



New Hinksey CE Primary School

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

Welcome back to the Summer Term and hasn't it been lovely to have some warm weather? The children have returned in good spirits and cracked straight on with this term's learning, our whole school topic being *Journeys and Cities*. Each child will be bringing this newsletter home as attached is a topic plan for their class which we hope you will find informative about the exciting learning that will be taking place.

This term is a busy term with so much going on. Please take some time to go through the dates listed at the end of the letter and put them in your diaries/calendars – thank you.

News From Classes:

Foundation Stage (Ducklings – nursery; Robins - reception) – This week we have welcomed Leon and another Harry into the Duckling group. The children have settled back very quickly and have been enjoying playing in the garden in the lovely weather. The Robin Class have been learning and practising skipping skills ready for our May Day dancing next week.

Finches – We have settled in well after the Easter break and Miss Haig is very proud of how the children are now coming in on their own and independently completing morning routines. This week we are looking at *The Bear and the Piano*. We have been writing postcards, creating advertisements and describing settings. In maths we have been learning to add 3 small numbers. A great first week back!

Owls – We were happy to see our friends after the Easter break. We have been finding out the names of the states which make up Australia, and information about its physical geography. We have started learning about some of Australia's extraordinary animals. We have been discussing three great picture books set in Australia and writing our own ending for 'Fox'.

Doves – This week we have been learning about the city of Rome. We have found out which countries border Italy and which seas surround it. We have enjoyed listening to the story of Romulus and Remus and writing our own versions. We have researched the Colosseum, the Vatican and the Pantheon and drawn detailed pictures of them. We had great fun creating and making our own varieties of pizza with many different toppings. They were delicious. In maths we have developed our addition, subtraction and problem solving skills. ** Please can each child contribute £1 to Mrs Tucker towards the cost of the pizza ingredients – thank you**

Woodpeckers – We are focussing on cities for this part of the term and have begun to learn the story of Oxford's patron saint, St. Frideswide, in English. We have also started to sketch city skylines for our printing project in Art. In maths year 4s have been focussing on place value of 5-digit numbers as well as negative numbers. Year 5s have been using mental methods and subtracting money.

Kingfishers – We are off to a flying start for our new topic by looking at major cities in the U.K. Year 5s have started their swimming lessons whilst Year 6s have been consolidating their knowledge in preparation for SATs tests which take place in the week beginning 13th May. We have begun investigating 'food miles' – the journeys that our food makes to reach our plates.

Clubs This Term

Choir continues on Tuesdays, 3 – 3.45pm.

Bollywood continues on Thursday 3 – 4pm. Please contact Narinder (narinder.thapar@tiscali.co.uk) for information.

Club Energy will start on Tuesday 30th April 3 – 4.15pm. Go to www.clubenergysports.com to book on and pay.

Science Club will be repeated for a new set of children on the following Wednesdays (3 – 4.15pm) 8th May, 15th May, 22nd May, 5th June and 12th June. The club is most suitable for year 3 and above. Please see Mrs Haynes if you would like to be out on the list. There are some children on a waiting list from last time so please also confirm with Mrs Haynes if you want a place.

Parents are welcome in our school

Summer Fete - Save the Date! The New Hinksey Summer Fete – This will be taking place on Saturday 6th July this year. It's always a highlight of the school year - put the date in your diaries now!

All Year 4 and 5 Children – Don't forget your swimming lessons every Tuesday morning. You must: **bring your swimming kit** including costume/trunks, towel and hat; be at school **on the playground by 8.40am**; bring a **packed lunch or have pre-booked** your school lunch; and paid for transport via ParentPay. Please do not wear your costume/trunks under your clothes but bring them separately in your swimming bag.

New Menus – the new school lunch menus are on ParentPay so please make sure you look at these carefully with your children so that they are aware of what is on offer each day. Thank you.

Ofsted Inspection Report – We sent home copies of this before half term and there is a link to it on our school website. The report was published on the official Ofsted website yesterday.

Glue Sticks – we will always gladly receive donations of glue sticks as the children seem to get through them rapidly!

Children and Teens wanted for Intelligence and Developmental Skills Test by psychology researchers from Oxford Brookes University. Participation involves two 2-hour sessions and can be performed at the participant's home. Participants will receive a £20 Amazon voucher for their time. If you think you can help please email for info and queries to: masakosp@gmail.com – thank you.

May Dancing – please come to the playground at 2pm on Wednesday 1st May to watch our May dancing and fingers crossed for dry weather!

Flute Lessons – Please note that due to the resignation of the flute teacher there will be no flute lessons for the time being until a replacement teacher is found by the County Music Service.

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Charlotte Haynes

Dates for Diaries

Friday 17th May 9.10 in the hall Sharing Assembly for Finch Class

Monday 20th May Class Group Photos – please wear Hinksey sweatshirts, T shirts or polo shirts if you have them. If not we will lend, borrow or share!

Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May School Closed for Half Term Holiday

Monday 3rd June - School Closed for Staff Inset Day

Tuesday 4th June – Children return to school for start of term

4th June – 14th June – Art Weeks in school

Friday 14th June – 9.10 in the hall Sharing Assembly for Woodpecker Class

Wednesday 19th June 3 -4 pm Open Classes Art Exhibitions in each class – please come and tour the school.

Friday 21st June 9.10 in hall – Sharing Assembly for Dove Class

Friday 28th June SCHOOL CLOSED FOR STAFF INSET

Friday 5th July 9.10 in the hall Sharing Assembly for Owl Class

Saturday 6th July School Fete

Wednesday 10th July (morning) Sports Day on University College Sports Ground, Abingdon Road

Tuesday 16th and Wednesday 17th July (afternoons) Key Stage 2 Performance to parents

Monday 22nd July School Day Out at SOAP

Tuesday 23rd July 1.45pm Leavers Assembly

TERM ENDS AT 1pm ON WEDNESDAY 24th JULY