



New Hinksey CE Primary School

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

This Term's Topic: Our topic for this term is '**The Elements**' - the classical elements of earth, air, fire and water. We are sending home a topic web with each child along with this newsletter so that you can see the learning that is planned for each class. We hope you find this useful. The topic webs are also on our school website on the curriculum page.

News From Classes:

Foundation Stage (Ducklings – nursery; Robins - reception) – All of the children in Robin Class are now happily settling into the routines of school life. The Ducklings are getting used to saying 'goodbye' to their parents. This week our focus has been on learning the class rules, in particular being kind and sharing the toys. The Robin children are also getting used to taking one book home from our book box each day. The children can change these books as often as they like. We encourage the children to keep these in their book bags and change them as soon as they arrive in class in the morning. Many thanks.

Finches – We have settled in really well. We have enjoyed learning about the weather and the four seasons. We have been practising writing our letters correctly to build short sentences. In maths we have been comparing, counting and ordering numbers to 20. We hope finches have enjoyed their first full week as Year 1s.

Owls – We have been exploring 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch' story with reading, writing, science and DT activities. We have been finding out about seaside holidays in the past. Do you know what a bathing machine looked like and was used for? In maths we have been estimating the numbers of objects and spotting missing numbers and using bead strings and hundred squares to order and position 2 digit numbers.

Doves – We have settled back into school well. We are enjoying learning about The Stone Age. We have begun to find out about life in prehistoric times by ordering events on timelines. In art we have used Gustav Klimt's 'Tree of Life' to inspire collage work. We are looking forward to our Ashmolean trip next week – please return the permission slip if you have not done so and also remember that all of Dove class need a packed lunch on Tuesday.

Woodpeckers – We have been establishing routines and good habits to get into at the beginning of the school year. Thank you and well done to those of you who always bring a refreshed water bottle, a New Hinksey book bag (containing your current reading book) and have a complete P.E. kit on your peg for Tuesday and Friday. Observational poetry is our focus in English and the class went outside to take inspiration from the natural world before writing expanded noun phrases to create powerful imagery. In maths we used our knowledge of place value in 4 and 5 digit numbers to compare, order, add and subtract. Homework has been given out on Friday and comprises of a maths sheet, allocated online games and a grammar based activity. We expect all children in the class to return the homework by Wednesday of the following week.

Kingfishers – This, our first full week, has been getting going with our study of 'The Tempest'. We are learning songs to accompany the story. We have started rugby in outdoor P.E. and our indoor gymnastics this term has started with a focus on warm up stretches and balancing on different parts of our bodies. We have also been reviewing our place value and times table knowledge in maths.

Macmillan Coffee Morning for New and Old Parents - The School Association will be holding a Macmillan Coffee Morning straight after drop-off on Friday 21 September, in The Nest (next to the Art Room). Come along and meet other parents, enjoy coffee and cake, and raise money for Macmillan too. Anyone who could help set up, and/or bake something lovely, please talk to April (mum of Annie in Doves and Sam in Robins).

ParentPay and Pre Booking Lunches: - Please can every family try to pre book lunch choices on ParentPay and ensure that meals are paid for in advance. Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to free school meals.

Parents are welcome in our school

Year 5 and 6 Residential to Woodlands - We would like to remind all parents of children going to Woodlands in December that payment 4 (of 6) is due for payment by 28th September. However a number of families have not yet paid payment 3 which was due before the summer holidays so please pay this as well if not already done so.

After School Club and Wraparound Care Invoices – The invoices for July are due for payment by Tuesday 18th September. If you have not already done so please ensure that you have paid them by then. Thank you.

Sponsorship Request - Lola's (Yr 6) mum set out for China yesterday on World Sepsis Day. Lucy is fundraising for The UK Sepsis Trust, a charity that needs funding to train the public and to educate the healthcare community on how to spot sepsis quickly. Please see their website for information on sepsis: [sepsistrust.org](https://www.sepsistrust.org). If you would like to support Lucy please visit <https://www.justgiving.com/Lucy-Parsons14>. Thank you very much.

Flute and Woodwind Lessons – Oxfordshire County Music Service is able to provide instrumental music lessons for children in school. A music teacher will be visiting for beginners flute/woodwind lessons this year so if you are interested please visit Oxfordshire County Music Service website which has an area about applying and paying.

Activity Clubs - These will all start next week (week beginning 17th September). Please wait at the main playground gate to collect your children at the end of the session.

Day	Time	Club	Age Group	Teacher and contact details	Cost
Tuesday	3 – 4.15	Club Energy – Multi sports	Yrs 1 - 6	Coaches: Jack and Connor Visit: www.clubenergysports.com where you can find our club and pay by adding to cart.	£30 for 10 sessions
Wednesday 10 weeks	3 – 4.00	Art Club	Year 3 only (10 children)	Please sign up with Miss Kilpatrick	£5 total for materials
Wednesday	3 – 4.00	Homework Club	Years 3, 4, 5, 6 For those who are not able to complete their weekly homework at home.	Please see Miss Potier or Ms. Christensen. Please note that some children may be personally 'invited' to this session!	Free
Thursday	3 – 4.00	Computer Club	Years 4, 5, 6 (10 children)	Please sign up with Mrs Nash	Free
Thursday	3 – 4.00	Bollywood Dance	Years 1 - 6	Please email Narinder at narinder.thapar@tiscali.co.uk	£5 per session

Yours sincerely,

Charlotte Haynes

Dates for Diaries

Friday 21st September – 8.45 – 9.45am Macmillan Coffee Morning in the Nest – all parents welcome.

Friday 28th September 9.10am in hall – Owl Class Sharing Assembly.

Friday 28th September – The school photographer will be in taking individual pupil and sibling group photographs.

Monday 1st October - Open Afternoon 3 - 4pm – an opportunity to see the classes and meet the teachers.

Wednesday 3rd October – School Association Annual General Meeting – all parents welcome, 6.30pm in school

Friday 5th October 9.10am in hall – Dove Class Sharing Assembly.

Thursday 11th October – 2pm Harvest Festival in Church.

Monday 15th October 9.10 in hall - Kingfisher Sharing Assembly.

Friday 19th October – End of the first half of term.

Monday 22nd – Friday 26th October - HALF TERM HOLIDAY.

Monday 29th October - term starts again at 8.45am.

South Oxford Woodcraft Folk - The Eclipse Elfins is a group for 6-9 year olds, meeting at the community centre on a Tuesday evening. We are looking for new child members and adult volunteers. If you'd like your child to join, or you are interested in finding out more, please email southoxfordwoodcraftfolk@gmail.com

South Oxford Adventure Playground (SOAP) is open on weekdays from 3.15 p.m. until 5.15 p.m. until October half-term. SOAP is open to all, and is free of charge. Any financial donations to help keep SOAP operating are welcome.