



# New Hinksey CE Primary School

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

Things are getting even busier in school with so many initiatives and activities going on at this stage of the summer term. **Please read this newsletter carefully as there is a great deal of information which families need to be aware of.** The newsletter is also posted on our school website each week so if you mislay the paper copy you can still catch up on the news by going to [www.new-hinksey.oxon.sch.uk](http://www.new-hinksey.oxon.sch.uk).

**Class Teacher Update for September 2018** – We would like to let everyone know which teachers will be teaching each class next year from September. There are some changes as Ms Christensen is becoming part time and we are also welcoming a new teacher, Miss Stephanie Haig, to our teaching team as a full time member of staff. We will be having a ‘swap around’ morning on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> July when children will get a chance to have a go in their September classes and Miss Haig will be here for that. Each child will bring a note home the day before saying which class they will be in and with which teacher.

There are no changes to the Foundation Stage teaching team (Elaine, Elizabeth and Sarah).

Finch Class (Yr 1) – Miss Stephanie Haig

Owl Class (Yr 2) – Miss Mary Kilpatrick

Dove Class (Yr 3/4) – Mrs Rachael Tucker

Woodpecker Class (Yr 4/5) – Mrs Helen Nash

Kingfisher Class (Yr 5/6) – Miss Hazel Potier (Mon, Tues, Wed) and Ms Loraine Christensen (Thurs and Fri)

**Current Year 1 Parents** – From Monday we would like you to **say goodbye to your children at the line** in the mornings so that the children can walk in to class and get themselves settled, independently in preparation for Year 2.

**Resource Donations** – Thank you so much for your donations. We continue to need **photocopying paper**.

**Booking for Lunch for year 4 and 5 children on swimming Tuesdays** – thank you to those who are pre booking but could we please ask you to book by 5pm the day before rather than on the actual morning as the lists are prepared the day before because time is so tight on Tuesday morning.

**Late Arrivals and School Lunches** – School lunch numbers are passed to the kitchen at 9.30am each day. Please telephone school if you are running late to let us know that your child is on the way and will require a school lunch.

**Using ParentPay** – We would be most grateful if more of you could get in the habit of pre-booking meals using ParentPay. This also gives you an opportunity to look at the menus with your child so that they can make their choice and know what to expect for lunch. **Parents of current Year 2 children** should also make sure that they are set up in ParentPay and used to using it as from September, when your children are in Year 3, there is no longer the entitlement for a free school meal so should you want your child to have a cooked school lunch you will need to pay - currently £2.20 per day.

**Everyone Welcome!** – All families and members of the local community are warmly invited to come and look around the **Art Exhibition** throughout all the class rooms on **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June (next week) between 3pm and 4pm**. If your child is at Club Energy please come a little early so that you can see the art and DT work before 4pm. Thanks.

**Class Group Photographs** – The deadline for returning your order forms and money in the envelope provided is today. If you realise you have not put in your order **we could accept last minute ones on Monday morning only**.

**Woodlands Residential December 2018** – The second payment of £50 is due to be paid by 28<sup>th</sup> June 2018 please.

*Parents are welcome in our school*

### News from Classes:

**Foundation Stage (Ducklings and Robins)** – This week has seen the arrival of our caterpillars. The children (and adults) have been amazed to see how quickly they are growing. We have been reading ‘The Very Hungry Caterpillar’ to support the children’s understanding of the butterfly life-cycle. Many of the children in the Robin class have enjoyed sharing their ‘Wow’ moments from home. The forms will now be stuck into the children’s books as a reminder of another small landmark in their development. Remember there are spare forms, to take home, on the parents’ noticeboard in the cloakroom.

**Finches** – We have been looking closely at some old photographs of St. Giles’ Fair in Oxford to find out how different fairs in the past were. We also read about fairs from long ago and discovered that they began as animal trading events but soon became popular and entertaining as well. In maths we had another look at time (please talk with your child about o’clock, half- past, quarter to and quarter past times on analogue and digital clocks). In D.T. we have begun to construct moving models of fairground rides using ‘junk’ and we hope to finish them for the art week exhibition on Tuesday. We are looking forward to becoming more independent in the mornings just like the Owls!

**Owls** – This week we have been learning and using the 3x table. We watched a film of sculptor Alexander Calder showing us his circus figures performing. We have been making our own circus figures using a range of materials. Please come to see them next Tuesday afternoon, 3 – 4pm.

**Doves** – We had a special treat this week when Gabriel’s parents cooked us a traditional breakfast from El Salvador. We ate papusas which are tortillas made from cornflour and stuffed with cheese and kidney beans. They were delicious. In maths Year 4s have improved their knowledge of decimals and Year 3s have worked hard to create and solve number patterns. In science we have looked at the colour and size of the planets. In art we had a wonderful session presented to us about Heroes and Villains.

**Woodpeckers** – We have been writing our own Greek myths this week. We shall be making a class book with them. We have painted some truly gruesome pictures of the monsters in our stories. In maths we have been revisiting ‘Logo’ and furthering our understanding of angle by programing the turtle to draw more complicated patterns and shapes than previously. Thank you very much to Jo Gill, Hannah’s mum, for a fabulous lesson earlier in the week where the children composed a short piece of music together inspired by rivers.

**Kingfishers** – We have been making Celtic knot designs, keeping up-to-date with the World Cup matches and rehearsing for Robin Hood. Eight Yr 6s had a fabulous day at the Festival of Voices – thank you for representing the school so well. In maths we have learnt about digital roots and investigated the patterns made from these. We have found out about the landmarks of Paris and started to create a leaflet, in French, encouraging people to visit Paris.

**Assemblies** – We started a new theme about ‘friendship’ and thought about the values that we should demonstrate in being good friends such as honesty, kindness and loyalty. Fr. James led an assembly about St Alban. Thank you to Kingfishers who sang some of the Festival of Voices songs in Sharing Assembly today.

**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.

**New Hinksey Tea Towels** - The School Association will be selling tea towels, featuring self-portraits of every child in the school, in the playground, at the KS2 performances and the Y6 leavers’ assembly. £4 each or 3 for £10.

Yours sincerely,

Charlotte Haynes

### Dates for Diaries

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June Art Exhibition in each class 3pm – 4pm**

**\*\*\*Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June – SCHOOL CLOSED for Inset\*\*\***

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July 9.10am – Owl Class Sharing Assembly**

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July – Sports Day (morning) 10 am in Hinksey Park, weather permitting.**

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July – 2pm – Key Stage 2 performances to parents ‘Robin Hood’**

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July (morning) Year 1 and 2 Circus Show for parents!**

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2pm – Year 6 Leaver’s Assembly (Year 6 parents please save the date!)**

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> July END OF TERM at 1pm after Lunch**

**Family Triathlon Sunday 1st July -** There are still spaces to take part in the family triathlon on Sunday 1st July. It is an informal, non-competitive event, where families do a triathlon in any format they like. It could be a relay between family members/friends or a shared event. The swimming takes place in Hinksey Pool, the run is around Hinksey Park and then a traffic free cycle ride ending at SOAP. Please go do [triathlon.sofr.org.uk](http://triathlon.sofr.org.uk) for further information. Money raised will help to fund South Oxford Family Room's Tuesday where support is available for new parents and their babies.