



New Hinksey CE Primary School

Vicarage Road Oxford OX1 4RQ

Tel: 01865 242169 Fax: 01865 242169

Email: office.3213@new-hinksey.oxon.sch.uk

Website: www.new-hinksey.oxon.sch.uk

Headteacher: Mrs Charlotte Haynes

7th December 2018

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

We are sending home the newsletter today as we feel that, with the Christmas bazaar straight after school tomorrow, many letters will get left lying around and not make it home!

Thank you to the parents who have taken note of last week's plea to not drive, park and turn the car around right outside of school. It is making it safer for everyone. If you missed seeing that request and are still driving right up to the school gates and trying to manoeuvre your car amongst families coming to school please try not to from now on! We are very proud of a group of children who went with Mrs Tucker, Tim and Lorraine PW to entertain some senior citizens with festive songs at the Salvation Army Christmas lunch. The children sang beautifully, behaved well and brought a smile to the elderly folks' faces. The children enjoyed this experience and especially the chocolates they were given! Thank you to the Doves class members who sang at the lunch and to Leigh and Alfie for leading the younger pupils.

News From Classes:

Foundation Stage (Ducklings – nursery; Robins - reception) - Elaine would like to say "It's lovely to be back!" The children and parents in Foundation Stage have been very kind and welcoming. The lunchtime supervisors have noted that some children are not eating very much of their school dinners despite a lot of encouragement in school. It would be helpful if parents could use ParentPay to look at the menu choices on line with your children so that they are prepared each day for what to expect at lunchtime. Many thanks. The Robins are making amazing progress with their reading and all the children are enjoying the excitement of the build up to Christmas. ***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 – This week we have started our new story of 'The Jolly Christmas Postman'. We are thinking and learning about the features of a letter, postcard and invitation. In maths we are learning to add 3 number together using our number bonds knowledge. We have been working hard on the nativity 'It's a Party!' and are very excited about performing to you all next week.

Owls – This week we have been practising 'It's a Party!' on the stage and singing our hearts out! We have done our half termly maths assessments and been exploring the story of Noah's Ark in English along with other stories based on it such as 'Norah's Ark' and 'Mrs Noah's Pockets'. We have decorated the classroom with snowflakes and made our own animal sock puppets.

Doves – We have worked hard to research the topics for our non-fiction booklets all about The Iron Age. We have chosen a variety of topics including 'crannogs' (wooden houses), weapons, hill forts and clothing on which to focus. We have learnt all about the Jewish festival of Hanukkah in RE and in maths we have developed our division and multiplication skills. In DT the class have learnt to measure, saw, sand and nail together their wooden boats.

Woodpeckers – In English we have explored a poem by Steve Turner called *Who Made a Mess?* We asked our own questions based on the issues raised in the poem and identified the ways in which we are destroying our planet. We then added a verse, following the same patterns of rhyme and rhythm. Maths has involved assessment and checking our next steps. We enjoyed experimenting with plaster of Paris in science and made our own plasticine moulds for little decorations. We discussed the concepts of irreversible and reversible changes and chemical reactions that take place when we added water to the mix.

Kingfishers – With the help of Hannah's mum and Friends of the Earth, we have learnt about air pollution. We are writing a persuasive letter to Michael Gove (Secretary of State for the Environment) to ask him to take urgent action to reduce air pollution. We have all baked and decorated our 'elements' theme biscuits. We are designing packaging for them now to round off our DT project.

Parents are welcome in our school

Clubs – Please note that:

All clubs have finished for the term apart from the Singing/Choir Club with Jo Gill who will run the last session on Tuesday 11th December 3.10 – 3.45pm for the choir members that are not at Woodlands.

Woodlands – We hope everyone going to Woodlands enjoys getting ready and packing over the weekend. Please remember to pack old, warm clothes (named please) and have any medications in labelled envelopes ready to hand to Carol and spending money also in a named envelope (maximum £8) ready to hand to Ms Christensen. **Parents please bring your children to the top of Vicarage Road, outside Home pub at 8.30am ready for an 8.45am departure. There will not be space for parents cars to park around there so please leave time to park further down the nearby roads and walk to the pick-up place. Thank you.**

Flu Immunisations – For **Reception to Year 5** took place on Wednesday for all children who had returned their permission forms and were in school. For those children who did not have the flu vaccination there is an opportunity for parents to organise them going to a catch up session at East Oxford Health Centre on 19th December. To organise this parents must telephone the School Health Nurses on 01865 904225.

After School Club and Wrap Around Care Invoices for November – These have come home this week via book bags and are also on ParentPay. The deadline for paying these bills is Friday 14th 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 – Is tomorrow 3 - 4.30pm. We are hoping to see you all there.

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). The deadline for booking and pre paying is tomorrow (Friday 7th) so please take action now to pre-book and pre-pay on ParentPay. Children not booked in by the end of the weekend will not be able to have a lunch as it will be too late to change the food orders.

Have a happy weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Charlotte Haynes

Dates for Diaries

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

Wednesday 12th December – Key Stage 1 Christmas Performance ‘It’s a Party!’ to parents 2pm in hall

Thursday 13th December – Key Stage 1 Christmas Performance ‘It’s a Party!’ to parents 2pm in hall

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 – parents welcome

Thursday 20th December – TERM ENDS at 1pm – please collect children promptly.

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

Monday 7th January – Start of Term at 8.45am