



# New Hinksey CE Primary School

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

This week we all enjoyed our first sharing assembly of the term when Dove Class told us all about Dick King-Smith books and different music genres. Mrs Tucker's sharing assemblies are never without some dancing and we were entertained with a bit of 'moonwalking' from the children this time! – thank you Doves.

Thank you also to Fr. Ben for his enthralling assembly to Key Stage 2 about the conversion of St. Paul. The finches and Owls were not there because they had an informative and fun visit from Red Watch fire crew from Rewley Road Fire Station.

## News from Classes:

**Foundation Stage (Ducklings and Robins)** – This week we have focussed our attention on the book 'The Magic Bed' by John Burningham. In this book the little boy flies over various landscapes in his bed. We have been looking at pictures on the internet and in books which illustrate various cities, caves, beaches, jungle and fields. The children in the Robin class have been practising writing words and all of the children have enjoyed filling in their pretend lunch registers. Lastly, we have run out of supply of biscuits for the children's snack time. All of the children enjoy this treat (with their fruit), so any donations of plain biscuits are very welcome – many thanks.

**Finches** – We have worked hard to write newspaper reports on events that happened with the Whale and the Snail. We enjoyed using role play to explore different characters and ask questions to find out more about what happened. We finished out Matisse-style snails which you can see displayed outside our classroom. We have also completed the retelling of our Snail and Whale story on the computer programme, *Photostory 3*. Parents will be invited to come and watch it soon.

**Owls** – We have been learning about 3D shapes and describing how many 'flat' faces, 'sharp' edges and vertices (corners) they have. We continue to read Anthony Browne books in groups and we have all been writing about one of his main characters, Willy. We have been writing a report on the fire service visit on Thursday.

**Doves** – We have worked hard on our subtraction skills in maths this week. In geography we have started to learn about seas and rivers around the world. In R.E. we have learnt about pilgrimages for Christians and Hindus. We have enjoyed making props and preparing for our sharing assembly today. Next week we are making musical instruments so please bring in boxes, fishing wire or any other suitable recycling.

**Woodpeckers** – We are continuing to enjoy the works of our amazing author, Caroline Lawrence. We are now reading the second book and have written newspaper articles and diary entries based on the story. We have made some lovely clay Roman coins and oil lamps. In maths this week Year 4 children have been learning about angles, symmetry and properties of shapes, while Year 5 children have been reading scales and converting between grams and kilograms, millilitres and litres, miles and kilometres and vice versa.

**Kingfishers** – Year 6 students have been working really hard in small groups with teacher Mrs Smith, who is giving extra support in the run up to SATs tests in May. They have gained confidence in showing evidence from a text to support their ideas. We have all been enjoying working on various 'persuasive' techniques. We have learnt how to have a conversation in French in the context of buying things in a shop. We have also explored the dress code of different faiths.

**Cake Sale** - There will be a Finch class cake sale on Thursday 1st February at 3pm to raise money for the school. Please bake or donate cakes and cookies if you can, and remember your pennies to buy at the end of the day. Anyone who could help on the day please talk to Ellie or Ben (parents of Amelia A. in Finches) or Jo (mum of Louis in Finches).

*Parents are welcome in our school*

**Football Teams** – Don't forget final training session next week at 3pm on Wednesday and then the competition day is Friday. You should come to school as normal and will be taken to and from the event in a minibus, leaving school at 12 noon. Teaching assistant Carol will accompany you and Rob Tanner (Dylan's dad) is also a helper that afternoon. Stuart your coach/manager will meet you at the Oxford City ground and supervise you. 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?

**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. If your child is not making the 8.45am line, please try a little harder to get here earlier.

### **Important Reminders**

1. After sickness and/or diarrhoea children should not return to school until they have had 24 hours clear of further bouts.
2. Children having paid school meals – lunches should be paid for **in advance** using ParentPay.
3. Children with long hair should have it tied back throughout each day in school.

Wishing you all a happy weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Charlotte Haynes

### **Dates for Diaries**

Parents and guests are welcome at our sharing assemblies.

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

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

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

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

**Grandpont Children's Centre** - Please join us at South Oxford Family Room for a family fun day on Saturday 27th January for children's activities, lunch and refreshments. From 10am Councillor Marie Tidball will attempt a marathon 8-hour face paint, to raise funds for a new sensory garden!

**Cheney School Out of Hours Activities** – On Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January 11am – 4pm there is an **open day** to see what clubs, societies and activities are on offer in the evenings and weekends at Cheney School. Throughout the day there will be activities such as rhythmic gymnastics, dance, basketball, fitness and much more, as well as 'stores' advertising for the day (e.g. Slimming World, Brookes) and the fire brigade attending. All free but you can make a donation the fundraising campaign for Help Henry Walk charity.

Keep an eye out for the final schedule at: [cheney.oxon.sch.uk/cheney-facilities-open-event](http://cheney.oxon.sch.uk/cheney-facilities-open-event)