



New Hinksey CE Primary School

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

A big welcome back to everyone and a warm welcome to new children and families and to new staff members – Polly Hodgson in Foundation Stage and Miss Victoria Martins in Year 1. It is lovely to see everyone and it has been a good start to the term with the children eager to see their friends and engage in their new topic.

This term our whole school topic is ‘Long Ago and Far Away’ and each class will be approaching this in different ways. Next week we will be sending home detailed topic plans for each class with this newsletter.

Welcome to Fr Ruben and the Angelici family – Fr Ruben is our new parish priest and will start leading a weekly assembly in school next week. His children have joined our school and I am sure you will see Fr Ruben out and about in the local area as they are now in residence in the Vicarage.

Thank you message – All the staff would like to say a heartfelt thank you for your generosity at the end of the term with presents, cards and good wishes to us all. It is very kind and thoughtful of you and very much appreciated. Tim Sparrowhawk, who retired at the end of the summer term, has asked me to pass on his personal thank you for your good wishes and gifts – he was touched by your kindness and I know he is enjoying steadily making his way through the real ales that he received!

News From Classes:

Foundation Stage (Ducklings – nursery; Robins - reception) – We have spent the first few days settling into our new class so well. The staff have been impressed at how quickly all the children are making friends, learning all the routines of the day and they are all doing very well at lunchtime - an excellent start!

Finches – The children have settled fantastically well into Finch Class. We have had a lovely few days getting used to the routines and getting to know each other.

Owls – The lovely mix of children in Owl Class have started the term with great enthusiasm. We have been sharing our holiday experiences and started learning about African animals, making giraffe book marks and giant giraffes. Miss K has been telling tales of baboons and zebras around the swimming pool, the hyena in the toilet and the elephants outside her tent eating acacia pods all night !!

Doves – We have started to think about what we know and what we would like to know about ancient Egypt, and have found out when this period was on a giant timeline which is up in class. We have settled in really well and are enjoying getting to know each other and sharing our holiday news.

Woodpeckers – It has been a lovely few days getting to know the Woodpecker Class. We looked at ways in which we can make others welcome and listed our rights and responsibilities within the school community. We enjoyed plenty of discussion and role play to explore these themes.

Kingfishers – We have made a good start to our final year at this school. We have worked hard in the classroom and enjoyed a rounders tournament in the park.

Morning Club – Our daily ‘Morning Club’ is up and running 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 – Please be aware that the cost of a school meal is now £2.40. Please go onto ParentPay to check out the menus, ideally pre book and check that your account is in credit – many thanks. Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to free school meals but we still ask you to look at the menus and pre book – thanks.

Parents are welcome in our school

Bollywood Club - will start on Thursday next week (12th September). It is on from 3 – 4pm. Please email Narinder directly with any queries about costs and the club - narinder.thapar@tiscali.co.uk

Club Energy - will start on Tuesday 17th September 3- 4.15pm . This is a multisports after school club run by sports coaches and open to children from Year 1 to Year 6. For details, enrolment and payments please go to www.clubenergysports.com

Any information about other clubs which may start up will be given in future newsletters.

HealthFest 2019 – there is a family friendly event hosted at the Warneford Hospital on Saturday 14th September, 11am – 3pm, which is free and to which families are invited. Please google ‘HealthFest 2019 Oxford’ for further details.

After School Club Bills – the bills for July are in ParentPay and were sent home in books bags this week. Please make sure they are paid by Friday 13th September.

Long Hair Reminder – Please could children with long hair have it tied back every day in school – thank you.

Parent Governor Update – James Webber (parent of Poppy, Josh and Freya) is one of our parent governors and his term of office has just come to an end. James would like to continue as a parent governor. We have to inform parents of this to enable anyone who would like to stand against James in a parent governor election to nominate themselves. Please email me at head.3213@new-hinksey.oxon.sch.uk by Wednesday 18th September if you wish to stand as parent governor and we will organise a ballot. If no one has come forward by that date James will automatically start a new term of office.

Have a good weekend and see you all on Monday ready for a full week.

Yours sincerely,

Charlotte Haynes

Dates for Diaries

Friday 27th September – Photographer in school to take individual pupil photographs

Tuesday 1st October - Governing Body Meeting at 6.30pm

Wednesday 2nd October 3pm – 4pm – Open Afternoon – Please come and see your children’s classrooms, meet the teachers and look around. Family, friends and neighbours welcome too.

Friday 4th October 9.10am in the school hall – **Sharing Assembly for Dove Class**

Friday 18th October 9.10am in the school hall – **Sharing Assembly for Kingfisher Class**

Friday 25th October 9.10am in the school hall – **Sharing Assembly for Finch Class**

School finishes at 3pm (After School Club as usual) on Friday 25th October for half term holiday

Monday 28th October – Monday 4th November Half term Holiday

Term starts again at 8.45am on Tuesday 5th November