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

This has been a busy four days in school which we hope you will enjoy reading about below. Next week is an important week for our Year 6s as they have their SATs tests. We wish them all the very best and know they will try their hardest to demonstrate all the learning and progress they have made over the 4 years of Key Stage 2. Please could we remind all Year 6 families to support their children by encouraging plenty of sleep and a hearty breakfast each day. Good luck Year 6s!

Changeable Weather and Lots of Showers! – At this time of year it is very important that EVERY child has a **waterproof jacket/coat** in school **each day** – thank you.

News From Classes:

Foundation Stage (Ducklings – nursery; Robins - reception) – We have continued to enjoy the theme of nursery rhymes, and in particular we have been reading stories with nursery rhyme characters in. Thank you to Aira's mummy for bringing in some tadpoles for a visit. We were very interested in their development and the life cycle of a frog. We look forward to their return in a week or so when they will have developed a little bit more.

Finches – We have been focusing on descriptions of settings in English using interesting adjectives. In maths we have been learning about measurement -looking at capacity and using scales to measure the weight of objects. In geography we looked at our next 'wonder of the world' which was The Great Wall of China. We created a fantastic fact poster about it.

Owls – This week we have been writing our own versions of the Australian story of the Rainbow Serpent. We have learnt about Nalu's trip around Australia from her mum and about Sydney from Louis' mum. Thank you to Cris and Jo for coming in to talk to us. We had a lovely session at the allotment planting 'Rocket' potatoes with Deborah (Frank and Eric's mum) – thank you Deborah. We have been having a go at an old maths SATs paper to help us get used to the style of the assessments which we will be doing in class over the next few weeks.

Doves – Hola! We have been learning about the Spanish city of Madrid. We have learnt simple Spanish words and phrases – Lucas, Natasha and José have been helping us with our accents. Thank you to Lucas' dad for coming in and telling us all about the main places to visit in Madrid. We have created Spanish music, experimented in the style of Miro and retold the story of El Cid. In maths we have improved our speed of recall of the times tables and also investigated factors.

Woodpeckers – Despite only being a 4 day week we have packed in plenty of learning! In English we finished writing interesting sentences to describe various Oxford sites, which we then located on a city map. Our walking tour of the city on Thursday was made all the more interesting with all the fascinating facts that we were able to share with our adult helpers along the way. Many thanks to those parents who could help on the day. We have begun the first stages of our multi-coloured printing of a city-scape on Styrofoam and we have been pleased with the results. We look forward to modifying our printing blocks for the second colour next week. In maths Year 4s have focused on multiplication and Year 5s have looked at decimal and negative numbers. Please remember to check your online homework and video allocations.

Kingfishers – This week Year 6 have focused on last minute preparation for their SATs next week. We have all been locating UK cities on maps. Year 5 children have been learning about negative numbers and decimal numbers with 3 decimal places in their maths lessons. The class have been learning more about where our fresh fruit and vegetables come from – the advantages for us but also the environmental costs.

School Lunches – Please ensure sufficient money in ParentPay before sending your children for a school lunch. Please do not book your children's lunches once they are in school as it is too late for that day - thank you.

Parents are welcome in our school

The New Hinksey Summer Fete – This year's summer fête will take place on Saturday 6th July and will have an 'Our World' theme. Speak to April, Ben, Louisa or Rowan if you'd like to get involved with helping or have any ideas.

Playground Tubs – Any donations of bedding plants to help brighten up the plant tubs around the school will be gratefully received and the children really enjoy helping to plant them up. Lots of the supermarkets have bedding plants so it would be lovely if you could get us a tray during your weekly shop – thank you.

Robin Class Cake Sale - Robin Class will be holding a cake sale after school on Friday 17th May. Anyone who could spare half an hour to set up and/or help on the stall, please speak to April (mum of Annie in Doves and Sam in Robins).

After School Club Bills – The invoices for April were sent home via book bags last week and are also on ParentPay. Please ensure they are paid by the deadline of Friday 17th May – Thank you.

A Few Reminders – Please could all long hair be tied back all day in school. NO jewellery in school other than small stud earrings in pierced ears and wristwatches if worn. No riding of bikes or scooters across the playground – they should be walked/pushed please. We are a NO CHEWING GUM SCHOOL so would be grateful if no children or adults used chewing gum on the school site – we have done very well with avoiding horrible sticky blobs of it all over the playgrounds or paths and we do not want our school to start looking like the pavements! Thank you.

Nursery Places for September 2019 – **calling all children born between 1.9.15 and 31.8.16!** If you, your neighbours' or friends' children are in our area and were born between those dates please let us know and get forms filled out if they wish to have a nursery place in September – 5 mornings or 5 afternoons, wrap around care available and 15 additional hours free childcare available for eligible families.

And here's something to discuss at home! It's a 'think'. Thunks are unusual questions to make you think. There is not really any right or wrong answer. Have a go at this one....

'Is doing your best more important than being the best?' What do you think?

Yours sincerely,

Charlotte Haynes

Dates for Diaries

Saturday 11th May 2 – 5pm **Lake Street Nursery Spring Fete** at the nursery in Hinksey Park – do go along.

Friday 17th May 9.10 in the hall **Sharing Assembly for Finch Class** and 3pm **Robin Class Cake Sale**

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

There is a **Tudor Family day** at **Christ Church Cathedral** on **Thursday 30th May** 1-4pm – **Tickets £5 per child.**

For further information or to buy tickets please visit www.museumofoxford.org

Millets Farm has a **Family Fun Day** on **Saturday 18th May**, 10am – 4pm, in aid of 'Against Breast Cancer'. For further information please contact **Kayleigh** on **01235 858287**