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

May Dancing – Thank you children and staff for the lovely hour of May dancing on Wednesday and thank you parents, families and friends of the school who came along to watch – it was an uplifting afternoon and the weather was very kind to us!

News From Classes:

Foundation Stage (Ducklings – nursery; Robins - reception) – This week we have continued to sing nursery rhymes and the Robin class have been attempting to write the rhyme of Humpty Dumpty. The Robin class also really enjoyed our maths problem solving lesson which involved deciding how to equally share 12 cakes between 18 children. All of the children loved joining in with the mini-maypole dance. The new Ducklings continue to settle in well and enjoy school life.

Finches – This week Finches have been continuing with *The Bear and the Piano*. We have been changing the story to include ourselves as the main character which we thoroughly enjoyed. In geography we have been creating an information book about ‘The Wonders of the World’ - this week looking at the pyramids in Egypt.

Owls – This week we have been focusing on Australian reptiles: learning the story of the *Rainbow Serpent*, drawing reptiles, recording food chains involving a reptile and matching reptiles to the appropriate habitat. We have been modelling spikey Thorny Devils from clay. We have been practising our May dance and our reading comprehension skills too. Have a great bank holiday weekend.

Doves – Bonjour! This week we have been learning all about Paris. We have researched the Eiffel Tower and built our own miniature versions using straws. We have found out about the French artist Cezanne and drawn our own still life pictures. In maths we have developed our time skills, matching analogue and digital times and reading timetables. Our science topic is ‘changing states’ and finding out about liquids, solids and gases.

Woodpeckers – We have done well to complete our St. Frideswide stories using interesting and complex sentences. In maths Year 4s have been understanding decimal numbers and Year 5s have focused on different methods of multiplication. Please note that Mrs Nash will be allocating 8 videos to your child’s Active Learn site. These may help some parents to better understand how we teach calculation using written and mental methods. We have begun our electricity topic in science and worked out how to make and draw different circuits with switches. We have also researched cities in the UK and look forward to learning more about Oxford, in order to devise a walking tour of the city for next week. Please remember we all need a packed lunch on Thursday 9th next week for our trip. We also need some parents helpers – please see Mrs Nash if you can help.

Kingfishers – Year 6 have been working on solving algebraic problems in maths whilst Year 5 have been multiplying fractions. We have all started our city skyline artwork and are looking forward to printing the silhouette of the city scape over our painted background. Our short stories of a journey are currently being drafted. In connection with our ‘food miles’ mini topic, we have found out about the journey of a banana and have enjoyed using the new Chromebooks to produce a presentation about it – ask us to show you at home.

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 has started on Tuesdays 3 – 4.15pm. Go to www.clubenergysports.com to book on and pay.

Science Club is running again, starting on Wednesday (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 asap if you would like to go. There are some places still available.

Parents are welcome in our school

The New Hinksey Summer Fete – This year's summer fête will take place on Saturday 6th July. The event is run by an army of volunteers from our school association. The first planning meeting will take place next Tuesday evening at Ben and Ellie Armstrong's house please email Ben on ben_j_armstrong@yahoo.co.uk or text 07909 900297 or see the School Association Facebook group for further details.

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.

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.

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).

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

After School Club Bills – The invoices for April have been sent home via book bags this 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.

Have a great long weekend – see you all back in school on Tuesday morning.

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**

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