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

This will be the final newsletter of the year, which has been another highly successful and rich learning experience for all, with many engaging trips, visits, workshops and extra-curricular activities. We feel blessed to have the support of everyone who is part of the school community and I would like to say a public thankyou to everyone for the part you play in making New Hinksey a very friendly, nurturing and successful school – pupils, governors, parents and grandparents, local clergy, neighbours and friends of the school. To each and every one of the wonderful staff I say a HUGE THANK YOU for being a great team to work with and for your dedication in helping every child to be the best they can. We have had great results this year. The percentage of pupils in Year 6 attaining at least the expected standard across the board in each of reading, writing and maths (69%) is now comfortably above the national figure and has improved immensely since last year. The Year 1 phonics screening results are outstanding this year with 96% passing. In Year 2 all our results are well above last year's national figures which is excellent and Foundation Stage have also done better than the national figures in their areas of learning.

We still have a couple of things to look forward to next week:-

Monday – Every child needs a **packed lunch** and suitable clothing, footwear and water bottle as we are going to **SOAP** for the day. Please apply sunscreen before school and bring a sunhat if the weather is still hot and sunny.

Tuesday – Our leavers' assembly for Year 6s will start at 2pm in the school hall. Year 6 parents and guests please join us to hear your child's speech and celebrate their time at New Hinksey.

News from Classes:

Foundation Stage (Ducklings and Robins) – A message from Elaine “ I have just been to visit the Duckling group during their group time who were practising how to sit, with their legs crossed, to get ‘Robin ready’ for September. I am sure they will settle into their new class very quickly. I would like to say a fond farewell to this year's Robin Class who have been an enormous pleasure to teach. Sarah, Elizabeth and I wish you a happy and healthy holiday”

Finches – We have enjoyed our final preparations for the Sparkling Circus Show and hope that you enjoyed it. In English we wrote about our roles and acts and checked our final next steps in writing before we move on to our next class. We looked back through our work since September and were amazed at all the progress that we have made this year! In maths we have done our final check for the unit of work and reviewed the areas that we need to improve on. We are looking forward to showing you all our hard work in the various books that we will bring home.

Owls – We have been practising hard for our circus performance and learning to play board games and card games amicably and positively. We enjoyed digging up our potatoes and eating some of them boiled and mashed with lashings of butter! We will bring home a couple of potatoes to enjoy cooking at home. Have a great summer!

Doves – We have worked hard on our maths assessments this week. We had an enjoyable trip to the allotment. We enjoyed picking and eating raspberries, radishes and black currants. We are having a small class party on Wednesday morning. Please sign up on Doves classroom door to bring one of the snacks to share. Thank you.

Woodpeckers – We enjoyed a rounders tournament with Dove Class earlier in the week. Some of us have made Powerpoints about Nelson Mandela to celebrate the 100th anniversary of his birth; some of us have made PowerPoints about another hero or villain. Happy holidays!

Kingfishers – A busy week for the Kingfishers with Robin Hood performances, a visit to Pizza Express and the cycling proficiency test. Year 6 students have worked hard on their speeches for the leavers' assembly next week. The last few groups have delivered their own lessons, prepared by themselves, to the class. The class have enjoyed preparing and presenting these – a real mixture including cooking, cheerleading, computing and P.E.

Goodbye – This week we have said farewell and thank you to Mrs Young who has been teaching Kingfishers on Thursdays and Fridays since January. She has done a fantastic job helping to teach and guide our oldest children and we wish her happiness in the future.

Parents are welcome in our school

ParentPay and Parents of Current Year 2 Children should 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. Please could ALL PARENTS get used to **pre booking meals at home** as this will save time in class and therefore allow more time for important learning. Thank you.

Woodlands – The 3rd installment for the residential in December is due to be paid by Tuesday 24th July next week.

After School Club and Wraparound Care Invoices – The invoices for July will appear on ParentPay over the summer so please look out for them and pay them. Thank you.

Bollywood Dance Club – 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 – Was a tremendous success with great singing, acting, costumes, scenery and props. Well done to everyone involved – you should all feel very proud of yourselves.

Circus Show – This was a truly amazing performance by Owls and Finches and had the audience in awe of the skills and comic genius of the year 1s and 2s. Thank you Mrs Nash, Miss Kilpatrick, Donna, Sonia and Lorraine for helping the children put on such a show.

Last Week's Cake Sale – Thank you to everyone who helped organise, bake, sell and buy cakes and cookies last Friday. A total of £119 was raised for School Association funds.

Reward Box Donations – Thank you to those parents and grandparents who drop off bags of goodies to keep the reward box topped up, it is much appreciated. Donations are always welcome so if you come across any little knick-knacks, stationery items, bouncy balls, packs of playing cards, small toys and puzzles, etc. over the summer do pass them to us in September.

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.**

Wishing you all a lovely, relaxing, happy and safe summer. All children should return to school on Thursday 6th September for leading in to classes at 8.45am.

Yours sincerely,

Charlotte Haynes

Dates for Diaries

**** 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

Thursday 6th September – Start of Term.

Summer Drinks Monday 23rd July at The Folly Restaurant (No 1 Folly Bridge) from 8pm

All parents, carers and friends of New Hinksey are invited for drinks by the river on Monday. Please spread the word and encourage others to attend (esp if you know any families joining us in September) as this is meant for everyone!! Many thanks. New Hinksey School Association

SOAP South Oxford Adventure Playground: Open Tuesday 31st July through to Friday 31st August 10-4pm (closed weekends and bank holiday). Free, friendly, fun outdoor activities for all children. Suits 7-14 yr olds best! See website for more details. <http://www.soapoxford.org.uk/>