



New Hinksey CE Primary School

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

PLEASE READ: NO COOKED SCHOOL LUNCH FOR YEARS 1 – 6 ON THURSDAY 12th OCTOBER SO ALL FINCHES, OWLS, DOVES, WOODPECKERS AND KINGFISHERS WILL NEED TO BRING A PACKED LUNCH TO SCHOOL THAT DAY.

To celebrate our International Week next week, we will be having a day of African dance and drumming on Thursday and there will be workshops all day. Therefore we cannot use the hall as a dining room so children will need to bring a packed lunch that can be eaten in their own classroom.

ROBINS AND DUCKLINGS CAN HAVE SCHOOL LUNCH but will be served in the art room.



New Hinksey Primary School International Evening

All our families are warmly invited to come and celebrate our multinational and multicultural school on Friday **13th October 2017**

The evening **starts at 6.00pm** and we ask that everyone brings a dish to contribute to the buffet table – savoury or sweet. **At around 6.30pm** we will all have a **delicious plate of tasty treats** from around the world. Soft drinks and wine will be available for a contribution.

Please come and enjoy this social occasion, meeting and chatting to other families. There will be a sign-up sheet on the playground or in the glasshouse to give us an idea of numbers.

Year 6 Parents re. Applying for Secondary School – You must complete an online application for your child's place at secondary school **by 31st October 2017**. You can access the forms on the Oxfordshire County Council website (School Admissions – Common Application Form) or you can go onto the school website, use the 'links' tab at top of home page and then click on the link that says 'Oxfordshire LA'.

School Photographs – Your child will have brought home an envelope with proof and order form at the end of last week. If you would like to order photos please return the filled in order form in the envelope, with one of the specified payment methods, to school **by Friday 13th October**.

After School Club and Wraparound Bills – The invoices for September were sent home via books bags earlier this week and are also in ParentPay. Please ensure the bills are paid **by Friday 13th October** to ensure your children can continue to use these facilities – many thanks.

Parents are welcome in our school

News from Classes:

Foundation Stage (Ducklings and Robins) – Robins have had fun doing lots of leaf printing in beautiful autumn colours. Robins have listened to lots of rhyming stories and have all been writing their names. We have welcomed new friends, Nour and Ryan into Robins. Ducklings have enjoyed Maisie Mouse and lots of singing and have welcomed Zack to their group.

Finches – In English we have worked hard to plan and write stories based on *Hansel and Gretel*, with different characters and events. We have used fine pencils to draw careful illustrations for our final ‘Short Fairy Tale’ books. In maths we have enjoyed exploring 2D shapes. (Have a go with the homework linked to this). Our highlight this week has been learning ‘Hey You!’ – a rap song – in music, which has introduced us to words like ‘rhythm’ and ‘pulse’.

Owls – We have been naming 2D shapes by counting the number of sides they have. We have been using mirrors to spot lines of symmetry and identifying right angles in shapes. We have been practising our reading comprehension skills and writing up parts of our *Magic in the Forest* story. We have started to make our hummingbirds. Remember our sharing assembly is Friday 13th October at 9.10am.

Doves – We have created our own printing tiles based on foliage we saw during the visit last week to The Living Rainforest. We have used these to make beautiful autumnal mobiles. In maths we have worked hard on symmetry and shape. In English we are writing out stories after carefully mapping and planning them.

Woodpeckers – We worked hard at our writing assessment earlier in the week. In maths we have been doing some practical measuring converting between millimetres, centimetres and metres by dividing and multiplying by 10 and 100. In art we have sketched outlines of trees and made some lovely leaf prints.

Kingfishers – We heard the poem that Mohammad’s sister wrote that won this year’s Betjeman’s prize (a national poetry competition). We have investigated quadrilaterals to identify their properties. We have started to develop a ‘growth mindset’ to help with strategies to persevere with our work and to tackle improving our written work once the areas for development have been pointed out.

Parent Governor Vacancy – Please send an email to head.3213@new-hinksey.oxon.sch.uk or come and talk to me if you are interested. Please email our chair of governors, Harm Jan Fricke (hjfricke@btinternet.com) or phone him on 07969931077 if you would like to know more about what it entails or have a chat with one of our other parent governors – Harmonie Limb, James Webber, Olivia Selinger and Ollie Raikes.

Nasal Flu Immunisations – These will be administered to the Robins, Year 1, 2, 3 and 4 children by a team of nurses on Wednesday 11th October, following the NHS information sent home last week. As stated it was important to return the filled in consent forms to us as soon as possible as they were being collected from us on Wednesday. We have a number of forms which came in after the collection time. If you have not yet returned your form, please do so and we will pass on to the nursing team, although we do not know if they will have enough vaccine with them on the day.

Best wishes for a relaxing weekend.

Yours sincerely

Charlotte Haynes

Dates for Diaries (for this half of term)

Friday 13th October – Owl Class (Miss Kilpatrick) Sharing Assembly, 9.10am in the school hall. Parents welcome.

Friday 13th October – International Evening 6 – 7.30pm in the school hall

Friday 20th October – Finch Class (Mrs Nash) Sharing Assembly, 9.10 in the school hall. Parents welcome.

Term finishes at 3pm on Friday 20th October (After School Club as usual).

Monday 23rd – Friday 27th October Half Term Holiday

Monday 30th October – School closed to all children for staff training

Tuesday 31st October – Term starts again

South Oxford Adventure Playgroup and Lake Street Playgroup present: Family Fireworks and Bonfire Night

Family-friendly fireworks display and bonfire. BBQ, bar, hot chocolate, glow toys, ... Gates: 5pm. Bonfire: 6pm.

Fireworks 6.30pm. Tickets £3 children and £6 adults. Available from Monday 16 October from Caroline Bushell

(mum of Edie in Kingfishers and Katie in Owls).

Hogacre Harvest Festival is this Sunday, 8th Oct, from 12.00-17.00 - Please bring apples (if you have any) and empty bottles for apple pressing and if you could donate a cake to sell that would be very much appreciated.

