



# New Hinksey CE Primary School

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

We have had a very busy week in school with many different types of weather. As it is so cold, please ensure that every child has a coat here – we are surprised how many children do not seem to have coats in school.

There have been a number of complaints from local residents about parents and their cars. We strongly urge that cars are not driven down to the school at all and instead parents park in neighbouring streets and walk through the vicarage to get to school. Not only is it dangerous to have cars reversing while children are coming in and out of school but parents who leave their cars running while waiting for their children are causing noise and pollution for our neighbours and families.

## News From Classes:

**Foundation Stage (Ducklings – nursery; Robins - reception)** – we have continued to think about the different seasons and days of the week. We have made a wintery collage of a snowman and we have been playing with arctic small world toys. We have also started to create a large scale collage of the four seasons. Can we please remind parents of the Robin Class children to fill in at least one section of their child's reading diary so that Elaine can keep a good track of what books have been shared/read. Thank you.

**Finches** – we have been continuing with *The Tiger Who Came to Tea* - writing letters, book reviews and answering comprehension questions. Finches are very excited about our own tea party today! In Maths we have been developing our knowledge of number bonds to 10, learning about doubles and writing numbers as words.

**Owls** – in Maths we have been using our number bonds to 10 and 20 to solve harder addition and subtractions and learning to use 'frog' to do subtractions by jumping to the next multiple of 10. We are busy planning and making our fact books on insects or arthropods. We have also been making colourful models of insects. In music we are exploring South African music and learning a song called *Hands, Feet, Heart*.

**Doves** – we have been enjoying mapping, planning and writing our own fables. We have used a wide variety of animals as our central characters and thought carefully about the morals of our stories. We have enjoyed using mindfulness in our PSHCE lessons. We have learnt to have a thought for each day, breathing techniques to relax ourselves, eaten in a mindful way and given each other "sunny" compliments. PLEASE DO NOT FORGET YOUR PACKED LUNCHES ON MONDAY.

**Woodpeckers** – we have enjoyed making a comic strip style continuation of the Egyptian myths, which we are reading and telling. We have used this to focus on dialogue and use of speech bubbles in our story writing. In Maths Year 4s have been learning written methods for subtraction as well as practising their 'tricky' times-tables. Year 5s have focused on choosing the best strategies to add and subtract numbers including decimals. We enjoyed a 'messy' art session beginning our clay canopic jars and making a life size Egyptian sarcophagus! In science we continued to investigate human digestion using cream crackers and orange juice!

**Kingfishers** – we have learnt some cockney rhyming slang, immersed ourselves in Victorian life by learning what sorts of jobs Victorian children might have to do and what they would learn at school. We are learning about a character called Jim Jarvis from the novel *Street Child*. In Maths we have been working with decimal numbers – up to 3 decimal places in the case of Year 6 children. We have begun preparing for our Woodlands Sharing Assembly next Friday.

**After School Club Invoices** – The bills for December went home last week and are due for payment by today. Please pay over the weekend, if you have not already done so, in order to be able to continue to use this facility.

*Parents are welcome in our school*

## Headlice

There are several cases of headlice (nits) in school at the moment. Please could every family check and treat, if required, over the weekend so that we can stop the spread of them. Any pharmacy can advise you on treatment options. Thank you.

**Clubs** – All pick-ups should be from the playground gates. Please wait outside the gates and the staff running the clubs will bring the children out to you. Thank you.

Day	Time	Club	Who for?	Information
Tuesday	3 – 4.15	Club Energy Multi-sports	Year 1 – 6	10 sessions for £30. Please enrol and pay online by visiting: <a href="http://www.clubenergysports.com">www.clubenergysports.com</a> , choosing our school and pay by adding to cart.
Tuesday	3 – 3.45	Choir	Year 3 - 6	Please see message below. Starts Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> January. Working toward Festival of Voices concert.
Wednesday	3 – 4pm	Art Club	Year 2	16 <sup>th</sup> January to 27 <sup>th</sup> March. 10 places available. Sign up with Miss Kilpatrick and hand in £5 cash in named envelope to cover cost of materials.
Wednesday	3 – 4.15	Science Club	Year 3 - 6	Free club run by Dr Helen Johnson (parent and STEM ambassador) and post graduate university students. 15 places only. <b>5 sessions</b> on Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup> Jan, Wed 30 <sup>th</sup> Jan, Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb, Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> Feb and Wed 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb. Please see Mrs Haynes to sign up.
Thursday	3 – 4pm	Computer Club	Year 3 – 6	Please sign up with Mrs Nash. 8 places only. Starts next week on Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> January.
Thursday	3 – 4pm	Bollywood	Year 1 - 6	Starts Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> January. For information, booking and payments please contact <a href="mailto:narinder.thapar@tiscali.co.uk">narinder.thapar@tiscali.co.uk</a> directly.

**New Hinksey Choir** - After last term's successful trial run, Jo (Hannah's mum) will be continuing to run an after-school choir 3-3.45pm on Tuesdays, starting on 29th January. The children will be working towards taking part in this year's Festival of Voices in Dorchester Abbey in June. This is a lovely event where they will come together with children from a number of Oxfordshire schools to put on an evening concert in the Abbey. The songs for the Festival are always a great mixture of songs from shows, songs from around the world and more and singing them as part of a much bigger choir is a fantastic experience. We hope that everyone who came to choir last term will want to continue, and there will also be space for a few new members. Priority will be given to children in year 6 as this will be their last chance to take part in the Festival of Voices. Please let Mrs Haynes know if your child would like to take part.

**The Great New Hinksey Bake Off** is back! The challenge: to bake a batch of your signature bake - cupcakes, cookies, biscuits or buns - select the best six, and submit them for judging on **Monday 28th January**. Winners will be announced, and entries sold, at an after-school cafe in the hall. Entry tickets (£1) will be available at drop-off and pick-up from 21st January from members of the School Association who are organising this event.

Yours sincerely,

Charlotte Haynes

## Dates for Diaries

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January 9.10am in hall – Sharing Assembly by the Woodlands Group (parents welcome)**

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> January Bake Off Competition and Café in hall 3 – 4pm**

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February 9.10am in hall – Sharing Assembly by Owl Class**

**Half Term Holiday Monday 18<sup>th</sup> – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2019**

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day** (details of how we are celebrating books nearer the time)

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March 9.10 in hall – Sharing assembly by Dove Class**

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 9.10 in hall – Sharing Assembly for Woodpecker Class**

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 9.10 in hall – Sharing Assembly for Kingfisher Class**

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March and Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April – 4 – 7pm Parents' Evenings**

**Term Ends at 1pm on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April for Easter Holiday**

**Summer term starts at 8.45pm on TUESDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> April**