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

The weekly newsletter is coming home tonight as it is all ready and nearly all the children are in school today. It is difficult to predict what weather conditions the night and tomorrow will bring but, as you all know, we hardly ever let the weather beat us into closing! We are planning on being open tomorrow at the moment.

Thank you to everyone who entered into the spirit of World Book Day by dressing up and bringing in favourite books. Also a big thank you to Claire Aldridge and her helpers for running the Book Sale after school.

News from Classes:

Foundation Stage (Ducklings and Robins) – we have enjoyed taking part in our ‘Cosmic Kids Yoga’ sessions. We have all been able to participate with excellent concentration, and we have all enjoyed the calm and relaxing atmosphere that has been generated by this exercise. We have also been listening to and enjoying the sound of stringed instruments. The Summer Movement from Vivaldi’s ‘Four Seasons’ was a particular favourite. Thank you to Clara Von Delft’s mother who brought in her viola to play to us.

Finches – we have continued to look for patterns and learn to recite poetry by Julia Donaldson and Shirley Hughes. We enjoyed brainstorming and selecting effective words for new poems based around things we like ‘out and about’. Our role play area has been inspired by this theme and we have been busy exploring places in the UK and checking the weather. In maths we have been practising our bonds up to 10 (7+3, 5+5, 4+6 etc.). In art we had a go at some Shirley Hughes style pen and ink sketching of people enjoying the seasons. Our sharing assembly is tomorrow.

Owls – We have been revising our 2, 5 and 10 times tables in maths. We have been thinking about a balanced healthy diet and keeping a food diary. We have been focussing on Little Red Riding Hood – traditional and contemporary versions including Anthony Browne’s ‘Into the Forest’. We enjoyed sharing our enthusiasm for Anthony Browne books with Year 1 on World Book Day.

Doves – We have planned our own stories about friendship inspired by ‘Charlotte’s Web’. In Art we have drawn beautiful pastels inspired by Monet. We had a fun and educational science lesson testing the amount of gases in different fizzy drinks and using tables to record our findings.

Woodpeckers – We have had great fun working on models of the Bay of Naples and Mount Vesuvius. In our English lessons we have been writing stories entitled ‘Escape from Vesuvius’ incorporating lots of good descriptions. In maths the Year 5s have been getting to grips with short division and multiplication; the Year 4s have been practising different methods for adding and subtracting.

Kingfishers – Carrying on with our sci-fi writing unit, we have investigated which features usually appear in the sci-fi genre. We are also starting to write our poems to take part in a poetry ‘slam’ competition. In science we are researching how animals have evolved over time, e.g. the horse and the whale.

Headlice

There have been several reports of headlice in different classes. Please could you spend time this weekend checking your child’s hair and treating if necessary.

Bollywood Dance Club

There will be no Bollywood dancing on Thursday 8th March as that is the night of the school disco.

School Disco – This takes place next week on Thursday 8th March in the school hall and is organised by members of the School Association. **There is a separate letter on yellow paper with all the information you need about this event.**

Parents are welcome in our school

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 have been sent home with individual appointments. Please return the response slip to Mrs Haynes. Thank you.

Year 5 and 6 Children – will be going to the Playhouse on Thursday 8th March. Please remember to send your child with a packed lunch that day. **Year 6 Children** are going to Junior Citizen morning on Friday March 9th. The reply slips must be returned as soon as possible.

After School Club and Wraparound bills were sent home this week. Please ensure that you have made your payment by Friday 16th March. Thank you.

After School Club Bookings and Cancellations – Please can parents **email** the office email (office.3213@new-hinksey.oxon.sch.uk) with queries about future bookings and cancellation information. There are too many to be able to remember all the different dates and who is doing what by word of mouth! – many thanks.

Keeping Children Safe Online – As parents we urge you to take responsibility for finding out the best ways to keep your children safe on line when they are not in school.

Two good websites for parents are: www.thinkuknow.co.uk and www.nspcc.org.uk

A very big **THANK YOU** to a small but dedicated group of governors, parents and children who did such a great job weeding, sweeping and tidying up the outside areas of the school last weekend.

I hope you all manage to stay warm and travel around safely over the next few days.

Yours sincerely,

Charlotte Haynes

Dates for Diaries

Parents and guests are welcome at our sharing assemblies.

Thursday 8th March – School Disco

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)

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

Wednesday 21st March – Sports Relief fundraising event

Oxford Children's Hospital

On Sunday 25th March there will be a five mile run at Blenheim Palace to raise funds for the Oxford Children's Hospital. You can sign up at: ox5run.co.uk or call 01865 743444.