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

Thank you to Father Ben for leading our Thursday assembly about *Corpus Christi*, and to Year 6s for sharing a selection of their delightful Festival of Voices songs this morning. This month in Monday assembly time we are exploring the theme of *Caring for the Environment* and we started this week by thinking about how important it is not to drop litter including chewing gum.

News from Classes:

Foundation Stage – The children in the Panda group have really enjoyed the story of *Jack and the Beanstalk*. They have felt so inspired that they produced some fantastic drawings of the characters from the story which Elizabeth has displayed on their whiteboard. They have also looked forward to seeing their ‘beanstalk’ grow each day on the board! The Reception children have also been inspired to produce some lovely plays re-enacting the story of *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*, one of which they performed to Mrs Nash when she visited the class. They have also excitedly observed our real caterpillars’ growth and painted them for a display.

Year 1 – In English we have used role play to explore the *Blue Coat* story from a different point of view. We then wrote the story as Tom or the Mother and used the opportunity to check our targets in writing and improve our work. We are fascinated by the changes that we are seeing every day in the five little caterpillars that arrived by post last week! We have also taken great interest in the old toys which are being brought into class for our toy timeline. Please keep bringing them in to be photographed.

Year 2 – We have been learning about capacity and measuring in millilitres (ml) and litres. We would love to play with water and practise our measuring at home – perhaps in the bath or garden with some measuring jugs or bottles that hold a certain amount of water! We had a long hot trip to the Natural History Museum but thoroughly enjoyed our fantastic interactive workshop on ‘Arthropods’ and saw beautiful specimens, a live tarantula, hissing cockroaches and delicate praying mantis’. We were delighted to learn about different dung beetles and how they help the world!

Year 3 – We have worked hard to develop our addition skills. We went on a visit to St Luke’s Church and compared the features there to those at St John’s. Thank you, Tim Sparrowhawk, for the guided tour. In art we have looked at Bronze Age artefacts and used graphite sticks to draw them. In science we have learnt about photosynthesis and found out about chlorophyll. We are enjoying learning our songs for the concert at Christchurch on 25th June. Please return your reply slip to say if your child can attend – thanks.

Year 4 – We have been looking at homophones to support our spelling knowledge. We have also acted out some of the different types of people found during Ancient Egyptian times, and learnt about the importance of scarab beetles in their belief system. We have also translated into French the story of *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*. For English this week we entered into a discussion and debate over climate change and its main symptom of global warming. This has really helped us come to grips with the impact on our world and future.

Year 5 – We have begun finding out about the causes of climate change and what we can do to help minimise the risks. We have also started practising for the end of year performance ‘Keymaster’. On Wednesday we really enjoyed the talk, with wonderful photos, by the writer Julie Summers about evacuees and the Home Front during the Second World War. Thank you to Kate Ogilvy (Maya’s mum) for organising this.

Year 6 – This week we have been enjoying lots of singing in preparation for today’s assembly and the Festival of Voices event next week. Many thanks to Jo Gill (Hannah’s mum) for teaching us how to sing some of the trickier songs over the past few weeks. We have also been learning about the classification of living things in science. Ask your child if they remember the names of all the five ‘kingdoms’.

After School Club and Wraparound Bills –The deadline for paying the May bills is today, Friday 16th June. Please make sure debts are cleared so that your children can continue to use the facilities next week.

Parents are welcome in our school

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

The summer fete is tomorrow! There will be Pimms, real ale, BBQ, Punch & Judy, magic show, bouncy castle and all the usual stalls as well as our awesome raffle, 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!

Here's hoping for some sunny weather over the weekend.

Yours sincerely

Charlotte Haynes

Dates for Diaries

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

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 Hoqacre Common on Sunday June 18. 1-4pm. Bring a picnic and games to enjoy a summer afternoon at Hoqacre.

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>

Swap Shop

Saturday 17th June 2017 Community Centre in Lake Street.

Bring along re-useable clothes, toys books, electricals and bric a brac. Take for free things you can use!

Please DO NOT bring bulky/heavy items, instead bring a photo or written details with your contact details and we will post it up.

Bring from 9.45 - 10.30 ONLY. Take from 10.15 – 11.30

Café with hot/cold drinks and cakes/biscuits