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

Thank you to Year 3 for their delightful sharing assembly this morning. It was good to see the school skeleton (named Alex after the pupil whose family donated it) getting an airing!

In other assemblies we have started to think about harvest and being thankful.

News from Classes:

Foundation Stage – We have been looking for patterns all around us and also creating patterns with autumn leaf prints and garden rubbings. We have also been strengthening our fine motor skills, for example using small nets and scoops in the water, using tongs to pick up small objects and spreading butter and honey on toast – yum!

Year 1 – We brainstormed ideas and chose the best words for our ‘Harvest Song’ which we are going to sing at the harvest festival in church next week. Yesterday we enjoyed an autumn walk to the allotment and used all our senses to explore and discover things outside. In maths we have been sorting shapes and looking at their properties including symmetry (don’t forget the online homework for this week’s learning in maths).

Year 2 – In maths we have been using number bonds to 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 to solve additions and subtractions up to 100. Now we are learning about symmetry and right angles in 2D shapes. We learnt about Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year and enjoyed eating apples and honey. We had a great time shopping in a 17th century town buying shawls, ribbons, potatoes, pears, buttons, wooden spoons and bread from the bakery in Pudding Lane!

Year 3 – In English we have worked hard on ordering words alphabetically and using dictionaries. In maths we have enjoyed shape hunting around the school as part of our work on edges, faces and vertices of 3D shapes. In science we have begun to find out the names of bones in our skeletons.

Year 4 – Continuing our fire theme, we have written a class list poem as well as a fire haiku each. We have made our poems look old to add to our Great Fire of London classroom display. In science we have investigated the melting times and temperatures of chocolate. Our maths has moved our learning on by using column subtraction where the tens digits cannot be subtracted without ‘borrowing’ from the hundreds.

Year 5 – We have enjoyed working on individual Powerpoint presentations about volcanoes generally or about the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79AD specifically. In maths we have been learning how to read timetables. We have also been doing some practical measuring and converting between mm and cm and vice versa.

Year 6 – We have written the first draft of our Beowulf inspired stories, and learned how to draw Celtic knots to decorate the borders of our finished stories. In maths we have been tackling lots of tricky problem solving activities and multiplications.

Maths Challenge Competition – 3 teams of 4 children will be representing our school at the above competition on Wednesday 12th October at Oxford Spires Academy. We wish them all the best of luck.

After School Club and Wraparound Care Bills – the invoices for September were sent home at the start of the week and are also on ParentPay. The bills should be paid by Friday 14th October please.

School Photographs – your children will have brought home a proof of their school photograph as well as an envelope to put the order form and payment in. **Please return to school by 14th October** so that we can ensure that they are back in time for Christmas. Instructions for ordering are on the forms and envelope. If you are paying cash, please put the correct money inside as we do not open the envelopes to give change.

Internet Safety – we advise all families (parents and children) to have a look at the age relevant parts of the CEOP website (Child Exploitation and Online Protection) at www.thinkuknow.co.uk

Parents are welcome in our school

Woodlands – a pack containing medical forms and kit list has been sent home. Please complete the form and return to school as soon as possible. Please note that the final payment is due today 7th October. There will be an information meeting on **Thursday 13th October at 3.15pm in the Year 6 classroom.**

Harvest donations – please send in your harvest donations to the Learning Suite asap. This year we will distribute small boxes of items to senior citizens in the local area, and we will also donate to local homeless charities. Items such as: tins of fruit, soup, veg, fish; packets of rice, pasta, biscuits, cakes; jars of jam, spreads, marmite, honey and cooking sauces etc; tea and coffee; other items such as chocolates, pickles and chutneys; fresh produce such as fruit and veg and breads (but please don't send in these fresh items until Wednesday 12th October). Our harvest festival will be in St. John's church at 9.15am on Thursday 13th October – all welcome to join us.

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Charlotte Haynes

Dates for Diaries

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| Thursday 13 th October | Harvest Festival in church at 9.15am
Woodlands Information Meeting at 3.15pm in Year 6 classroom |
| Friday 14 th October | The PTA will be running a Year 5 CAKE SALE at the end of the day – all welcome to donate and buy cakes and cookies! |
| Friday 21 st October | Year 5 Sharing Assembly at 9.10am in hall |
| Friday 21 st October | End of Half Term at 3pm (After School Club as normal) |
| Monday 24th October – Friday 28th October Half Term Holiday (no school) | |
| Monday 31 st October | Back to school – prompt 8.45am line up and lead in please. |

Food and More Job Vacancy at New Hinksey School

A catering assistant is needed in our kitchen for 12.5 hours per week, Monday to Friday term time only. £7.20 per hour. A uniform and training will be provided. This job is subject to DBS clearance and good references. For more information please call Louise Bell on 07799623185.