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

News from Classes:

Foundation Stage (Ducklings and Robins) – We have been looking at the globe and thinking about the different countries on Planet Earth. The space theme has continued with Clara W and Tony creating some fantastic rockets at home, based on the instructions in one of their reading books. We have also enjoyed experimenting with torches in our dark den in the garden. We would like to give belated special thanks to Flora from Dove class for coming to the Foundation Stage and playing her cornet so beautifully. Hopefully after half term the Robin Class will start going on Outdoor Learning walks on Friday mornings. Elizabeth and Bimla will take half the class at a time. The Robin parents will receive a letter about this from Elizabeth very soon.

Finches – We have had a busy week working on our Photostory 3 presentations about Julia Donaldson and checking our written work that we did last week. We enjoyed finding out a bit more about how to play our part in making the internet a positive and better place and have a jigsaw display to show some of the creative and kind things that we can do. We also designed some houses using materials, which we have been learning about in science, for Sensible Sid and Silly Sam.

Owls – We have been doing our maths assessments bravely but we all need to practise telling time over half-term please. In English we have been comparing “Walk in the Park” with “Voices in the Park”. In Art we have been playing surrealist games e.g. the shape game and consequences. Perhaps have a go at home.

Doves – We have worked hard on our maths assessments. We have learnt about how and when to use apostrophes in our writing. A big thank you to Anna (Edith’s Mum) for her fabulous science lesson about sound. She taught the class all about variables. We investigated a selection of different pipes to see which ones made the highest notes. The class were fascinated by what happens when you put gloop on a speaker. As the pitch got lower the gloop moved in unusual ways!!

Woodpeckers – We have worked hard and finished our individual booklets about an aspect of Ancient Roman life. As part of Safer Internet Day on Tuesday, we designed a cartoon page to illustrate one of the words from the acronym ‘SMART’ to help a younger child understand the message.

Kingfishers – Our persuasive letters are completed and are due to be sent to Damian Hinds MP shortly. We hope to persuade him to make changes to how much time in school children have. In maths we are learning to draw and interpret line graphs and pie charts. We are continuing our science work on ‘natural selection’.

Cake Sale – We raised £177 at the cake sales last week. A huge thank you to Ellie Armstrong and all the Finch class parent helpers for organising this - it was a record amount!

After School Club and Wraparound Care Bills – The invoices for January were sent home last week and are also in ParentPay. Please note that the deadline for payment is next Friday (16th) 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

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.

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.

Spring Term SEND Reviews - Thursday 15th March and Thursday 22nd March are days set aside for teachers to be released from their classes to meet parents for Individual Education Plan reviews. Letters will come home straight after half term offering parents of SEND children an appointment time.

Footballers – Very well done to all our Year 5 and 6 footballers who played and behaved so brilliantly last Friday. They all thoroughly enjoyed themselves and represented the school well. We are proud of them. Well done to the girls for coming 3rd. The boys had very stiff competition in their group and came second last but demonstrated good team spirit. Thank you to TA Carol and to parent Rob Tanner for helping Stuart supervise them at the event.

And Finally... **100% Attendance** – Congratulatory letters and special stickers were given out to the following pupils who have maintained 100% attendance since the start of the year in September: Scarlett, Edward DF, Max, Maisie, Amelia H, Iris R, Noam, Fred W, Lucas, Jonah, Isaac, Nicky, Luke, Eric, Oliver F, Eva, Roben, Goda, Noah B, Fiona, Chloe G, Sophia A, Edie, Daisy, Iris K, Irenna and Kiran. Well done to you!

Wishing you all a happy and relaxing holiday week with your children.

Yours sincerely,

Charlotte Haynes

Dates for Diaries

Parents and guests are welcome at our sharing assemblies.

Thursday 1st March – World Book Day – more details to follow but if you wish to dress up as a book character, do start thinking about your costume in advance!

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)

Wednesday 21st March – Sports Relief fundraising event

Monday 19th March and Thursday 22nd March 3.30 - 6.30 Parents’ Evenings

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.