



# New Hinksey CE Primary School

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

Welcome back to the start of the new school year. We hope that everyone had a happy summer and that you are all refreshed ready for the new term. The children have made a good start and seem pleased to be seeing all their classmates again and getting to know new friends.

The whole school topic for this term is 'Fire and Festivals'. Much of the learning in each subject will be linked to this fun topic. With this newsletter each child will be given a topic plan for their class for the year with more details about each subject. We hope you find it interesting to read about the learning that will be taking place.

**After School Club Bills and Wraparound Care Bills** – This week the invoices for July have been sent home via book bags and they are also on ParentPay. The payments are due by Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September. Please note that the after school care club is now fully booked and there are waiting lists for places should anyone drop out. There are sometimes cancellations so it is worth asking if you have a changed need. From now on After School Club sessions will be charged at £10 for a full session and £7 for a part or second sibling session. Unused places will be charged for unless 24 hours' notice is given. If your child is off school sick then there is no charge but please make sure you phone the office to report the absence at the start of the day.

## **A Few Reminders at start of term**

- **Children should be at school on the playground to line up with their classes by 8.45am.** If they are not getting here in time for the line then they are late. The playground gate will be closed and locked at 8.55 each day. We expect parents of years 2 -6 to say goodbye in the playground to avoid congestion in the cloakrooms and corridors and to enable the children to develop independence.
- Please collect children promptly at 3pm and avoid driving cars down to the end of the road and parking in the immediate vicinity of the school.
- All children in years 1 - 6 should have a water bottle in school with them as well as a fruit or vegetable snack for morning break. They should also have a waterproof jacket/coat in school every day especially as the weather is so changeable at this time of year.
- Jewellery should not be worn at school other than a wristwatch and/or small stud earrings if ears are pierced.
- Please could scooters be named (or customised with stickers!) so that they are identifiable. This avoids mistakes at the end of the day.
- It is a parental responsibility to inform the school by phone if your child is off school for any reason (e.g. illness). Please note that the telephone is unmanned between 8.30am and 9.00am whilst we see children in at the start of the day, so please phone after 9am. Please help us by doing this so that we can code the absence correctly. Genuine illness will be authorised. Department for Education guidelines mean that we are not able to authorise absence other than for illness. Holidays in term time are not allowed.

**School Lunches** – School meals for all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are FREE and so do not have to be paid for via ParentPay. You can still use ParentPay to pre book your child's meal choices though. Children who have moved from Year 2 to Year 3 now have to start paying for school meals. Paid lunches for children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 must be paid for using ParentPay. If you are pre booking meals please make sure your child knows which meal has been chosen (e.g. meat option or vegetarian option). Parents of new children have now received their log in details via a letter. Please note that we are **no longer accepting cash payments for lunches**.

*Parents are welcome in our school*

**Inhalers** – It is very important that parents sending asthma inhalers into school name each and every part (spacer, the salbutamol blue plastic inhaler itself and any box or bag that it is contained in) before sending into school. Please make sure that the class teachers are aware of any specific instructions such as ‘to be taken before PE, or only needed when he/she has a cold’. Thank you.

**Year 5/6 Residential to Woodlands** – The 3<sup>rd</sup> payment is due by 10<sup>th</sup> September. Please pay on ParentPay and also check that the second payments are up to date. We will organise a meeting before half term to talk further about details, packing etc. so that the half term break can be used for getting organised. The dates of the residential are 7<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> November.

**After School Activity Clubs** – a selection of clubs will start in the week beginning 12<sup>th</sup> September.

Activity	Day	Time	Who for	Additional information
Football	Tuesday	After school	To be confirmed	This is a paid for club run by Club Energy and fliers will be available shortly.
Key Stage 1 Computing	Wednesday	3 – 4pm	Max 10 children in Yrs 1 and 2.	Please sign up on Mrs Nash’s sign-up sheet, outside her classroom door.
Art Club	Wednesday	3 – 4pm	Yrs 2 and 3	Please sign up with Miss Kilpatrick. A £5 cash contribution for materials should be handed to Miss K to secure a place. Dates: 5 <sup>th</sup> , 12 <sup>th</sup> , 19 <sup>th</sup> October, 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 9 <sup>th</sup> , 16 <sup>th</sup> , 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 30 <sup>th</sup> November and 7 <sup>th</sup> December.
Homework	Thursday lunchtime	12.35-1.05pm	Yrs 4, 5, 6	Any child who has not completed homework from these year groups will miss their lunchtime play and go to the Yr 4 classroom to catch up with it.
Maths Challenge	Some Thursdays	After school	By invitation	More details to follow for those who are invited (from Ms Christensen).

**New Teacher** - We welcome Wendy Wilkins onto the teaching staff. Mrs Wilkins will be a part time teacher covering PPA sessions in Years 3, 5 and 6 and in the reception class.

Wishing you all a happy weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Charlotte Haynes

Notices: Please be aware that there are some cases of headlice in school so please check your children’s hair and treat if necessary. There is also a case of ‘slapped cheek’ which those in the early stages of pregnancy should be aware of.

**Dates for Diaries**

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September Year 2 Sharing Assembly at 9.10am in hall

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September Open Afternoon 3 – 4pm for families to visit classes and meet the teachers

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September School Photographer here for individual and sibling pupil photos

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October Year 3 Sharing Assembly at 9.10am

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October Harvest Festival in church at 9.15am

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October Year 5 Sharing Assembly at 9.10am in hall

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October End of Half Term at 3pm (After School Club as normal)

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October Half Term Holiday** (no school)

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October Back to school