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

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT SCHOOL IS CLOSED TO ALL CHILDREN TOMORROW FRIDAY 29TH, AS IT IS AN INSET DAY.

We had a very successful open doors art exhibition on Tuesday with a good turn-out of families visiting all the classes. On Wednesday Ducklings, Robins, Finches and Owls all enjoyed drama workshop sessions led by a teacher from the 'Perform' drama school. All the children have coped brilliantly with the very hot weather this week.

September 2018 Classes – We will be having a 'swap around' morning on Wednesday 4th July when children will get a chance to have a go in their September classes. The classes will be taught as set out below. 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)

Miss Haig, who will be teaching Year 1 in September, will be available to say hello to current Robins' parents and carers from 3-3.15pm on Tuesday 3rd July in the Foundation Stage and 3-3.15pm on Wednesday 4th July in Year 1.

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.

Woodlands Residential December 2018 – The second payment of £50 is due to be paid by today, 28th June 2018.

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.

IMPORTANT NOTICE – there are cases of **headlice** (nits) in school at the moment. Please could every family check and treat, if required, over the weekend so that we can stop the spread of them. Any pharmacy can advise on treatment options. Thank you.

Club Energy – Please note that next Tuesday, 3rd July, will be the FINAL SESSION for this term.

Parents are welcome in our school

News from Classes:

Foundation Stage (Ducklings and Robins) – This week has seen a week of ‘change’. We continue to support children in their transition to their next class by planning activities such as circle games in the hall, games in the main playground and visits to the Year 1 (Finch) classroom. Our caterpillars have also changed into chrysalides, and we have now put them into the large butterfly net. It was amazing to see how much they wriggle! Can we please remind you to ensure that your children have sun cream applied before school and have a named sun hat in school. Thanks.

Finches – We really enjoyed finishing off our moving fairground models and writing captions for the art show on Tuesday. In English we are planning and drafting our very own fact books about old fashioned fairs and we are also busy learning some tricky word spellings which we may need in the writing. We have had a go at ‘shop keeper’ counting and ‘no-work’ problem solving – ask your child to explain what these strategies mean! We are planning a whole day trip to Boundary Brook Nature Reserve next Friday (6th) so look out for the letter to explain what your child will need to bring.

Owls – We have been doing lots of measuring in cm and metres and practising telling the time using analogue and digital clocks. On Monday we made bold circus posters promoting circus performers. We shared our amazing mixed media circuses at Tuesday’s exhibition. Thank you to everyone who came to see them. We really enjoyed our perform drama workshop on Wednesday on the theme of exploring the African jungle.

Doves – We have worked hard on scale in maths. We have drawn around each other, rounded to the nearest 10 and then reduced to one tenth (1/10) of this measurement. We enjoyed completing our models of castles, using nets, for the art exhibition. In English we are designing leaflets about our favourite castles. In swimming the Year 4s are increasing the distance they can swim. Year 3s have created Powerpoint presentations about Judaism.

Woodpeckers – This week we have been finishing our Greek myths and typing them up to put together a class book with all of them. In maths Year 4 children have been drawing and interpreting bar charts and line graphs; Year 5s have been calculating volume of cuboids and working out missing dimensions by using the inverse operation. We have been enjoying rehearsals along with the rest of the children in KS2, for Robin Hood.

Kingfishers – We have been preparing our artwork for the Tuesday afternoon show – thanks to all the families that made it upstairs to see the Kingfisher work. Now we are focussed on rehearsals and cycle training. All the class have been fantastic at lending a hand at prop, costume and set making.

Please Support: Lola’s (Woodpeckers) mum, Lucy, is raising money for the UK Sepsis Trust by trekking in China this September. For more details, and if you’d like to donate, please visit:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/lucy-parsons14>. Thank you.

Have a great weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Charlotte Haynes

Dates for Diaries

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 2pm – Year 6 Leaver’s Assembly (Year 6 parents please save the date!)

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

The Whitehouse Flea Market will take place 10am – 2pm on Saturday 30th June at The Whitehouse Pub on Abingdon Road. For more info or to book a stall please email: whitehousefleamarket@gmail.com