April at 3pm. Please support them by baking and donating cakes and cookies and buying them on the day! Caroline Bushell (mother of Katie in Yr 1 and Edie in Yr 4) is the coordinator for this one.

**Easter Raffle** – The children will be thrilled to hear that the Easter raffle (chocolate eggs, chocolate bunnies, Easter novelties etc.) will be taking place on the last Friday of term (Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April). Members of the School Association will start selling tickets during next week. However, the raffle is only successful if we have lots and lots of prizes donated by families so please start sending in Easter eggs, any Easter chocolates and sweets or spring arty crafty gifts. Thank you.

**Parent Teacher Meetings** – Please sign up for a slot to talk to your children's class teacher about their learning and next steps. It is really valuable to be able to share information with you so that children get the maximum support from both school and home to help them make good progress.

**Second Hand Uniform** – We have a huge collection of second hand school sweatshirts, some tee-shirts and polo shirts. We sell these for only £1 per item which is really good value. During the parents' evening the second hand uniform will be available to buy from a table in the glass house cloakroom area so please do go there to have a rummage if you are interested in buying one or two.

**Lunches** – All the roast meals will be chicken (no pork) and vegetarian sausage rolls will replace the veggie burgers until the main cooker is replaced.

*Parents are welcome in our school*

### News from Classes:

**Foundation Stage** – This week we have been thinking about how much our mothers and carers do for us and about love. We have also been printing blossom and enjoying the new Lego that Sarah's son kindly donated to the school. When the weather was nice some children were very focussed on observational drawing of our beautiful hyacinths.

**Year 1** – We have had fun listening to Michael Rosen's poem 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' and have spotted all the patterns of rhyme, rhythm, repetition and alliteration. We also read and recited various nursery rhymes in small groups and highlighted the similar patterns. Now we are working together to write and perform our own versions of an 'animal hunt' poem. In maths we are working out one more, one less, 10 more and 10 less than 2-digit numbers. We also enjoyed some special surprises for Mothers' day!

**Year 2** – We have been reading different Aboriginal animal creation stories and practising for our sharing assembly. We have been multiplying and dividing by grouping (working with 2, 5, 10, 3 and 4 times tables). We have been adding money and discussing the value of the coins and notes.

**Year 3** – We have enjoyed investigating forces using force meters and recording our findings in newtons. We have begun a poetry focus by reading and writing our own free verse. We have started to make our Terracotta Warriors and have worked hard on place value and subtraction in maths.

**Year 4** – We have been finishing our fact files about an aspect of Japan, and have been learning more about Japanese society. We have learnt about earthquakes which affect Japan quite regularly. In art our Japanese bamboo prints are now looking splendid with a red signature panel. In computing we have continued to programme and design our animations by writing scripts that allow our sprites to interact with one another. In RE we will be reflecting on fasting as well as looking at the meaning of temptation and how we and others can overcome it.

**Year 5** – In our DT lessons we have been learning about costume design especially with reference to the carnival in Rio de Janeiro in South America. We have made our own patterns using wall paper and have now cut out the fabric and begun sewing. In maths we have been converting mixed numbers to improper fractions and vice versa. Some of us have been multiplying mixed numbers by single digit numbers. In our English lessons we have been learning how to write summaries of nursery rhymes, extracts from stories and our class book 'Journey to the River Sea'.

**Year 6** – We have been writing *Just So* stories in the style of Rudyard Kipling. We have chosen new guided reading books which we have started reading this week in preparation for the next book challenge quiz. In maths we have been learning how to generalise about number sequences using algebraic recording. We have also been learning about ratio and proportion.

**Keeping Your Children Safe On The Internet** – It is well worth every parent becoming aware of how to help keep children safe from on line abuse, cyber bullying and from being exposed to unsuitable pictures and materials. There are two excellent sites for parents which we strongly urge you to use:

[www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk) and

[www.net-aware.org.uk](http://www.net-aware.org.uk) (especially their 'Your Guide to the Social Networks Your Kids Use')

**Goodbye** - We would like to wish Sarah Williams all the best in the future as she moves on to a full time role at the New Theatre. Sarah has been a lovely lunchtime supervisor for the past few years and all of us, especially the Foundation Stage children, will miss her.

**Art Club** – The club with Miss Kilpatrick has now **finished** for this term.

And finally, please **make sure that your child has a coat in school every day** as the weather is very changeable!

A very happy Mothering Sunday to all our families and don't forget the clocks go forward an hour this weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Charlotte Haynes

### **Dates for Diaries**

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March and Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April – Evenings for Parent-Teacher meetings** – please sign up.

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

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April – Cake Sale 3pm – remember to bring some money.

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April – End of Term at 1pm**

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April School closed for Easter holiday**

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April – start of Summer Term