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

What perfect weather we had for our sports day in Hinksey Park on Wednesday. Thank you to the many parents, grandparents and other visitors who came to support us and have given so much positive feedback (verbal and by email) about the variety of sports skills and fun activities on offer, the excellent organisation, the wonderful team work and cooperation demonstrated from mixed aged teams, and the caring and responsible attitude shown by our older children in their roles as team captains. We are truly proud of all the children for taking part so brilliantly.

News from Classes:

Foundation Stage (Ducklings and Robins) – We have had a very exciting week in the Foundation Stage. Firstly we had a very successful and enjoyable tea party for parents and children entering the Reception Class in September. Secondly we had a fantastic sports day. All of the children had a go with great enthusiasm and their behaviour was a real credit to them. Please remember that we are taking all of the children in the Foundation Stage to Hinksey Park for a ‘**Teddy Bears’ Picnic’ on Friday 20th July at 9.30am**. The children may bring a teddy and we are asking for parental contributions of Pomme Bear crisps and/or biscuits. Also please be aware that **any Foundation Stage child (Robins and Ducklings) who will be in school all day or for just the afternoon on Monday 23rd July will need a packed lunch** as we plan to have a picnic in school before joining the rest of the school at the adventure playground (SOAP) in the afternoon.

Finches – Roll Up! Roll Up! The New Hinksey Circus is coming to town! We have been busy planning our circus acts and working cooperatively to decide what props we need and how to perform like real circus people. In maths we have revised number and place value and all feel confident about finding 1 more or 1 less and 10 more and 10 less than any 2-digit number. We really enjoyed the sports day and learned how to work as a team with children from other classes and how to show good sportsmanship! Next Tuesday 17th July we plan to go to our allotment to plant our pumpkins so parent helpers welcome from 1.15 – 2.45pm. Thank you.

Owls – In maths we have been calculating temperatures around the world and working with 3 digit numbers and calculating number bonds to 100 using a bead string. We have been practising our circus acts for 20th July. We have also been making maps of our own fairground theme parks.

Friday 20th July 9.30am on playground Year 1 and 2 Circus Show for parents! Please come along. In the event of rain we will try to reschedule as it will not be possible to run the event in the hall.

Doves – We have been working hard to learn the words and our scene for ‘Robin Hood’. In maths we have been revisiting fractions and have used fraction lines to help us. In English we have written diaries from the perspective of The Oxfordshire Highwayman. On Friday Year 3s enjoyed brie, baguette and citron pressé in our French café. The Year 4s from both Woodpeckers and Doves spent this morning making wonderful French puppets. Thank you to Sean (Frank and Eric’s dad) for coming into class to talk to us about rowing. We all learned a lot and enjoyed having a go on the rowing machine he brought with him. **IMPORTANT:** please could Dove children **return their library books to school on Monday** so they can be returned to Oxford Central Library. Thank you.

Woodpeckers – We have enjoyed a busy week doing all sorts of things such as finishing off bits of writing, writing poems about heroes and villains, producing art work (portraits or paintings or origami creations) and sports day.

Kingfishers – Despite the heat we have been out playing rounders, taking part in sports day and putting our brains together for a team based quiz afternoon outside (oh, and keeping up with our class World Cup sweepstake!) A big congratulations and thank you to all the Year 6 and some Year 5 team leaders who did an excellent job encouraging and guiding their younger team members on Wednesday in the park. Year 6 enjoyed their day at Hinksey Pool, swimming and snacking (!) on Friday as an end of primary school treat using the money they raised themselves to pay for it. All Year 5 children from both Woodpeckers and Kingfishers spent the morning together with Ms Christensen making animations.

Parents are welcome in our school

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.

Menu Change on Friday 20th July – the vegetarian option will be veggie bakes not the sausage rolls as shown.

After School Club and Wraparound Care Invoices – The deadline for paying the June bills is today Friday 13th July. Please ensure they are paid over the weekend if you have not yet paid them.

Key Stage 1 Computer Club – This has now finished for the term so will not take place on Wednesday 18th next week. Please make sure you have made arrangements to collect your children at 3pm – thanks.

Bollywood Dance Club – Narinder will be run the last session on Thursday 19th. On Monday 23rd July the group will perform their latest Bollywood dance to the school at 9.15am in the hall and parents of children in the dance are most welcome to come along for 10 minutes to watch.

Robin Hood - We hope to see many of the Key Stage 2 parents at one of the Robin Hood performances next week on **Tuesday 17th or Wednesday 18th at 1.45pm**. All younger siblings in school will have watched the dress rehearsal on Monday. If at all possible we would be grateful if other arrangements were made for very small children and babies so that the actors and singers can perform to a quiet and settled audience. It will not be possible to have buggies and prams in the building during the performance, nor standing in the doorway, as both doors are used for entry and exit as part of the performance. Thank you in anticipation of your support in this matter.

Task for All Parents Please – Over the long summer holiday could parents source a P.E. kit for their children, in a suitable bag, which can stay in school all week. This should consist of a plain t-shirt, a pair of shorts, a pair of leggings or jogging bottoms for colder weather outdoors and a pair of trainers (or plimsolls) that are not the same as the pair being worn all day in school. **All items should be named.**

Yours sincerely,

Charlotte Haynes

Dates for Diaries

Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th July – 1.45pm – Key Stage 2 performances to parents ‘Robin Hood’

Friday 20th July 9.30am on playground Year 1 and 2 Circus Show for parents! Please come along. In the event rain we will try to reschedule as it will not be possible to run the event in the hall.

**** Monday 23rd July - School Day Out at SOAP (South Oxford Adventure Playground). Please note that every child will need a packed lunch that day.****

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 Story Museum - There are some wonderful opportunities and workshops for families to book.

Summer Story Makers, 23-27 July (individual days available to book) Please visit:

<http://www.storymuseum.org.uk/whats-on/summer-story-makers-3/> for further info.

Fundraising for the School: Next Tuesday (17th July) a small group of parents and governors are meeting to discuss making applications to trusts, Oxford colleges, supermarkets etc for funding for the school. If you have any ideas, leads or experience of writing winning funding applications we'd love to hear from you. You could either join us at Home pub (at the end of Vicarage Road) just after 8pm on 17th July, or contact Harmonie Limb, Harm-Jan, Ben Armstrong, April Jones, Louisa Brossler or Chloe Purcell to share your ideas. Many thanks.