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

I would like to thank you all for your fantastic collecting of Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers. We collected 16,958 and they will now be sent off with a long order of PE, play and cooking equipment.

News from Classes:

Foundation Stage – The children have begun to enjoy our summer outdoor activities in the sun. They have particularly enjoyed playing camp fires with the branches from the tree, and experimenting with the water and the pipes. On Wednesday some of the reception class were able to go for a beautiful walk over to South Hinksey. They enjoyed finding things like 'sticky grass' and snap-dragons which they called 'snap-chats' - a sign of our times!

Year 1 – We are learning a new story called The Blue Coat and have already mapped it and found lots of patterns! We are also thinking what life was like in the past and how things like toys have changed. We are looking forward to making a toy timeline. In maths we have been counting money.

Year 2 – This week we have been interviewing each other about half term and writing up our 'history' interviews, which are helping us think about changes within living memory and how to write questions. We have been practising our colour mixing to create images of the changing seasons.

Year 3 – We have moved on from learning about the Stone Age to the Bronze Age. We have begun this by finding out about the Amesbury Archer whose body was found near to Stonehenge. We are learning about how evidence can inform us about the past. In maths we have learnt to convert grams to kilograms and vice versa. We have improved our estimation skills.

Year 4 – We have started cricket in PE, practised adding 2 digit numbers mentally and have had a reading comprehension test about Tutankhamun's Tomb discovery. In science we began to explore and use classification keys to help group, identify and name a variety of living things. In music we practised and performed the traditional song 'There's a hole in my bucket dear Liza', adapting its tempo and creating our own actions to fit the lyrics.

Year 5 – Our big news this week is our election. Wednesday was our last day of campaigning. Everybody in Key Stage 2 voted yesterday afternoon. Mrs Haynes, the returning officer, at 3pm, declared 'Teamwork' to be the winner by a margin of only 3 votes. Congratulations to all the members of 'Teamwork'. Thank you very much to Chloe, Lewis, Freddie R and Freya W from Year 3 who acted as our tellers counting all the votes and keeping the result secret until the candidates had been told. We all enjoyed the election campaign and learned a great deal from it. We have had a brilliant day today, taking part in a number of science workshops at Magdalen College School.

Year 6 – We have started planning and researching independent projects based on the theme 'Changes'. We have come up with some diverse ideas, which should make very interesting reading. In maths we have been recapping multiplication and division, with a focus on converting measurements. We will start practising our play in earnest next week so please remind children to bring their play scripts every day. Mrs Sumser is also cracking down on late comers: please remember that school starts at 8.45am and children should be lined up by that time.

Ready, Steady, Read – Thank you all so much for helping to raise £2500 to spend on new books for our school. Each class has chosen a selection of titles ready for our buying session!

The Royal Society Young People's Book Prize – Our school is now on the judging panel. Each class has chosen two pupil judges to read and judge a free collection of newly released books.

After School Club and Wraparound Bills – the May invoices were on ParentPay last week and paper copies have been sent home via book bags this week. Thank you to those who have already paid. The deadline for paying these bills is Friday 16th June.

Parents are welcome in our school

Headlice and Threadworms – There are recent cases of both these unpleasant things in school. Please check your children's hair regularly and treat if needed. **All long hair must be tied back at all times in school.** Also please talk to your children about the importance of good handwashing after using the toilet and before eating. We are also reminding them at school.

"British Seaside" Summer Fete - Saturday 17th June 12 - 2.30pm

The summer fete is next Saturday! Please see the enclosed flyer for ways in which you can help - we need donations and people to help out on the day. There will be Pimms, real ale, BBQ, Punch & Judy, magic show, bouncy castle and all the usual stalls as well as our awesome raffle. Tickets are on sale with great prizes such as £100 Brittany Ferries voucher, tickets to an Oxford United FC home game, tickets to watch Northants play cricket, free entry to many local attractions, as well as meals in several Oxford pubs and restaurants. See you there!

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely

Charlotte Haynes

Dates for Diaries

Friday 16th June – Year 6 Singing Assembly – parents do come and listen

Saturday 17th June – New Hinksey School Fete

Tuesday 20th June – Group of Year 6s to Festival of Voices concert

Friday 23rd June – Year 5 Sharing Assembly 9.10am in hall

Friday 30th June – Year 3 Sharing Assembly 9.10am in hall

Tuesday 4th July – Art Exhibition in classes from 3pm – 4pm (please come along to tour all the classes and encourage relatives and neighbours too)

Friday 7th July – Year 2 Sharing Assembly – 9.10am in hall

Tuesday 11th July – Sports day in Hinksey Park (morning)

Tuesday 18th July – Key Stage 2 performance at 2pm in the school hall

Wednesday 19th July – Key Stage 2 performance at 2pm in the school hall

Thursday 20th July – Year 6 Leavers Assembly at 9.15am (parents please try to ensure every child has a guest in the audience to hear their speeches)

Friday 21st July – End of Term at 1pm

Sunday (11th June) at **South Oxford Adventure Playground (SOAP)** 12-4pm. Entrance is free, excellent music, nice lovely people, one hour Zumba session for children and adults from 2pm. £1 for a ride on the Challenge Meltdown or for the Sumo Suits. All proceeds from those activities and from the bar, BBQ and the cake sale go to SOAP and South Oxford Family Room (SOFR).

The Wizard of Oz runs from Friday 23rd to Sunday 25th June, and is a great show for all the family. There are two matinee performances (Saturday and Sunday at 2pm) which are perfect for families, and the show is not too long for little ones - tickets for Sunday are limited. Taking place at **Kennington Village Centre**, there will be refreshments to buy and a lucky number draw during the interval. Tickets are just £5 for Friday night, then £8.50 adults, £6.50 concessions and £25 for a family of four - children under 5 years old go free on laps. To book tickets call the box office on 01865 739025 or email boxoffice@kenningtonads.org.uk

Join The Great Get Together, 18th June

Low Carbon South Oxford invites you to our 'Get Together' at Hogacre Common on Sunday June 18, 1-4pm. Bring a picnic and games to enjoy a summer afternoon at Hogacre.

The café will also be selling refreshments and we hope to have live music. This is part of the nationwide 'Great Get Together', an event inspired by MP Jo Cox's belief that

"We have more in common than that which divides us."

For more information see <https://greatgettogether.org>

