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

We thoroughly enjoyed the lovely sharing assembly this morning when Year 3 told us all about their learning including some interesting facts about their topic on China – thank you Year 3.

News from Classes:

Foundation Stage – This week the Pandas have had lots of fun practising their rhyming skills with Elizabeth. The children have also been thinking about time in terms of the changes of season from winter to spring, and the different things that we do during the night and day. The Reception class have been refining their cutting skills by cutting out petals for their beautiful daffodils.

Year 1 – We have had fun selecting our best lines from our animal poems and working cooperatively to combine and perform them in unison and with actions. We have also done our Abacus maths check to find out our next steps in our learning. In science we have been busy testing materials to find out which ones will be waterproof or not. We will use our findings to decide how to design an Easter hat for all weathers!

Year 2 – We have been adding money and practising going shopping. We have worked together well to make a carrot cake and chocolate Lamingtons. We have tried sketching outside and chosen and drawn an Australian impressionist landscape painting. We really enjoyed drawing flags and other pictures on the playground in chalks one sunny afternoon. Any parent able to help us on our Wednesday trip please let Miss Kilpatrick know a.s.a.p. please.

Year 3 – We have enjoyed investigating magnetism in science this week. We used a wide variety of magnets to see which materials were magnetic and why. In English we have written some wonderfully descriptive acrostic poetry all about China. In maths we have continued to improve our subtraction and doubling skills. We have worked hard to organise our sharing assembly about China which we hope you enjoyed.

Year 4 – We have been learning new French words and phrases using the Duolingo app on the iPads. In English we have been following, writing and answering questions about sets of instructions. Our art has focussed on designing a lacquerware plate.

Year 5 – We have enjoyed watching the film ‘Up’ and finding out about Angel Falls, the inspiration for Paradise Falls in the film. We have also written summaries and film reviews. We have finished working on our individual projects about something connected to South America and have all produced a booklet or a fact-file. The beans and tomatoes that we have planted are doing well. We are enjoying looking after them and watching them grow.

Year 6 – We had a fantastic afternoon at the Playhouse on Wednesday watching plays written by Kayleigh and Maddie, along with others from different schools. It was hugely entertaining – well done to all the children who took part in the Playmaker project. We have also been working hard this week preparing for our tough maths SATs in a few weeks’ time. There is more to come over the next three weeks but it will all be over soon enough and we are looking forward to that time!

Comic Relief Charity – You will be pleased to hear that this school raised £225.98 by dressing up in pyjamas!

Class Photographs – The deadline for handing in the envelopes is today (Friday 31st).

YEAR 4 Cake Sale - on Thursday 6th April - please can year 4 parents buy / bake something to sell. We also need helpers to set up / man the stall / help tidy up. Please see Caroline (Edie yr4 / Katie yr1). Proceeds to the School Association. Please leave donations in ICT room on the day of the sale. Many thanks.

Parents are welcome in our school

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.

Easter Raffle – The Easter raffle (chocolate eggs, chocolate bunnies, Easter novelties etc.) will be taking place next Friday (7th April). Members of the School Association are selling tickets during next week. However, the raffle is only successful if we have lots and lots of prizes donated by families so please keep sending in Easter eggs, any Easter chocolates and sweets or spring arty crafty gifts. We have some already but not enough for a raffle yet! Thank you.

Parent Teacher Meetings – Thank you to those parents who have been in this week to talk to your children's class teachers 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.

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 and

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

Computer Club – this club with Mrs Nash on Wednesdays has now finished for this term. There will be NO computer club on Wednesday 5th April.

Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers – please, please collect and hand in as many of these as you can. Don't forget to ask friends, neighbours and work colleagues to donate theirs to us if they don't have a school of their own to collect for.

Last Day of Term – Don't forget that we break up for the Easter holiday on Friday 7th next week at 1pm. Please collect your children promptly.

After School Club and Wraparound Bills – The invoices will appear on ParentPay today and the paper bills will go home on Monday via book bags. **Please ensure that payment is made by the end of term (7th April).** Thank you.

I hope you all have a great weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Charlotte Haynes

Dates for Diaries

Wednesday 5th April – Evening for Parent-Teacher meetings.

Thursday 6th April – Cake Sale 3pm – remember to bring some money at the end of the day.

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