



New Hinksey CE Primary School

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

There are two important messages about next week. Firstly please come to our **Open Afternoon on Monday** (1st October) and do bring grandparents and friends and family. It is a lovely opportunity to look around ALL the classrooms and to meet the teachers. Secondly there is a census day on THURSDAY when some of our funding is determined by the take up of free school meals both the Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 free lunches and the free lunches for those entitled to them due to low income. **We will therefore be serving FISH AND CHIPS on THURSDAY not on Friday**, and the meal published on Parent Pay for Thursday will be served on Friday.

For fish and chips on Thursday book macaroni cheese. For summer quiche on Thursday book cheese + ham bagel. For macaroni cheese on Friday book fish and chips. For cheese and ham bagel on Friday book summer quiche.

Please have the fish and chips on Thursday to help us get every bit of funding that we can – thank you.

Photocopying Paper Plea – If you would like to support the school we would love some more donations of A4 photocopier paper - thank you.

News From Classes:

Foundation Stage (Ducklings – nursery; Robins - reception) – We have really started to gel as a group and play happily together. We have particularly enjoyed pretending to be puppies, police officers and super-heroes. There are still some ‘All About Me’ sheets which have not been returned, particularly from last year’s Duckling group. If you have misplaced your child’s copy please ask Elaine for a replacement. We value these sheets as a useful link to our families, and each copy is stuck into the front of the Robins’ books. Thank you.

Finches – This week we have been focussing on ‘water’ from our ‘Elements’ topic. We have looked at the story *Mr Gumpy’s Outing* and have written sentences using capital letters, full stops, and adjectives. We have also created water pictures, mixing colours to create a painting from the story. In maths we have been finding pairs which make 5 and 10.

Owls – In maths we have been practising doubling numbers and using number bonds to 6,7,8 and 9 to help us add e.g. if $1 + 5 = 6$ then $91 + 5 = 96$. We have been practising well for our packed sharing assembly on stories about the sea which we hope you enjoyed yesterday afternoon. On Friday we enjoyed looking at our boats and hearing about adventures in boats. Thank you for helping us with our lighthouse and boat homework projects! And thank you Owl class for your sharing assembly. I am glad you are not squawky seagulls all the time!

Doves – This week we have worked really hard on our grammar skills. We have learnt about prepositions, prepositional phrases and conjunctions and added them to our own writing. We have used partitioning and recombining in our addition work in maths. We have really enjoyed researching what people ate in the Stone Age and creating our own menus which included nuts, berries, mammoth meat and blood to drink!

Woodpeckers – We have begun using storytelling techniques to learn the Hindu story of Krishna and Kaliya (ask your child to retell it at home!). We are going to use this as the basis of our English work over the next couple of weeks. We had a go at doing detailed pen drawings of scenes from this story in the style of miniature Indian paintings, which we will colour next week. Our trip to Boundary Brook Nature Reserve was very interesting. We enjoyed the outdoor learning to find out more about living things, identifying and classifying by close observation, pond dipping and collecting.

Kingfishers – We have been making earthquake resistant buildings to test on our wobbly Earth’s crust to complement our learning on what causes earthquakes. We have been refreshing our memories about word classes (noun, pronoun, verb etc.). We have had fun inventing some collective nouns. In science we have been learning about the relationship between the Earth, sun and moon, and the fact that the tilt of the Earth gives us our seasons.

Parents are welcome in our school

Information for Parents/Carers of Pupils in Year 6 – Between now and the deadline of 31st October you will need to apply for a secondary school place for your children. The forms are online at www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/admissions and then go to the secondary school section. Please note that this is something parents must do and we cannot submit forms on your behalf. Many of the secondary schools have open evenings and look around mornings coming up so please find out when these are for the schools that you are interested in.

Children Starting School in Reception in September 2019 – Parents of children born between 1st September 2014 and 31st August 2015 will need to apply for a school place online at www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/admissions. This can be done between 25th October 2018 and 15th January 2019. If you know of friends, neighbours or family members in the area to whom this applies do encourage them to phone the school (01865 242169) to arrange to come and look around.

Trading Cards and Toys from Home – Please note that with immediate effect children should NOT bring toys or trading cards from home into school. We have reached this decision due to the number of issues arising such as cards going missing, arguments, having them out in lesson time, toys getting broken etc.

Year 5 and 6 Residential to Woodlands 10th – 14th December - We would like to remind all parents of children going to Woodlands in December that payment 4 (of 6) is due for payment by today (28th September). There will be a meeting for parents and pupils of children going to Woodlands on **Thursday 1st November at 3.15pm** at school.

New Hinksey School Association Annual General Meeting - The School Association will be holding its AGM next week on Wednesday 3rd October, at 6.30pm, in school. Everyone is very welcome to attend: it's a great chance to find out more about how the School Association works, and how you can support the school. Please speak to April (mum of Annie in Doves and Sam in Robins), Ben (dad of Amelia in Owls), or Harmonie (mum of James in Woodpeckers), if you want any more information.

School Association Social Drinks -The following evening, Thursday 4th October, we'll be meeting much more informally in the Duke of Monmouth on Sunningwell Road from 8pm. Please come along for a chance to catch up with old friends and/or meet some new faces.

Macmillan Coffee Morning - A big thank you to everyone who helped at and came to the coffee morning last week. We raised £67.93 for the charity.

Wishing you all a good weekend.

Charlotte Haynes

Dates for Diaries

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 Adventure Playgroup and Lake Street Nursery (Playgroup) present:

Family Fireworks + Bonfire Night at SOAP - Saturday 3rd November 2018, proudly supported by Finder Keepers. Family-friendly fireworks display and bonfire. BBQ, bar, hot chocolate, glow toys, and more.

Gates: 5pm. Bonfire: 6pm. Fireworks 6.30pm. Tickets £3 children and £6 adults. Available from Monday 8th October from SOAP, Grandpont Nursery, Lake St Playgroup (during opening hours) or at drop off and pick up time from St Ebbe's and New Hinksey Schools. Please buy your tickets early to avoid disappointment.

The Star Seekers - Saturday 29 September 11am & 2pm

Want to fly to the moon? Visit a space station? Become an astronaut?

Star Seekers Alph, Betty and Gammo need your help to save Oxford's space station, collect every orb and delve into the great unanswered question of the universe: what do astronauts really have for tea? An interactive, out of this world adventure for children aged 3-8

Tickets: £8/£6 children Book Online: <https://www.thenorthwall.com/whats-on/the-star-seekers/>

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