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

Thank you everyone who came to our open afternoon on Monday after school. We were delighted that so many parents, grandparents and children thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to look around and to see the interesting projects and colourful work in each class.

News From Classes:

Foundation Stage (Ducklings – nursery; Robins - reception) – This week the Robin Class began to prepare for our harvest celebration in the church. They have learned ‘Oats and Beans and Barley Grow’ and they have visited the church. This week we are also handing out ‘Wow Moment’ certificates to all of the children in the Foundation Stage. Your child can receive a certificate from you for any small achievement at home. Some examples are getting dressed by themselves, or riding a bike without stabilisers – it really can be anything. If you can return the certificates to us we can celebrate with your child and stick the certificates in their books as a memento. Spare copies are on the ‘Parent Notices’ board in the cloak room. We are also in short supply of the children’s snack time biscuits for which we rely on parental contributions of dry biscuits such as malted milk, rich tea and digestive. Many thanks in anticipation.

Finches – We have been learning the story of ‘The Big Red Bath’ and comparing this to ‘Mr Gumpy’s Outing’. We have learnt how to write a list, use capital letters for names and use adjectives to describe things. In maths we have been solving missing number additions within 10. Just a reminder that homework has been handed out this week (Thursday) and is due the following Tuesday. Please also make sure your child is bringing in appropriate P.E. kit for inside and out. We will be focussing on the book ‘Knuffle Bunny’ next week in English. Please can your child bring in a soft toy on Monday to use in their story. The toy will be staying at school for a few days so please nothing too precious. Thank you.

Owls – This week we started with a forest fire story ‘Wombat Goes walkabout’ which has inspired pastel drawings, writing and work on mammals in science. We also found out about British mammals which live underground and we drew great pictures for our ‘Earth’ display. We had a packed trip to the Ashmolean looking at, discussing, writing about, and sketching from some earth, water, air and fire art works on display. Thank you to the parents who accompanied us on this successful trip.

Doves – We have worked hard to research which animals lived during the Stone Age. We found out about cave bears and mammoths. The Year 4s have improved their symmetry skills in maths whilst the Year 5s have learnt how to draw circles with different radii. In French we have been learning numbers. Thank you Doves for your informative Sharing Assembly this morning. We enjoyed hearing about your Stone Age learning.

Woodpeckers – In English we have been experimenting with powerful vocabulary to describe settings and characters linked to our storytelling of the Hindu story of Kaliya and Krishna. Some of us are becoming more aware of the effect of using different, interesting sentence openers to really show the reader what things are like. We added colour to our intricate Indian miniature paintings and have all worked extremely carefully with tiny, thin paintbrushes for precision work. Come and see them on display soon. All the woodpeckers have been issued with new passwords for their online maths homework, which is allocated every week so please let me know if your child has difficulty in logging on to this.

Kingfishers – With the earthquake and Tsunami that has tragically hit Indonesia we have been watching CBBC newsround and other public broadcasts to learn more. In English we have written some lovely poems on the subject of ‘The Colours of Harvest’. In our science lesson we have been learning about the theories of Copernicus and Galileo. Year 6’s visit to the J.R. for the IMPs (Injury Minimisation Programme) training was excellent - please ask them about the vital information they have learned.

KINGFISHER PARENTS PLEASE NOTE THAT THE SHARING ASSEMBLY ON MONDAY 15TH OCTOBER WILL BE AT 2.30PM NOT 9.10AM.

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.

Pupil Photographs – we hope you have liked the proofs of your children's individual and sibling group photos which came home at the start of this week. The **deadline** for returning your orders and payments in the envelopes provided is **Friday 12th October**.

Year 5 and 6 Residential to Woodlands 10th – 14th December - There will be a meeting for parents and pupils of children going to Woodlands on **Thursday 1st November at 3.15pm** at school.

Year 5 and 6 Maths Challenge at Oxford Spire Academy – Good luck to our 3 teams who will be taking part in this event on Wednesday after school, and thank you to Ms Christensen for organising and helping the children prepare.

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

Harvest Festival – We shall be having our harvest festival in Church next week on Thursday 11th at 2pm. Visitors welcome. We are collecting food stuffs from Monday to provide a selection to senior citizens in the neighbourhood. Please send in donations of **tins** for example fruit, beans, soup, rice pudding, tuna/sardines/pilchards, vegetables etc.; **packets** such as biscuits, pasta, rice, sugar, cakes, tea bags; and **jars** for example jam, marmalade, marmite, cooking sauces, olives, coffee, chutney and pickles. Please place them in The Learning Suite (old computer room). Many thanks. We also urgently need on Monday more shoe boxes without lids. Please bring in any you may have so that the younger classes can decorate them ready for us to load up with your harvest donations after Thursday.

Have a lovely weekend and good luck to any of our community who are running in the Oxford Half Marathon on Sunday.

Yours sincerely,

Charlotte Haynes

Dates for Diaries

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

Monday 15th October 2.30pm 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.

Children's Groups at St. Luke's in Canning Crescent – Monday Club for 5 -8 year olds from 4pm till 5pm. Please note that 4 year olds can also go along if accompanied by an adult. Monday Plus Club for 9 – 12 year olds 5.15pm till 6.15pm.