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

We are so proud of our Year 6 children who have coped brilliantly with SATs week – they have all tried their hardest and been very sensible and ‘easy’ to support through what can be a bit of a stressful week. Well done Year 6’s and thank you to you all and to all the staff who have taught and helped you to achieve your best.

Thank You – Your response to our plea for help with replenishing resources such as whiteboard pens, glue sticks, art paper and coloured card, photocopying paper and boxes of tissues has been very helpful. Every donation no matter how small or large really helps and we would like to say a big thank you to those families who have made contributions of resources – you know who you are so many thanks indeed. Please consider helping us if you have not done so already.

News from Classes:

Foundation Stage (Ducklings and Robins) – This week the children have enjoyed the story of ‘The Three Billy Goats Gruff’. Although some of the children were initially scared of the troll in this story, they have particularly enjoyed re-enacting the story with props and as part of group time. We have also been learning about money and how to use it to ‘buy’ things. The children enjoyed playing in the shop in the garden, and they each paid 5p to buy toast at our Toast Café.

Finches – We have enjoyed being scientists this week to investigate ‘what if?’ questions about growing cress seeds. We are recording what we can see each day and have discovered some interesting results! In dance this week we managed to work in small groups to make a dance based on setting up a big top tent. Everyone had great ideas to make the dance interesting. In maths we are using our counting skills to count up 2ps, 5ps and 10ps. We have also looked at halving small amounts and discovered that it is the reverse of doubling.

Owls – We have worked really hard on our reading comprehension tests this week and did very well. We have replanted new mummy peas – let’s hope these ones grow!! We have been practising our maths for next week’s assessments. Please help us by practising our 2, 5, 10 and 3 times tables and our number bonds to 10 and 20. Thanks.

Doves – We have chosen inspirational heroes to research. We are then writing our own biographies which range from illustrators to football players. In maths the Year 3s have worked hard on halving and doubling and the Year 4s on adding larger numbers. We had a lovely trip to the allotment where we planted seeds, weeded and identified plants and trees. Thank you to Deborah (Eric’s mum) for accompanying us.

Woodpeckers – Our English work continues to be based on the first Harry Potter book. We have written summaries, stories and questions for our classmates to answer. In maths Yr 4 children have been learning about decimal and fraction equivalents, and Yr 5 have continued with coordinates and revising different methods for adding and subtracting. In R.E. we have each made a little booklet about Mother Teresa. In science we have been finding out more about Darwin and his theory of natural selection as well as continuing our work on adaptation.

Kingfishers – This week due to the Year 6 SATs the Kingfisher Year 5s have been having an interesting time (during the actual tests) with other classes. They have been doing some maths challenges and making some history display posters. Hopefully the whole class have enjoyed some off-curriculum afternoons such as Werewolf and rounders in the park. The Year 6 children will shortly be holding a small fundraising after school event on the playground in order to raise some money for an end of Primary School trip. Please look out for further info publicising the event.

Congratulations - To Joe and Ernie in Woodpeckers who ran the 3k Junior Town and Gown race for the first time on Sunday May 13th - not only did they get their best time ever of 17.07 over 3k they also raised nearly £600 for the charity Muscular Dystrophy UK! This a great achievement and you should feel proud of yourselves – well done.

Parents are welcome in our school

After School Club and Wraparound Care Invoices – The deadline for payment of the April bills is today, Friday 18th May. Please make sure any outstanding debts are cleared over the weekend so that your children can continue to use the facilities next week – many thanks.

Woodlands – December 2018

The children currently in Years 4 and 5 should have brought home a letter about Woodlands. Please complete the form if you wish for your child to go as well as paying the deposit on Parentpay. Thank you.

Fete Update - This year's **circus-themed fete** will take place on Saturday 9th June 12-2.30pm. As usual there will be entertainment, great food, a well-stocked bar as well as loads of fun stalls. As in recent years the raffle has some fantastic prizes including a £50 Boden voucher, a haircut from Mahogany, a Miele vacuum cleaner, Farmer Gow's tickets, cinema tickets and lots more. Tickets will go on sale in the playground next week, but each family will also receive 2 books in book bags with this letter plus a flier with more info about the fete itself (things we need) and further info about the raffle. Please look out for these and consider selling these to family, friends and neighbours, or buying them yourselves. Money and stubs can be returned to sellers in the playground from Monday 21st May. If you think you can sell more tickets for us to work colleagues or elsewhere, please see the sellers to arrange this. Finally, we had a productive planning meeting last week and have a committee in place for the fete organisation. Our next fete organizational meeting is at 8.15pm in the Duke of Monmouth on Monday 14th May. Many thanks. New Hinksey School Association.

Swimming Day Lunches – please pre-book school lunches on ParentPay for children in Years 4 and 5 if they want a school meal on Tuesdays. Send a packed lunch in, please, if not pre booking.

Shoes and Clothing Worn at School – Please make sure that your child has PE kit in school and has proper trainers or plimsolls to wear for PE. In the Summer months your children are welcome to wear sandals to school but they must have a strap that goes around the back of the heel – they should not be flip flops without anything to keep them on the back of the heel/foot. If crocs are worn to school they must also have the heel strap on. Crocs are **not** OK for PE.

Assemblies – We have started thinking about the value ‘Caring’ - this week specifically focusing on caring for the environment and the natural world. On Thursday Father James led an assembly on Pentecost which involved some balloons and a fan – maybe ask your children what he was demonstrating?!

Have a good weekend, and don't forget if you have any spare bedding plants or could get us some when out shopping we would like to plant up the tubs around school now that the spring bulbs are over.

We wish all our Muslim families a good and holy month of Ramadan.

Yours sincerely,

Charlotte Haynes

Dates for Diaries

Wednesday 23rd May – the class group PHOTOS will be taken (school sweatshirts/tops should be worn please)

Friday 25th May – 9.10am Dove Class Sharing Assembly

Friday 25th May – Break up at 3pm for start of half-term holiday (after school club as normal)

School Holiday Monday 28th May – Friday 1st June

Monday 4th June – School Closed for INSET (no school for all children)

Tuesday 5th June 8.45am Children return for start of term (swimming for Years 4 and 5)

Saturday 9th June - SCHOOL FETE 12-2.30pm

Friday 15th June 9.10am – Woodpecker Class Sharing Assembly

Friday 22nd June 9.10am – Kingfisher Class Singing Sharing Assembly

Friday 29th June – SCHOOL CLOSED for Inset

Friday 6th July 9.10am – Owl Class Sharing Assembly

Wednesday 11th July – Sports Day (morning) 10 am in Hinksey Park, weather permitting.

Friday 20th July (morning) Year 1 and 2 hope to put on a Circus Show for parents!

Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th July – 2pm – Key Stage 2 performances to parents ‘Robin Hood’

Tuesday 24th July in afternoon – Year 6 Leaver’s Assembly (Year 6 parents please save the date!)

Wednesday 25th July END OF TERM at 1pm after Lunch