



New Hinksey CE Primary School

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

Assemblies since half term have focussed on the value of PEACE. Thank you to Laura Hunter and Sharon Murray who presented some very interesting local history information about the impact of the First World War on New Hinksey families, and to Father Ben who introduced the theme of remembrance and led a remembrance prayer during yesterday's assembly.

Parents' Evenings –The parent-teacher meetings are next week on Tuesday 13th and Thursday 15th November from 4pm until 7pm. Many of you have signed up for a slot that is convenient to you so that you can hear how your child is doing and how we can work together to help every child be successful. We look forward to seeing you at your chosen time.

News From Classes:

Foundation Stage (Ducklings – nursery; Robins - reception) – we have been focusing on fireworks by printing firework pictures and thinking of firework sounds which we later used to create some exciting pictures/words. The Robin class have also been focusing on 2D and 3D shapes, naming and comparing them. It is coming to the time of year when we quickly run out of tissues. Any donations would be gratefully received.

Finches – we have been continuing with the theme of fireworks this week. We have been finishing our poems and have written a diary about Bonfire Night. We have created firework pictures using straws to blow the paint and create a firework effect. In Maths we have been thinking of numbers up to 40 and starting to add tens and ones. Next week is our class sharing assembly, please ensure you are practising your child's lines with them.

Owls – we have been celebrating fire and light this week creating four different firework pictures and firework shape poems in English. We have read the story of Rama and Sita and found out about Diwali. We have made clay pots to be Diva lamps. We have designed penguin pictures, if you would like to order cards, labels or mugs using the design, please send them back to school on Monday.

Doves – we have worked hard on adding and subtracting 1, 10, 100 and 1000 from different numbers. We had a very enjoyable ice-skating trip where we all improved our skating skills. We were extremely well behaved and a credit to our school. Thank you to all our parent helpers. In science we have begun a new topic about light. We have found out about natural and manmade light and how light is reflected.

Woodpeckers – we have been looking at the features of biographies. We have enjoyed researching some of our favourite authors including Roald Dahl as well as learning grammatical terms such as multi-clause sentences and pronouns. In science we explored thermal properties and enjoyed carrying out an experiment which involved taking different temperatures. We have begun our D.T. project on kites. If you have any kites which can be looked at in class then please do bring them in to show!

Kingfishers – we are imagining that we are in Kathmandu, Nepal on 25 April 2015 when a powerful earthquake hits. We are writing a diary entry for that day describing what it was like. We have learned about the history of biscuits and sampled some 'hardtack' ship biscuits. We have begun finding out about renewable energy in preparation for writing a newspaper report about some aspect of it. The Year 6 children all behaved very sensibly and learnt a great deal during their Junior Citizen trip this morning. The Year 5 children enjoyed being taught by Mrs Haynes.

Christmas Cards - Your children have been producing some wonderful Christmas card designs this week. You have the opportunity to order their designs printed professionally in packs of 12, which are lovely to send to friends and family. Additional packs, gift labels and mugs can also be ordered, where £1 from every pack of cards, 50p from labels and £1.50 from every mug ordered comes straight to the school to raise vital funds. Please ensure you return your order forms by THIS TUESDAY 13th NOVEMBER, with payment attached. Thank you.

Parents are welcome in our school

Woodpeckers Cake Sale - this **WEDNESDAY 14th NOVEMBER**. Please if you can bake some yummy goodies to sell and remember your pennies to buy. Please see Claire Aldridge if you are able to help on the day. Thank you!

Violin /viola/cello lessons: Last week two teachers from Oxfordshire County Music service led an assembly for Key Stage 2 children. They demonstrated and played the violin, viola and cello to the children and answered questions about the instruments. They also explained that group lessons on these instruments could be available in school if enough children sign up. To find out more, or to register your child (in year 2 or above) for lessons, go to www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/musicinterest. You are also welcome to talk Jo Gill (Hannah's mum) in the playground or email her on Jo.Gill@oxfordshire.gov.uk if you have further questions. Jo is also able to help with providing a paper copy of the enrolment form if that is easier than the online system.

Flu Immunisations – All children from **Reception to Year 5** will be offered the flu immunisation in school (via a nasal spray administered by nurses) in early December. There will be further consent form paperwork to come but we thought it useful to let you know that it will be happening.

After School Club and Wraparound Care Bills – The invoices for October are due for payment by 16th November.

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 – We have some great prizes coming in for the raffle this year, and as ever, we really welcome prize donations, especially bottles, chocolates, smellies etc. These can be left with raffle ticket sellers in playground, or speak to Louisa or a committee member.

REMINDER: this year's Christmas fete is due to take place on Friday 7th December after school. If you are interested in helping out, please let Louisa Brossler know on lbrossler@gmail.com. Any support would be welcomed greatly to ensure that this is a successful event!

'The 37 Men of New and South Hinksey' Book Launch – on Sunday 11th November at 5pm in St John the Evangelist Church. Come along for the launch of this book commemorating the lives of the 37 men on the 1st World War memorial in the church. Tea and cake will be provided by South Oxford Women's Institute.

St John's Church open on Thursdays till the end of term, 2.30-3.30pm - Fr Ben and the people of St John's welcome you to visit, explore, or take a quiet moment in the Church: a hot or cold drink will be available at the back of Church. All welcome.

Yours sincerely,

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Dates for Diaries

Tuesday 13th and Thursday 15th November 4pm – 7pm Parents' Evening

Friday 16th November – Finch Class Sharing Assembly 9.10am in the school hall

Friday 23rd November - International Evening 6.30pm – 8pm in the hall

Friday 30th November – Woodpecker Class Sharing Assembly 9.10 in school hall

Friday 7th December 3 - 4.30pm Christmas Bazaar