



New Hinksey CE Primary School

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

Thank you to the many families who walk, cycle, scoot or use a bus to come to school and therefore help to make the school drop off and pick up time safer for all. Whilst we appreciate that a very small number of families live too far away from school to walk or cycle and therefore have to use a car, **we do not appreciate your cars coming right down to the end of the road, turning, reversing and parking right by the school playground.** Nor do our neighbours take kindly to cars dangerously and illegally parked on double yellow lines. Please try to park in neighbouring streets or further down the road and walk the last little bit. Please do not park in the Vicarage as it is private property. Thank you. Along the same lines **please could parents delivering children to school make sure they are under close supervision and safely using the pavements and looking carefully when crossing the road.** Children should not be running ahead out of sight or earshot of adults, they should be close enough for the adult to have full control and responsibility for them.

News From Classes:

Foundation Stage (Ducklings – nursery; Robins - reception) – Robins have started the Christmas story. They have been using some sight words in sentences, and practising ‘one more than’ and ‘one less than’ with numbers up to 10. If anyone has some spare boys’ trousers to fit Foundation Stage children, we would be very grateful for them in our spare clothes box. ***Foundation Stage parents please note that the Foundation Nativity will now be at 9.30am on Tuesday 18th December in the school hall and not on 12th December***

Finches – In English we are exploring the book *Stick Man*. Children are learning to sequence the story and discuss and write about the main character’s emotions throughout the story. In maths we have been looking at adding and subtracting within 20 using a number line. In art we will be using cardboard tubes and other materials to create our own ‘stick man’.

Owls – We have been practising and using our 2, 5 and 10 times tables in maths. In English we have been writing our own versions of the fable of the *North Wind and the Sun*. We have been working hard rehearsing our songs and acting with Finches, sorting out our costumes and making props for our forthcoming performance of ‘It’s a Baby!’ Owls were delighted and utterly intrigued by the poem written by The North Wind that they received through the post. They would love to reply but don’t know where to send replies to. Do let Miss K know, in confidence, if you are the mystery sender.

Doves – We have been pretending to be archaeologists by investigating the Iron Age bog body known as ‘The Lindow Man’. We looked at images of how his body had been preserved and wrote diaries from his point of view. In maths we have developed our data handling skills. We timed ourselves practising our times tables and recorded this data on block graphs. In English we have been finding out about prefixes and their meanings.

Woodpeckers – We have been looking at features of persuasive writing in English and we have prepared our own speeches on the theme of deforestation. Our skills of presenting clear and concise information to an audience have been put to the test in our sharing assembly! **Thank you, Woodpeckers, for your sharing assembly this morning.** We are all working hard in maths to revise the 4 operations to solve problems and to choose the most appropriate method in each case. We all agree that the ‘no work’ (place value) method is the most enjoyable! We are almost ready to fly our koi carp kites, which we made in D.T.

Kingfishers – Our English focus has been listening and speaking skills this week. Freya’s dad kindly gave a talk about the 2007 local flood which the class really engaged with and they asked lots of questions. We have been listening to each other read our information about global warming. The year 6 children have been adding and subtracting fractions and working out percentages of amounts; the year 5 children have been working on various calculation methods for addition, subtraction and multiplication. The children have enjoyed putting the finishing touches to their individual ‘Very Hungry Caterpillar’ books in French.

Parents are welcome in our school

Clubs – Please note that:

Art Club and **Club Energy** have now **finished for the term.**

Next week will be the **final week for Computer Club and Bollywood Dancing Club.**

Student Update Forms – Some families have received an additional student update form this week. This is because the original form was not given back to school. Please check this one and return to school asap even if there are no amendments. **It is vital that we have up to date details for you and your child.** Thank you.

Woodlands Payments – the final payments for Woodlands are due by today. Please pay over the weekend if there is still money owing as we should not want to have to withdraw places. Many thanks. You should all have received an information sheet this week with details of travel times and other key information. Please make sure you have got this and have noted the instructions.

Flu Immunisations – For **Reception to Year 5** (via a nasal spray administered by nurses) on Wednesday 5th December.

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.

Christmas Bazaar – Friday 7th December 3 - 4.30pm

Christmas Raffle – Please keep going with selling raffle tickets to friends, colleagues and family and returning stubs and money to ticket sellers in the playground at drop off and pick up times. Tickets are £1 each, £5.00 for a book.

Christmas Wreath Making - A reminder that anyone who would like to join an evening making Christmas wreaths on 5th December can email Rowan: rowan.ryrie@gmail.com. If anyone has spare ribbons and either greenery or an evergreen tree that we could trim please also let Rowan know!

Raffle Donations - As always, we need donations for raffle prizes. Bottles, chocolates, fancy biscuits, craft kits, unwanted gifts, all welcome - please bring them in and leave them with the ticket sellers.

Christmas Lunch – This is taking place on Wednesday 19th December – instead of the usual roast meal we will have a traditional Christmas roast (turkey and veggie options). A great deal has to be ordered and planned for so please could everyone who wants a Christmas lunch pre book on ParentPay for the roast on Wednesday 17th **by next Friday, 7th December. The Christmas lunch must also be pre-paid by Friday 7th** – Thank you for your help in this.

Yours sincerely,

Charlotte Haynes

Dates for Diaries

Wednesday 5th December – Reception to Year 5 Flu immunisations

Friday 7th December 3 - 4.30pm Christmas Bazaar

Monday 10th – Friday 14th December – Year 5 and 6 Residential at Woodlands

Wednesday 12th December – Key Stage 1 Christmas Performance to parents 2pm in hall

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Tuesday 18th December – Foundation Stage Nativity performance to parents 9.30am in hall

Wednesday 19th December – School Christmas Lunch and festive visitor ho, ho, ho

Wednesday 19th December – School Christingle Service in church at 2pm

Thursday 20th December – TERM ENDS at 1pm

Friday 21st December 2018 – Friday 4th January 2019 - School Holiday

Monday 7th January – Start of Term at 8.45am