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

What a busy yet **fabulous week** we have had, starting with an enjoyable and profitable fete on Saturday. Our heartfelt thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make it a success and for all the families and friends of the school who supported it. A lovely £3400 was made.

Sports Day was a joy with great team spirit and sportsmanship shown by all the children and especially the older team captains who guided their team through the varied events. We hope you thought the venue was of a much higher standard than the field in the park and we very much hope the relationship with University and Corpus Christi Colleges can continue in future years. There were many positive comments from parents and grandparents about the exemplary behaviour of all the children. We were very proud of them all.

Could we remind all parents that the **newsletter** is a vital and necessary way to pass information to parents. A letter is always given to the older child of each family that we have in school and is posted online as well. Please could parents take responsibility for asking their child for the newsletter and/or logging on to read it online on our website (address above) every week. Thank you.

News From Classes:

Foundation Stage (Ducklings – nursery; Robins - reception) – This week we have welcomed lots of new members to our school community. Both the new nursery (Ducklings) and reception (Robin) class children visited and had a lovely time playing here. It was also great for Elaine to meet her replacement, Polly and to pass on lots of information about this fantastic school. We did say a couple of goodbyes to our painted lady butterflies who we hope will soon be reaching the shores of South Africa. Lastly we had a fabulous sports day. The children were absolutely brilliant. Well done to them all.

Finches – This week in English we have been revising conjunctions, adjectives and a variety of punctuation and suffixes. In maths we have been revising counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. We have also been ordering numbers and adding and subtracting 10. Miss Haig would like to say a big well done to Finch Class for behaving so well and trying their hardest on sports day.

Owls – This week we have been travelling around Asia: exploring India with Rosa's mum and Delilah, plus hearing the stories of 'Ganesha' and 'the Rabbit in the Moon' and reading an Information Book called 'I for India'. We heard about Miss K's trip to Indonesia and were amazed by her puppet of Princess Sita. We learnt more about China from Chemu's dad and about Mongolia from a school friend of Miss K. Next week we are off to Paris ...

Doves – This week we have begun to learn about mountain explorers. We looked at the route Sir Edmund Hillary followed and wrote imaginary lists of what equipment he took. We compared it to what a climber would take today. The Doves showed great sportspersonship in Sports Day and have learnt their songs well for next week's performances of 'Kitty Whittington'.

Woodpeckers – Our rehearsals have gone well and we are looking forward to the final shows next week. Despite being a less ordinary week, we have managed to continue with some English work using the book 'Mysterious Traveller'. In maths we are attempting to complete the final lots of lessons – multiplying numbers for Year 4 and drawing and interpreting graphs for Year 5. Our visit to the Castle Fine Art Gallery was once again inspiring and we were proud of all our competition entries – well done to Elijah, Alex and Neve who all won prizes!

Kingfishers – We have been concentrating on our end of year performance again this week. The Year 6 children have also been preparing for their mini-fete and begun thinking about leavers' speeches. The Year 5 children have enjoyed visiting upthrust which involved plasticine and buckets of water.

Costumes for KS2 Play – All KS2 children should have their costumes in school by now. If not please bring them in on Monday without fail – many thanks.

Parents are welcome in our school

Fairtrade Café

Thank you to all who came to our Fairtrade Café, especially to parents Laura, Caroline and Emma who did a splendid job serving hot drinks and washing up. Thank you also to all those who baked the delicious cakes. The purpose of the café was to raise awareness about Fairtrade which we certainly did. Some items were donated to the school fete, left-over tea and coffee to the staff room and the few remaining cakes were shared between the staff and the children and adults at After School Club. A profit of £18 was made. This will probably be donated to the Fairtrade Foundation – the children will decide. Thank you.

Morning Club – Our daily ‘Morning Club’ will be up and running from the start of next term, offering before school supervision from 8am till 8.45am. £3.00 per session. Children must have had their breakfast before being dropped off. Please email office.3213@new-hinksey.oxon.sch.uk if you need to use this facility on any regular days.

Notice to All Year 2 parents – From September, when your children are Year 3 children, you will need to pay for any school lunches that your child has as the free entitlement is for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children only. Therefore it is very important that you check that you can log on and use ParentPay as this is how you will book and pay for meals. You will have all received a letter when your child started school with log in information.

Important Notice to After School Club Users – If your child is currently using After School Club and will be doing so in September please confirm with Tracey, **by email**, as soon as possible your continued use and which sessions. We have waiting lists and new children wanting to use it so want to get an up to date picture of your September needs.

Message to all parents of current Reception/Robin Children – On Wednesday 17th July there will be an opportunity to pop into the Year 1 classroom and meet your child’s new teacher for September, Miss Victoria Martins. Please make your way to the class for 3.10pm after picking up your children from Foundation Stage.

Contributions to Leaving Presents – As you are aware we are saying goodbye to Tim S, Elaine, Gemma and Stephanie Haig from their roles here at the end of term. If any families wish to contribute to their leaving gifts please send your donation into school in an envelope marked with the name of who the gift is for – thank you.

After School Club Bills – The invoices for June are in ParentPay and are due for payment by today so please pay over the weekend.

School Lunches – As we will be at SOAP on **Monday 22nd July** there will be **NO SCHOOL LUNCHES** that day and **EVERY CHILD** who is at school over lunchtime **WILL NEED A PACKED LUNCH** that day. On Tuesday 23rd July the school lunch will be pizza or jacket potato and on Wednesday 24th (the last day of term) the school lunch will be fish and chips or veggie option.

Please be aware that the cost of a school lunch will be rising to £2.40 per meal from September.

Summer Fun Music and Arts Courses - Does your child enjoy music and the arts? Come along to this exciting and varied course during the summer holidays: activities will include singing, playing in an orchestra, musical ‘taster’ sessions (e.g. Ukulele or African Drumming) and other activities such as drama, dance or art. Children attending will have the opportunity to achieve an Arts Award (‘Discover’, or ‘Explore’). The course will finish with an afternoon performance to families. The course will run 29th July-1st August at the Centre for Music, and 19th-22nd August at West Oxford Primary School, 9.15-3.45pm each day. The cost for the four days is £115. Pick up a leaflet and application form from the office if you are interested, or speak to Jo Gill (Hannah’s mum) who is running one of the courses and can (hopefully) answer any questions.

Yours sincerely,

Charlotte Haynes

Dates for Diaries

Tuesday 16th and Wednesday 17th July 1.45pm 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

Rose Hill Youth FC are looking for players for their new Under 9's team for the new 2019/20 season (must be under 9 before 1st September 2019). Training sessions are on Tuesday evenings from 18:00 - 19:00 and are held on the field behind Rose Hill Community Centre. The first 3 sessions are free. If your son or daughter is interested please contact Kevin on 07545977094.