



New Hinksey CE Primary School

Vicarage Road Oxford OX1 4RQ

Tel: 01865 242169 Fax: 01865 242169

Email: office.3213@new-hinksey.oxon.sch.uk

Website: www.new-hinksey.oxon.sch.uk

Headteacher: Mrs Charlotte Haynes

2nd February 2018

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

Another busy week has flown by, many of the children having assessments (tests) this week to track their progress. In assemblies we have continued to think about what it means and what it feels like to belong to a community and a family. Father James led our Thursday assembly about Candlemas which celebrates the presentation of the Lord.

News from Classes:

Foundation Stage (Ducklings and Robins) – We have continued to learn about different environments. We have created a beautiful collage of a city/countryside landscape and we have thought about the impact we have on the environment through reading books such as ‘Oi Get Off Our Train’ (John Burningham) and ‘Zoo’ (Anthony Browne). Many thanks to those families who have contributed biscuits to boost our snack time supplies.

Finches – We are sorry that Mrs Nash has been poorly this week but grateful to Mrs Wilkins, Sonia and Mrs Smith who we have enjoyed learning with this week. We have learnt about 2D and 3D shapes, identifying their properties and using junk packaging to talk about different shapes. In English we have found out about Julia Donaldson and made a mind map which will help us write a biography. In art we have drawn a self-portrait.

Owls – We have been enjoying more Anthony Browne books and making so many links between them. As a whole class we have focussed on discussing and writing about ‘Willy’s Pictures’ and ‘Silly Billy’. We have also been editing our writing for missing punctuation. We have been investigating materials in our classroom and thinking why those materials were chosen to make chairs, windows or pencil pots. In maths we have been learning to tell the time (o’clock) half past and quarter past/to).

Doves – We have begun our writing assessments this week. We have used our persuasive writing skills to argue our case for or against zoos. In Design Technology we have designed and begun to make our musical instruments. We looked at instruments from all over the world to get inspiration. If you have any spare small pieces of wood at home please can you send them in – thank you.

Woodpeckers – We have worked hard this week to complete our mid-year reading assessments. In Art (and Maths) we have been investigating and creating geometric patterns. We have begun learning about our circulatory system in Science.

Kingfishers – We have been collecting together examples of our learning to share during our assembly on Monday morning – it would be great if you could join us at 9.10am on Monday 5th February. We have been finding out about Charles Darwin and his theory of ‘natural selection’ and have carried out our own investigation into this. We have also written biographies of famous scientists.

Cake Sale – Thank you for the fabulous amount of delicious donations yesterday - so many in fact that a second sale was taking place after school today! We will let you know how much was raised next week.

After School Club and Wraparound Care Bills – The invoices for January have been sent home today and are also in ParentPay. Please note that the deadline for payment is Friday 16th February and we would greatly appreciate it if all debts were paid by that date.

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.

Parents are welcome in our school

End Of Term – Please note that this very short half of **term ends next week on Friday 9th February at 3pm** (after school club as normal 3 – 5.30pm). Please collect children promptly.

Half Term Holiday – the **school is closed for the week 12th – 16th February** and children should return to school again on Monday 19th February 2018.

Thank You – A number of families have kindly donated books, equipment, stationery and gifts for the reward box. All gratefully received.

Reception and Year 6 – Please note that on Thursday morning the school health nurses will be in taking height and weight measurements. Letters were sent out to each child's family some time ago.

Governor and Parent Grounds Working Party – Could you donate an hour of your time and energy on **Saturday 24th February at 2pm?** Our chair of governors, Harm Jan Fricke, is rallying some 'troops' to weed, sweep, clear up leaf debris, litter pick and tidy up the playgrounds, bike shed areas and outside spaces around school. Please turn up with some gardening gloves, a broom and some garden refuse bags if you could help out. If you are bringing your children to **help** please be aware that toilet and play facilities will not be available

Wishing you all a happy weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Charlotte Haynes

Dates for Diaries

Parents and guests are welcome at our sharing assemblies.

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)

This year Oxford Brookes University is celebrating 10 years of the Brookes Science Bazaar and they invite students, their families/guardians and school staff to celebrate with us!

The science bazaar will take place at Headington Campus on Saturday 24 February from 10.00am to 4.30pm.