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

This will be the last newsletter of the term and of the year, a year which has been hugely successful. We are delighted to share with you our end of year results which are very good indeed and which are testament to the excellent teaching and care which the children receive from the dedicated and hard-working school staff.

Key Stage 2 (Year 6) SATS results are:

English Reading Expected and Better Standard – 86% (32% achieved Greater Depth)

English Writing Expected and Better Standard – 82% (18% achieved Greater Depth)

Maths Expected and Better Standard – 86% (50% achieved Greater Depth)

Reading Writing and Maths Combined is a massive 82% (last year's national figure was 64%)

Key Stage 1 (Year 2) SATS results are:

English Reading Expected and Better Standard – 78% (35% achieved Greater Depth)

English Writing Expected and Better Standard – 74% (9% achieved Greater Depth)

Maths Expected and Better Standard – 96% (35% achieved Greater Depth)

Reading Writing and Maths Combined is 74% (last year's national figure was 65%)

In the **Early Years Foundation Stage** 83% of the Reception pupils achieved a 'Good Level of Development' compared to last year's national figure of 72%

News From Classes:

Foundation Stage (Ducklings – nursery; Robins - reception) – The Foundation Stage has had a busy week which has included visits to new teachers, a new families tea and a very successful Teddy Bears' Picnic. Elaine has met with the new Year 1 teacher, Miss Martins, to share the children's learning journeys and these books will be given out in the Autumn term for you to take home. *"I would like to take this opportunity to say a fond farewell to all of you in this fantastic school community. It has been a pleasure to complete my 30 years' teaching career in such a wonderful place. My best wishes to you all."* Elaine x

Finches – The children had a fantastic transition morning with Miss K on Wednesday and are very excited for next year. Finches thoroughly enjoyed their end of year party on Friday – thank you for all your contributions. It has been an amazing year and Miss Haig hopes the children enjoy a well-deserved summer break.

Owls – We have ended our travels in Paris, looking at famous buildings and art. We enjoyed digging up (on the allotment not in Paris!) and eating our 'rocket' potatoes. Have a happy holiday!

Doves – A big well done to Dove Class on their hard work and progress this year. Thank you to them for being revoltingly wonderful rats and for their lovely singing voices. We have had a busy week and particularly enjoyed designing and making magnetic games in science.

Woodpeckers – What a wonderful year we've had! We have been reflecting on some of the highlights including pond dipping (in limited amount of water), koi kites, canopic jar making, storytelling and Oxford city touring! We will be celebrating with a 'fruit sticks party' next week so thank you for your contributions.

Kingfishers – This week Kingfisher children have enjoyed a rounders tournament in the park with Woodpecker Class. Year 5 children have made some lovely presentations about the moon landings, while Year 6 children have been perfecting their leavers' speeches.

The whole school community wishes our Year 6s a happy and successful move to secondary school and wishes them all the best in the future. We hope they will keep in touch with us so we can hear about how well they are doing. Goodbye and good luck Adam, Ahava, Cherie, Chloe, Deen, Edie, Eleanor, Ernie, Freya, Hammad, Humza, Jaylon, Joe, Lola, Lucy, Mahmoud, Malik, Nargus, Nick, Sophia, Tai and Talitha.

Parents are welcome in our school

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.

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.

School Day out SOAP – On Monday we (Reception – Year 6) are all going to SOAP (South Oxford Adventure Playground). Please make sure all children are in trainers or other suitable shoes for climbing, playing and running around on grass – no flip flops, flimsy sandals or fashion shoes please. Also please help your children dress suitably for the weather with sunscreen applied before school, a sunhat or lightweight waterproof jacket depending on weather, a packed lunch provided and refillable water bottle all in a small back pack type of bag. Many thanks.

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.

Year 3 Fundraiser – Annie in Year 3 has made and sold lemonade and cakes, with a friend, at the weekends and has raised over £26 which she has donated to the school. This is a fabulous and generous effort Annie – thank you so much.

Have you lost an ipod? – This was handed in very late on during the school fete. If you know whose this could be please come and talk to Mrs Haynes.

Farewells – We are saying goodbye to Elaine, Tim, Gemma and Miss Haig at the end of term. They have all worked here for different lengths of time and in different roles but have all contributed greatly to school life and helped to make the school special, caring greatly for the children in our care. They have been much valued colleagues and friends to us. We send them on their way – to retirement and new jobs – with our thanks, love and good wishes for the future.

I would like to thank publicly each and every member of staff for being just fantastic – Ofsted have confirmed we are a good school in all areas with their highly complementary report and our results and progress data confirm that children do very well and make good progress throughout their time at New Hinksey. We also maintain a plethora of exciting trips, visits and creative activities to enrich the curriculum. This is as a result of everyone’s dedication, expertise and commitment to the school. A heart felt thank you from me to: Hazel, Loraine, Carol, Helen, Donna, Bimla, Sandra, Rachael, Mark, Lorraine, Mary, Mel, Stephanie, Sonia, Elaine, Elizabeth, Sarah, Tracey, Tim, Michelle, Rachael, Beryl, Gemma, and to Jackie and Debbie in the kitchen.

Wishing all children, families, staff, governors and friends of the school a very happy, restful and safe summer.

Yours sincerely,

Charlotte Haynes

Dates for Diaries

Monday 22nd July School Day Out at SOAP

Tuesday 23rd July 1.45pm Leavers Assembly – please year 6 parents come along to this.

TERM ENDS AT 1pm ON WEDNESDAY 24th JULY – please pick up your children promptly after lunch at 1pm – thank you. There will be no After School Club on Wednesday.

Term starts on Wednesday 4th September at 8.45am – we look forward to seeing you then. Please note that school lunch on this first day back will be pizza or jacket potato and will NOT be roast.