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

Eid Mubarak to all our families celebrating the end of Ramadan today.

School Fete: What a fantastic event it was on Saturday. It was lovely to see such a strong community effort and a record £3300 was raised. Many thanks indeed to all involved in organising, helping, spending on the day and clearing up afterwards. It is much appreciated.

Resource Donations – Thank you for stocking us with a good supply of boxes of tissues. Our main shortage now is **photocopying paper** so all donations gratefully received.

News from Classes:

Foundation Stage (Ducklings and Robins) – This week we have been thinking about princes, princesses and castles. The children have really enjoyed creating and playing in a castle in the outdoor area. They have also loved making crowns and drawing castles. In their writing the Robin group had to think of some things they would do if they were a prince or a princess. We had many good suggestions including sitting in bed eating cookies all day, and riding on mermaids and unicorns!!!

Finches – We have brainstormed and experimented with words to make up our own ‘nonsense poems’ linked with fairs. We explored rhythm, rhyme and alliteration and selected the best words to fit the pattern of the original poem. In D.T. we all enjoyed finding ways to make a moving model based on a fairground ride. Our maths focus this week has been multiplication.

Owls – We have been doing lots of World Cup related geography, finding out which countries are taking part, from which continents, what their flags look like and what features those countries have e.g. mountains or deserts. We have been writing information books about fairgrounds which include timelines and our interviews.

Doves – In English we have developed our comprehension skills and worked hard on adding inverted commas to written speech. In history we have begun to learn about castles and how they have changed through time. In maths Year 3 children have found patterns when adding numbers and Year 4s have developed their skills when multiplying or dividing by 10 and 100. We enjoyed our trip to the library and have each borrowed a book.

Woodpeckers – We have been learning about the adventures of Perseus, a hero from an Ancient Greek myth. We have drawn or painted pictures of Medusa’s head and written parts of the story to be narrated during our class assembly which we have been practising for the last few days. We hope you liked it!

Kingfishers – We are now into full rehearsal mode for the KS2 Robin Hood Production. Please donate cardboard for scenery and prop making and help your child sort out their costume. We have also had time to make bracelets and finish off our frames with Mrs Smith. In maths, Year 5 have continued work on division and Year 6 have found out about the Fibonacci sequence. We have begun our work on electricity.

After School Club and Wraparound Care Invoices – the bills for May were sent home via book bags last week and are also on ParentPay. The deadline for paying is today, Friday 15th June, so please get those paid if you have not yet done so – thanks.

If you could start to let us know your After School Club requirements for next year from September that would be very helpful - please email Tracey (office.3213@new-hinksey.oxon.sch.uk).

Parents are welcome in our school

Assemblies – Key Stage 2 children are continuing to learn the songs for the Robin Hood musical in singing assemblies. On Thursday Father Ben led an assembly about St. Richard of Chichester using an informative powerpoint.

A big thank you to Woodpecker class for their Sharing Assembly this morning when they performed a short story they had written themselves to tell the story of Perseus, as part of their learning about the heroes and villains of Ancient Greece.

Have you got a couple of hours to spare for a practical task during one school day? We are looking for two or three parents who would be willing to be in school for a couple of hours one day to empty out our cookery cupboards and wipe down and wash the shelves and all the cookery equipment. We have a lot but over the year when it is used by many children it gets in a sorry state as the children's washing up skills are still developing! A willingness to wear rubber gloves and use a fair bit of Milton is needed!

Everyone Welcome! – All members of the local community are warmly invited to an **Oxford Eid Extravaganza** at Cheney School this Sunday 17th June 12pm – 7pm. Entry is free and there will be: football, arts and crafts, zorbing, farm animal petting, falconry, market stalls, rock climbing, face paints, henna art, pony rides and much more. Go to info@oxfordeidextravaganza.co.uk for more information.

Summer Holiday Childcare – Experienced T.A. looking for summer holiday childcare/babysitting work. If interested please speak to Mark, available at the start or end of the day on the school playground and at After School Club.

Class Group Photographs – Your child brought home an envelope this week containing a proof and an order form. If you would like to order a photo of your child's class please return the completed form and correct money (or card payment details filled in) in the envelope provided **by Friday 22 June**. Please note that we do not process the money, we just send off the order forms, so cannot give you change.

Are you a qualified teacher who is considering returning to the teaching profession? If so, then a locally produced Guide to Return to Teaching is available from www.sspb.org.uk and then click on the Return to Teaching tab at the top. SSPB is the Strategic Schools Partnership Board.

Art Exhibition – on **Tuesday 26th June from 3pm – 4pm** each class will have doors open and will be displaying art and DT work produced by the children this term. Please leave time at pick up on that day to tour the school and see not only your own child's work but the creative things all the other classes have been doing. If your child is at Club Energy please come early so that you can see the art and DT work before 4pm.

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Charlotte Haynes

Dates for Diaries

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

Tuesday 26th June Art Exhibition in each class 3pm – 4pm

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.

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

Friday 20th July (morning) Year 1 and 2 Circus Show for parents!

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

Hinksey Park Football Club Summer Party – takes place on **Saturday 23rd June, noon till 5pm. All welcome. £2 per person or £5 per family. BBQ, bouncy castle, music, ice cream!**