



# New Hinksey CE Primary School

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

Welcome back to the new school year. It was good to see everyone back and settled into their new classes, hopefully refreshed after the summer break and ready for learning. We welcome Miss Haig as Finch class teacher.

All the staff would like to say thank you for the great many cards and gifts you so generously gave us all at the end of the summer term. It is very thoughtful of you and your kindness is much appreciated.

**This Term's Topic:** Our topic for this term is '**The Elements**' - the classical elements of earth, air, fire and water. Learning will be linked in some way to the topic and a wide and rich variety of texts, stories, poems and resources will be used. Next week you will receive, alongside the newsletter, a copy of the more detailed topic plan for your child's class.

## **A Reminder of Our Classes:**

**Foundation Stage (Ducklings – nursery; Robins - reception)** – Elaine Howells, Elizabeth and Sarah

**Finches** – Year 1 with Miss Haig and Sonia

**Owls** – Year 2 with Miss Kilpatrick and Mel

**Doves** – Year 3 and Year 4 with Mrs Tucker, Mark and Lorraine

**Woodpeckers** – Year 4 and Year 5 with Mrs Nash, Ms Foster, Mrs Harry and Sandra

**Kingfishers** – Year 5 and Year 6 with Miss Potier (Mon, Tues, Wed), Ms Christensen (Thurs, Fri) and Carol

**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. It is a good idea if you look at the menu choices with your children and decide together what meal to have, so children are prepared and know what to expect at lunchtime. Thank you.

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

## **A Few Reminders:**

- **Every child year 1 – 6 must have a P.E. kit** in a suitable bag, which stays 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.**
- **Long hair** must be tied back throughout the day in school.
- **Please use ParentPay to pre book and pay for lunches in advance. Lunches must be paid for in advance of having the lunch as we will not be providing lunches to children who are in debt.**
- **No jewellery** should be worn at school other than small stud earrings and a wristwatch.
- **We do not permit fizzy drinks, sweets or chewing gum in school.**
- All children should be on the playground **ready to lead into classes in lines at 8.45am.**
- **School ends at 3pm (5.30pm for After School Club)** please collect children promptly.

*Parents are welcome in our school*

**Activity Clubs** – The newsletter next week will give information about which clubs are running this term starting week beginning 17<sup>th</sup> September.

**SOAP** - There is a free play day at **South Oxford Adventure Playground** on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> September from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. All are welcome. There will be no playworkers present so children remain the responsibility of their parents/carers at all times.

Wishing you all a relaxing weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Charlotte Haynes

### **Dates for Diaries**

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September** 9.10am in hall – **Owl Class Sharing Assembly.**

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September** – The **school photographer** will be in taking individual pupil and sibling group photographs.

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

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October** 9.10am in hall – **Dove Class Sharing Assembly.**

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October** – **2pm Harvest Festival in Church.**

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October** – **End of the first half of term.**

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October - HALF TERM HOLIDAY.**

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October** - term starts again at 8.45am.