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

We have had another really positive week in school with our Year 6s, Year 1s, Reception, Nursery and Key Worker children. It is lovely to see so much learning going on, hear children's voices throughout the school and see them coming and going after so many lockdown weeks with just Key Worker children in one part of school.

Next week we will start to welcome Year 2s and Year 5s back on a part time basis (Wednesdays). There are detailed information sheets about this on the school website and each family has also been contacted by phone.

**** Please note that the previously set Inset Day on 3rd July will not be happening and we will be open that day for our Nursery, Yr 1, Yr 6 and Key Worker groups.****

News from classes:

Ducklings – Our little group continue to enjoy playing and learning with our friends as well as reading stories with Elizabeth.

Robins – Along with lots of reading and phonics, we have had an exciting delivery of a magic dinosaur egg for each child! We watched them hatch in water and have started to grow a land for them using cress seeds! We have been finding lots of different ways to tell addition and subtraction stories using '10 frames' and 'numicon' and we have been learning how to double numbers.

Finches – This week we have been comparing numbers to 50 in our maths lessons and in English lessons we have been looking at suffixes. We have also been continuing our circus themed topic work by writing clown descriptions and learning how to juggle, hula hoop and spin plates!

Kingfishers – The year 6 'bubbles' continue to enjoy their class novels. They are also brushing up their maths knowledge and skills. The groups are also talking about the 'Black Lives Matter' campaign and other current affairs. Over the next few weeks both Ms Christensen and Miss Potier will be covering some 'Relationships and Sex Education' with their groups. This learning covers growing up, healthy relationships and the science of human reproduction.

Key Worker Provision – This week we have been learning about 'Colour and Light': writing descriptive rainbow shaped poems and exploring the colour wheel in art. In science we have done fun practical activities to investigate shadows, prisms, how light reflects and refracts.

Parents are welcome in our school

Important Request to Parents of Non-Returning Year 6, Year 1, Robins and Ducklings

If you are still making up your minds about your child returning to school it is **very important that you communicate with the school** (office.3213@new-hinksey.oxon.sch.uk or 01865242169) so that we can 'book' your child's return in. We are monitoring and limiting new children joining the secure 'bubbles' which are already set up and working. Thank you.

Owls, Doves and Woodpeckers – Don't forget the posts in the Home Learning section of the school website for your June activities and learning tasks, as well as continuing with daily maths and English learning using BBC Bitesize Daily, Oak Academy or Hamilton.

Non-Returning Finches and Kingfishers – You should still be following the home learning you have been directed to previously especially daily English and Maths online lessons for your year group on either BBC Bitesize Daily or Oak Academy.

Reception Robins who have not come back to school – Polly says White Rose home learning continues to provide an excellent resource for ensuring progression through the Summer term for your children's maths learning. Continue to write everyday remembering to focus on letter formation and have a look at 'read write inc daily phonics lessons' on YouTube (Set 2 and Set 3 sounds). Focus on encouraging your child to be independent with working out the sounds they need in their writing.

Woodlands Residential Week (November 2020) for Current Year 4 and 5 – At present we have no idea what the situation will be in November regarding residential trips for children, so we advise that parents stop paying the instalments for the time being.

A Couple of School Association Announcements – There will be a second New Hinksey **Quiz Night!** If you want to join us on the evening of **June 19th (from 8:30pm)** then please email ben_j_armstrong@yahoo.co.uk.

As we can't hold a summer fête this year (due to Covid-19), we will be creating the **New Hinksey Safari Walk** on the weekend of Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th June. We hope that families will join us creating either a picture of an animal for your window or a junk model / sculpture animal for your front garden. We will create a map so that explorers can navigate around our creations and hopefully we can raise some funds for the school at the same time. There is now a link on the school website for this creative safari and a way to sign up, or contact Ben on the email address above.

All Families: If you could start to **return to school any of our reading books** that are finished with, we would be very grateful. If you are passing near the school on any journeys or during your daily walk, there will be a box outside the school office door for dropping them into so we can then put them in quarantine for a week before returning to our shelves. Thank you in anticipation of us getting some books back!

Best wishes for a relaxing weekend.

Charlotte Haynes