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

News from Classes:

Foundation Stage – We have been learning about Traditional Tales. So far the children have concentrated on ‘Goldilocks and the Three Bears’ and ‘The Three Little Pigs’. The children have listened to and compared different versions of the stories and they have produced some beautiful pictures and writing based on the texts. We have also re-enacted the stories with puppets and props, and the children have created a ‘story map’ with Elizabeth. Lastly can we please remind you to keep checking your child’s hair as headlice are visiting!

Year 1 – We have brainstormed and planned changes to our adventure stories based on Big Top Benn. Our focus is to include adjectives (wow words) to help to build a picture in the “mind’s eye”. We have enjoyed working out dance moves for our ‘Caterpillar Boogie’ performance (come and see it on Friday 19th May). We have also made head masks for our parts. Our self-portraits are developing as we add colour and personalised backgrounds to them.

Year 2 – We have been writing our own wonderful versions of the story “How Butterflies Came To Be” and are now turning them into beautiful books. We have been learning how to subtract or find the difference by counting up. We enjoyed the sunshine on Wednesday as we explored the playground looking for things that are alive, are no longer alive and not alive. We had some very interesting conversations and used ‘Mrs Nerg’ (introduced to us by Year 4) to help us to decide. Ask us what Mrs Nerg means!

Year 3 – We have begun an experiment to find out if the amount of water given to plants affects their growth. There are lots of different predictions from the class. In History we have been researching Stone Age food to design our own menus. Popular foods were mammoth’s tongue and brains! In Maths we have worked hard to multiply using the grid method. We have begun the last part of our Christchurch singing project which will conclude in a concert after school at Christchurch on 26 June.

Year 4 – We have started our Egyptian desert and pyramid paintings. We have learned a lot about Tutankhamun’s tomb. In Maths we have learned how to measure the area of a rectangle, also comparing and classifying squares, rectangles and triangles based on their properties and sizes. In RE we have explored the miracle of Jesus walking on water, thinking about why it was that Peter could also do this at first but then eventually began to sink. We have really started to consider the significance of miracles and the difference that believing in them makes to the faith of Christians.

Year 5 – We have been enjoying the story of ‘The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe’ and have been doing some English work connected with it – including newspaper reports, diary entries and comprehension questions. In Maths we have been learning about co-ordinates and negative numbers. We have also been preparing to launch our election campaigns on Monday.

Year 6 – Not much news this week except to say that we made it through our SATs in one piece! We have also begun working on our “Darwin journals”, having collected some more samples of local plants from local meadows and mapping our route. We would like to say how proud we are of the way the Year 6 children calmly tackled this tiring week.

Cake Sale – There will be a Cake Sale on Friday 19th at 3pm in the playground. All are welcome to bake and donate cakes and cookies and, of course, don’t forget to bring some money to buy cakes with on Friday.

Parents are welcome in our school

After School Club and Wraparound Bills – The bills were sent out via book bags last week and are also in ParentPay. The deadline for paying the April invoices is today. Please make sure debts are cleared to ensure your children can continue to use the facilities next week. Thank you.

After School Club Plea – If you have any unwanted but good condition scooters (2 wheel or younger 3 wheel ones) the ASC would be very pleased to have them. Please bring them in to us. Thank you.

Summer Fete – This year's fete is only 5 weeks away (Saturday 17th June) and we are in need of some extra helpers to get things up and running (see attached). Please join us at Home (pub) from 8.15pm on Wednesday 17th May or contact Anna Lawrence by email annajanelawrence@gmail.com, in person or via the New Hinksey School Association facebook group.

FIDGET SPINNERS – Please note that **fidget spinners are banned from school** and we would appreciate parental support in this matter. Staff will take them away from children and return them to parents at the end of the day/week if they are brought into school.

Ready, Steady, Read – Don't forget that next week is our sponsored reading week in school so please help your children collect sponsors and to read as much as possible at home during next week. Letters and sponsor forms have already been sent home. Thank you.

Festival of Voices – If your year 6 child is taking part in The Festival of Voices concert on June 20th and you would like tickets please return the form and money ASAP to Mrs Sumser.

VERY IMPORTANT CHANGE TO THE MENU FOR NEXT WEEK – Fish and Chips (and veggie burgers for non-fish eaters) will be served on THURSDAY next week and the Thursday meal of pork sausage or veggie sausage will be served on Friday. PLEASE help us gain as much funding as possible as a census is being taken on Thursday which looks at the take up of school meals especially free school meals. **If your child likes the fish and chips make sure they are having lunch on Thursday.** If you pre book on ParentPay tick the pork sausage for fish and the veggie sausage for the veggie burger. For Friday tick fish for pork sausage and tick veggie burger for veggie sausage. Please do not worry if you get in a muddle – we will ask all the children anyway, you just need to remember that FISH AND CHIP DAY IS THURSDAY next week.

Yours sincerely,

Charlotte Haynes

Dates for Diaries

Friday 19th May – Year 1 sharing assembly in hall at 9.10am

Friday 26th May – Year 4 sharing assembly in hall at 9.10am

Friday 26th May – school finishes at 3pm for half term break (After School Club as usual)

Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June – School Holiday

Monday 5th June – School closed for Staff Inset

Tuesday 6th June – Summer term starts again at 8.45am

Lake Street Spring Fete

The Lake Street Playgroup will take place on Saturday 13 May from 12- 3pm - with fun for all the family including stalls, games, a bouncy castle, face painting, cakes, crafts, a BBQ, music and much, much more. They have space both inside and out, so come rain or shine it'll be a great day of fun for people of all ages. Everyone is welcome and entry is only £1 entry per family.