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

This will be the last newsletter of the term as we finish for the Christmas holidays at 1pm after lunch on Thursday 19th next week. Please collect your children promptly – many thanks.

It has been a long and lively term with great learning and lots of end festive activities and celebrations. We are greatly looking forward to welcoming parents and other relatives to our performances next week:

Foundation Stage Nativity at 9.30am on Tuesday 17th December in the hall

Finch Class Nativity at 2pm on Tuesday 17th December in the hall

Some Farewells – A number of families are moving overseas and to other parts of the country and so will be saying goodbye to us at the end of next week. We wish all the following children and their families happiness and success in their futures and hope they will keep in touch: Irenka, Isaac E, Ella, Clara W, Luke and Amy.

Christmas Lunch (Wednesday 18th) Bookings are now closed – It is no longer possible to book your children in for the Christmas Roast on Wednesday, so if you have not booked them in, please send your children in with a special festive packed lunch on Wednesday. Thank you.

News From Classes:

Foundation Stage (Ducklings – nursery; Robins - reception) – This week it has felt very Christmassy in the Robins and Ducklings classes. We have been doing lots of Christmas activities including making reindeer, a Christmas card and some hand printing. Next week your child will be bringing home a folder of all their lovely Christmas art! We have also had a few rehearsals to prepare for the nativity next Tuesday. We are really looking forward to sharing this with you.

Finches – It has been full steam ahead in Finches with the nativity this week. The children, Sonia and Miss Martins are all very excited to share it with parents, families and the school next week. We have been having our daily visits from Elfin the elf the week, who has been getting up to daily mischief and has been having plenty of naps in his PJs!! We have also had lots of fun making beautiful Christmas cards and starting our lovely calendars.

Owls – We have been going over various aspects of our maths tests and practising our maths skills with some seasonal maths challenges. We are learning the Apple Tree Man story and have made some stick puppets so we can enthral our relatives by retelling the story over the holidays. We have been enjoying making various cards, calendars, trees and lights. Have a wonderful festive season.

Doves – We have been learning about African animals. We have created individual fact files about our favourite animals and are going to use them to compile our own books. In maths the class have worked really hard on their maths assessments. On Tuesday Doves will be having a very small party between 11am and 12noon. Please can your child bring in a small item of food to share on the party food table. Thank you.

Woodpeckers – We have enjoyed compiling our personal anthologies of assorted poems and learning some by heart. We look forward to sharing these with parents when they are finished. In maths we have completed our assessments and worked on the areas which need extra understanding. The main issue is knowing and recalling times tables facts, so please help your child to improve their knowledge of the times tables. We have almost finished our ‘pocket monster’ toys, which are going to be embellished with buttons and patchwork features.

Kingfishers – We had a wonderful visit to Christ Church Cathedral and College buildings. We learnt about, and saw, Henry VIII’s impact on the cathedral where he had ordered it to be made smaller in favour of the college building and had the heads of many saints removed from the statues. We have been enjoying doing some end of term Christmas related maths problems. To finish our science topic on light we have been watching each other’s shadow puppet shows.

Parents are welcome in our school

Applying for School Places for Reception in September 2020 - Was your child born between 1st September 2015 and 31st August 2016? If so, from 1st November you need to apply for a reception place even if your child is currently attending our school nursery here at New Hinksey. The deadline for applications is 15th January 2020. If you know of relative, neighbours and friends with children of this age in this side of Oxford, please do encourage them to go on our website and to come for a look around the school. For more information on how to apply for your child's school place please visit: <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/schools/apply-school-place/infant-and-primary-school>.

Student update forms

Some families received a third form this week as they had not completed and returned the previous forms sent out. Please do look at these forms, sign and return them to us as soon as possible so that we can ensure that we have the correct details on our computer system. Thank you.

After School Club and Morning Club Bills

The deadline for paying the November bills is today, Friday 13th. Please make sure that they are paid. Thanks.

Club Energy and Bollywood – both clubs have now finished for the term.

Christingle – please help us raise money for our Christmas Charity – The Children's Society - which helps children in difficult circumstances, by filling the candle collection boxes with some coins and returning to school next week. We warmly invite you to join us at 10am on Thursday 19th December at St John's Church for our Christingle service.

Morning Club – Please do not forget that we now have a before school care facility for children from 8am till school starts at 8.45am, helping working parents get to work on time. The children are well supervised. They should have had breakfast before being dropped off at the 'After School Club' door in School Place. The cost is only £3 per session. If you would like to book places on any days please email Tracey (office.3213@new-hinksey.oxon.sch.uk). This can be for regular places or just occasional places.

Next Term's Topic – In the Spring Term our whole school topic will be 'Amazing Authors' and the teachers have some exciting work based around inspirational authors and books planned. There will be more information and detailed topic plans when we return in January.

We all wish you a very happy and peaceful festive season.

Yours sincerely,

Charlotte Haynes

Dates for Diaries

Tuesday 17th December 9.30am - Foundation Stage Nativity to parents in the school hall

Tuesday 17th December 2pm - Year 1 Musical Nativity to parents in the school hall

Wednesday 18th December – School Christmas Lunch and jolly festive visitor ho, ho, ho!

Thursday 19th December 10am – School Christingle Service in Church

Thursday 19th December - End of Term at 1pm after lunch.

The Spring Term starts on Monday 6th January 2020 at 8.45am.