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

Well another busy term is almost over and I think all the children and adults in school are ready for the school holiday.

Please remember that **term finishes after lunch tomorrow and all children should be collected promptly at 1pm.**

News from Classes:

Foundation Stage – The children have been enjoying more outdoor activities in the beautiful weather, for example playing with our new slide, walking to see the trains in the park, and using the across the road adventure playground. The children have also learnt about Easter and they have been taking part in Easter activities such as making fluffy chick pictures, designing egg patterns, writing cards, making Easter nests and enjoying an Easter egg hunt.

Year 1 – It has been a fun packed Easter themed week and we enjoyed finishing off our colourful hats and baskets. We followed instructions to make our chocolate Easter nests and other crafts. In maths we have reflected on our learning this term and completed some symmetry work with egg decorations. A belated thank you to Lucas' grandmother who kindly came in last week to do some storytelling in Spanish – the children were enchanted!

Year 2 – We have been learning about the Easter story and making Easter cards. We have been practising fractions and working with money. We had an enjoyable trip to the Natural History Museum to see real Australian animals and to the Pitt Rivers museum to see some amazing aboriginal paintings.

Year 3 – We have enjoyed finishing our topic on China by writing fortunes and making delicious fortune cookies. We had a brilliant trip to the ice rink – thanks to the parents and grandparent who helped. The class have all worked hard on their maths assessments.

Year 4 – We have been making onigiri (Japanese rice balls) that are often eaten as part of a packed lunch, as well as Easter nests (very chocolatey!). To round off our Japan topic we have watched the Studio Ghibli film 'Totoro'. In science we were lucky enough to have one of our parents lead us through a very interesting investigation to find out which fruit or vegetable, and which combination of metals, makes a battery with the highest voltage.

Year 5 – We worked hard on our end of term maths assessment earlier in the week. Then we worked hard at making chocolate nests and Easter baskets to put them in! In English lessons we have been reading and discussing some of Michael Rosen's poetry. In Geography we have been practising finding places on local OS (Ordnance Survey) maps using 4 and 6 digit grid references. We enjoyed a visit from Herbert, Ms Christensen's tortoise on Wednesday morning.

Year 6 – This week we have been focussing on shape and geometry in maths, and practising using a protractor to measure angles. The children have just about finished their Just So stories and have been writing compositions on a subject of their own choice. We finished off our Africa topic by making a delicious Moroccan couscous salad using lots of different spices.

Parents are welcome in our school

Parent Teacher Meetings – Thank you to those parents who have been in last week and 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.

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.

After School Club and Wraparound Bills – The deadline for paying the March invoices is tomorrow, Friday 7th April. Please make sure debts are cleared to ensure your children can continue to use the facilities after Easter.

Thank you for your magnificent donations for the Easter raffle which is sure to be great fun tomorrow.

Wishing you all a very happy Easter holiday.

Yours sincerely,

Charlotte Haynes

Dates for Diaries

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

Monday 1st May – School Closed for May bank holiday

Friday 5th May – May Dancing on the playground at 2pm – please come and watch

Hinksey Outdoor Pool: Come and find out more about the fascinating history of this 81-year-old lido when a new information board will be unveiled on:

Easter Sunday, 16th April, 11.00am

Everyone welcome. No charge to enter the pool area for the unveiling, complimentary refreshments available