



New Hinksey CE Primary School

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

Welcome back to school and a very happy and healthy new year to everyone.

It has been a good start to term and our whole school topic of 'Wonderful World' is already inspiring the children. Each class is focussing on a different area of the world and to find out more about the learning going on in your children's class please see the attached topic plan. I know that teachers would be delighted to hear from you if you have any resources or areas of expertise that could support the learning in the class. These topic plans will be on the school website and the weekly newsletter is also posted on the website so that parents can access the news and information even if the hard copy gets lost or mislaid. The website address is www.new-hinksey.oxon.sch.uk

We are very pleased to welcome Miss Mzizi to the teaching team (Year 4 on Thursdays and Fridays) as well as new children throughout the school – Hiba, Hugo, Pheo, Layla, Chris and Tony.

Please Help – Lost Scooter

On Tuesday a new child started in Nursery and his orange coloured mini scooter was parked in the big bike shed on the main playground. At the end of the day it was not there and this was very upsetting for the child, his parents and the school. It is likely that another family who also have an orange scooter have assumed it is their one and ridden it home by mistake. Please can all families check their scooters to see if they have doubled up and bring the scooter back at once if it turns up. Many thanks.

Clubs

The following clubs will start next week, week beginning 9th January:

Tuesdays 3pm – 4.15pm – Football Club run by Club Energy. Please ask class teachers for the registration form, complete it and return with the payment as instructed on the form if your child would like to take part.

Wednesday 3pm – 4pm - Art Club for a maximum of 12 children from Years 2 to 4. Please sign up with Miss Kilpatrick in Yr 2 and contribute £5 to cover materials for the term.

Wednesday 3pm – 4pm - Yr 1 and 2 Computer Club with Mrs Nash – sign up with Mrs Nash in Yr 1.

Thursdays 3pm – 4pm - A parent, Rolf Suabedissen, and Ms Christensen will be organising a Maths Club. This will be by invitation only and separate letters will be sent out about this.

After School Club and Wraparound Care Bills

The bills for December were sent home earlier this week via book bags and are also available in ParentPay. The deadline for payment of these invoices is Friday 13th January. Please pay promptly to ensure continued usage of the club – thank you. A reminder that a full 24 hours' notice is required for cancellation without incurring a charge.

Packed Lunches

Please only send your children with 'sucky – top' drinks bottles as the others spill too easily!

Parents are welcome in our school

Attendance and Punctuality

A reminder that all children are expected to attend school every day during term time unless too ill to do so. Absence for reasons other than genuine illness or unavoidable medical appointments will not be authorised. As far as possible, dental appointments and check-ups should be made for after 3pm or for during the school holidays.

If your children are not lined up on the playground ready to go into class at 8.45am then they are late! Please help your children get off to a good start each day by helping them to be here ready to start the school day at 8.45am, having eaten breakfast at home. Of all the hours in a whole year, a child only spends 14% of their time in school so it is vital to their development and progress that they have good attendance.

At this school we do expect all Foundation Stage, Year 1 and Year 2 children to be escorted to and from school by an adult each day.

National Childhood Measuring Programme

Parents of children in Reception and Year 6 should have received a letter and flyer about this taking place in school on Thursday 19th January. Please read carefully and contact the School Health Team if you have any queries.

Best wishes for a happy weekend,

Yours sincerely,

Charlotte Haynes

Dates for Diaries

Friday 20th January – Sharing Assembly for Year 5 in hall at 9.10am – Year 5 parents welcome

Friday 27th January – Sharing Assembly for Year 1 in hall at 9.10am – Year 1 parents welcome

Wednesday 1st February – Peter Pan pantomime performance to the school (Years 1 to 6)

Friday 10th February – Sharing Assembly for Year 6 in hall at 9.10am – Year 6 parents welcome

Monday 13th – Friday 17th February – Half Term holiday – school closed this week

Monday 20th February - Children return to school after the half term holiday

Friday 3rd March – School Class Photos

Thursday 16th March – International Evening in school – more details to follow

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

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