



# New Hinksey CE Primary School

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

It has been an unusual week in school – rather quiet with many of the older children and three members of staff away on a residential, but also fun filled with the wonderful Key Stage 1 nativity performance of ‘It’s a Party’. Thank you to all the children and staff in Years 1 and 2 for their acting, singing and preparation for the show. It was a great success.

## **News From Classes:**

**Foundation Stage (Ducklings – nursery; Robins - reception)** – We have been painting angels for our nativity play. The ducklings have also painted some beautiful pictures of Father Christmas. The nativity play is beginning to take shape and we have started to practise in the hall. We would like to appeal for some spare trousers/jogging bottoms/leggings as we are running low in our spare clothes box – thank you. ***Foundation Stage parents please note that the Foundation Nativity will take place at 9.30am on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December in the school hall.***

**Finches** – We have been continuing the story of ‘The Jolly Christmas Postman’, comparing similarities and differences to the original book. In maths we have been focussing on money, making amounts, adding coins together and ordering coins. Finches have really enjoyed performing ‘It’s a Party’ to you all this week and we hope you enjoyed it as much as us!

**Owls** – We have been sequencing the Christmas story and reading and writing about “The Winter Hedgehog”. We have painted beautiful winter paintings and some tree decorations. We have been practising tackling word problems, number bonds, using 2, 5 and 10 times tables and being systematic investigators through lots of Christmas maths. We have been very professional with our rehearsing and performing our nativity – well done Owls!

**Doves** – We are enjoying focussing on characterisation within ‘Stig of the Dump’. In maths we are working hard on fractions and finding half of larger amounts. We are completing our ‘Light’ topic with lots of investigations about reflection. In DT we have used saws sensibly to create our wonderful wooden boats. Please can everyone bring 50p towards cooking ingredients and hand in to Mrs Tucker – thank you.

**Mrs Nash’s Group** – The visit to Hogacre on Monday morning, with a mix of Woodpeckers and Kingfishers, set the tone for the week of problem solving, cooperation and creativity. Activities have ranged from den building and toasting marshmallows on the fire, to baking Christmas muffins and making crafts from the natural treasure brought back from the forest. We have, of course, been keeping up with our maths and English. We researched, made and presented powerpoints on the theme of Christmas around the world.

**Clubs** – Please note that **all clubs have finished for the term.**

**Woodlands** – We look forward to welcoming the group back this evening, no doubt tired and a bit grubby with lots of washing for their families to do!!

**After School Club and Wrap Around Care Invoices for November** – The deadline for paying these bills is today, 14<sup>th</sup> December. Please check over the weekend that you do not have outstanding debts – many thanks.

**Christmas Bazaar** – Thank you everyone who helped to organise this event – it was a huge success and an amazing £1760 was raised for the School Association funds.

**School Association Festive Drinks** - Come and join us for a festive get-together! Everyone welcome. Duke of Monmouth, Thursday 20 December, from 8pm.

*Parents are welcome in our school*

**Local Giving Grow Your Tenner Campaign** - *Localgiving's* latest match-funding campaign has gone live this week. Anyone who sets up a year's direct debit, of up to £10 a month, will have their second six donations match-funded, until 10th January, or when the match-funding pot runs out. So a £5 a month donation would turn into £90 for the school - or more, with gift aid. If this is something you could do, it is a brilliant way to raise money - one of the few ways of getting funds in from outside the immediate school community. If you think you know of grandparents who might be interested in helping out, please do spread the word.

To donate, visit <https://localgiving.org/what-we-do/campaigns/grow-your-tenner> and search for New Hinksey School. If you already support the school through *Localgiving*, please cancel your direct debit and set up a new one during the campaign period, and the match-funding should be applied. A separate flier is also coming home with this letter.

**Christmas Lunch Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December** – Thank you to the families who took note of the three separate notices (30<sup>th</sup> Nov, 6<sup>th</sup> Dec, 7<sup>th</sup> Dec) about pre-booking and did so by the deadline which we did extend from Friday 7<sup>th</sup> to the following Monday morning to give families a final chance to book over the weekend. All the numbers and orders were passed to the kitchen on Monday so **no more bookings can be made**. Some yellow slips went home to those who have not booked asking that you remember to send a festive packed lunch in with your child on Wednesday next week. **School lunches on Wednesday will only be available for those children who were on our list of bookings by the deadline.**

**Christingle** – Please don't forget our Christingle collection for The Children's Society. We sent home collection envelopes last week. Even if you have lost your envelopes you can send donations in in any envelope and we will take them across to church with us so the money can be sent off to the charity.

**Vision Tests** – All children in the Reception class (Robins) should have received a letter about these vision tests so please check in book bags that you have seen it. You **only need to reply if you do not want** your child to have the vision screening in school.

Warm wishes for a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely,

*Charlotte Haynes*

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### **Dates for Diaries**

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Foundation Stage Nativity performance to parents 9.30am in hall**

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December – School Christmas Lunch and festive visitor ho, ho, ho**

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December – School Christingle Service in church at 2pm – parents welcome**

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December – TERM ENDS at 1pm – please collect children promptly.**

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December – School Association Festive Drinks at The Duke of Monmouth from 8pm.**

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2018 – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2019 - School Holiday**

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January – Start of Term at 8.45am**

### **Things Going on at St. John's Church Over the Holiday Period**

A small card with details has come home with this newsletter. We would particularly like to draw your attention to the **6pm Carols and Crib Service on Christmas Eve 24<sup>th</sup> December**, which is a lovely child friendly service with live animals in the stable!