



New Hinksey CE Primary School

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

Sadly this has been a week with a lot of illness amongst both children and staff. There seem to be a number of 'bugs' around involving upset stomachs and bad colds. Hopefully a restful weekend will have everyone back to full strength but could we ask all families to help train their children to be very rigorous in hand washing after using the toilet and before eating and also to use tissues to blow and wipe running noses before throwing the used tissue in the bin.

Thank you.

News from Classes:

Foundation Stage (Ducklings and Robins) – We are so very proud of the sensible Robin children who have been smoothly getting on with their learning activities this week with a number of different teachers. Elaine has been ill since Tuesday lunchtime but the children have enjoyed spending time with Mrs Haynes, Mrs Young and Mrs Wendy Wilkins. They have continued to be enthralled by John Burningham stories and have also consolidated some phonics learning – the sound 'j' and blending 3 letter words such as n-e-t, j-a-m, m-o-p, t-i-n, h-a-m etc. Ducklings, Robins and all the school wished Elizabeth a very happy 'special' birthday on Thursday.

Finches – We have continued to explore 'The Snail and the Whale', writing recounts of the adventure in role as the snail. In maths we have been trying hard to know our bonds up to 10 and use this knowledge to solve missing number problems. In art we have begun to create Matisse-style snails by mixing primary colours and painting different straight sided shapes.

Owls – We have been reading, discussing, thinking about and writing about aspects of Anthony Browne's 'Piggybook' and 'Changes'. We are exploring other Anthony Browne books in guided reading session. In maths we have been finding change and using "Frog" to count on from the smaller number to the larger number to find the difference.

Doves – We have continued to read 'The Hodgeheg' and to write it in the form of a play script. In science we have learnt how we hear sound and about the parts of the ear. In Art we have experimented with the techniques used by the artist Romare Bearden. He was an Afro-American artist who worked in many media including cartoons, oils and collage. We drew pen and ink instruments and put them onto collage backgrounds. We welcome student teacher Miss Perera to our class for the next 8 weeks.

Woodpeckers – We have finished listening to and reading the first Caroline Lawrence story set in Roman times. We have written descriptions of the main characters; rewritten part of the story from their point of view and are currently working on a book review. We look forward to starting the second book next week. In R.E. we have begun learning about the 5 Pillars of Islam.

Kingfishers – We are exploring persuasive writing: our art project is a multi-media poster with an anti-littering or anti-bullying message; we are looking closely at types and features of adverts. In maths Year 6s have been practising BODMAS and Year 5s investigating mental subtraction strategies. In science we are beginning to look at which characteristics are inherited from our parents and designing our own cross-breeds of dogs. We are also starting work on our R.E. topic and looking at the way people dress and the judgements we make about this.

Football Competition – Our 2 teams will be playing in a tournament at Oxford City ground on Friday 2nd February. Children should come to school as normal and will be taken to and from the event in a minibus.

Players need packed lunches, water bottles and snacks as well as trainers or astro boots and shin pads. The final for the tournament will finish by 4pm so we envisage the children will leave Oxford City at about 4.10pm and be back in school by 5pm. Please can parents be here ready to pick up from 4.45pm?

Parents are welcome in our school

Children Having Packed Lunches – please could parents ensure that children have a drink included with their packed lunch and that this is in a sports style bottle or other packaging that the children can manage/handle themselves and that does not spill easily – many thanks.

Christingle Collection – Back in December families kindly collected money for The Children’s Society using the Christingle candle collecting boxes. We raised a magnificent £339.12 so many thanks for your support of the charity.

Clubs

Tuesday Lunchtimes – Coding Club for groups of Doves and Woodpeckers. This is being run by Ms Christensen and 2 Year 6 pupils.

Tuesday 3 – 4.15pm Club Energy Multi-sports Club for Year 1 – 6. £30 for 10 sessions.

Wednesday 3 – 4pm Year 2 Art Club with Miss Kilpatrick. **Wednesday 3 – 4pm Year 1 and 2 Computer Club** with Mrs Nash.

Thursday 3 – 4pm Bollywood Dance Club. Please contact Narinder directly (narinder.thapar@tiscali.co.uk) for more details.

If you are collecting from any of the clubs please wait at the playground gates for the adult leading the club to open the gates. Thank you.

Punctuality in the Mornings – We would like to thank all those families who are making a real effort to get children here in time to line up at 8.45am. We are also being more punctual with closing and locking the gate at 8.55am which is the official registration time.

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Charlotte Haynes

Dates for Diaries

Friday 26th January – Sharing Assembly 9.10am in the hall for Dove Class (Yr 3/4)

Monday 5th February – Sharing Assembly 9.10am in the hall for Kingfisher Class (Yr 5/6)

Friday 2nd March – Sharing Assembly 9.10am in hall for Finch Class (Yr 1)

Friday 9th March – Sharing Assembly 9.10am in the hall for Woodpecker Class (Yr 4/5)

Friday 16th March – Sharing Assembly 9.10am in the hall for Owl Class (Yr 2)

DID YOU KNOW there's a thriving Women's Institute in South Oxford?

We meet at the Community Centre, Lake Street, third Tuesdays, 8pm and we'd be delighted to welcome you to any of our meetings. No charge for your first visit, and no pressure.

Upcoming: January 16th Dr Aarti Jagannath: “How does the body clock tell the time?”; February 20th Crew from NPAS Benson (local police helicopter); following weeks Local History, Pearls, Cartooning and much more.

Further info: <https://wixsy1.wixsite.com/southoxfordwi>

SWAP SHOP – there is a swap shop this Saturday (20th Jan) in the Community Centre on Lake Street. Bring only 9.45 – 10.30, take 10.15 – 11.30. Café available.