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Dear Parents, Carers, Pupils, staff, Governors, Friends and Neighbours of the School,

It has been another very busy week in school and all the children and adults have done well not to melt in this heat.

This weekend we hope many of you will take part in, and enjoy, the New Hinksey Safari. The Safari Walk has raised £878 so far (including a donation from Finder's Keepers – thank you to them for their support).

This event is a fundraiser as we cannot hold our summer fete this year, so we are encouraging people who go on the walk to donate via www.tinyurl.com/nhsafari. There is also an easy to use link on the home page of the school website.

Reminder of Cancelled Inset Day – The planned inset day for Friday 3rd July will no longer take place and school will be open as usual for the current Friday groups.

Year 6s Important Information

The current two days a week arrangements for Year 6s, **will finish at the end of Friday 10th July**. This is to allow us the space and capacity to have Year 3s and Year 4s back into school for a day in safe bubbles during the week 13th – 17th July. **We invite all the Year 6s who have been back in school and have prepared their leaver's speech to come to school on Friday 17th July for a Leaver's Event. Please arrive at 10.30 promptly using the old, red front door in Vicarage Lane** (the one we use for the disco!). Just bring your leaver's speech and a named water bottle. You will take part in a private Leaver's Assembly for your class and some key staff – very **sorry but we will not be able to have parents join us** in the hall. At 11.45 when the assembly has finished, and you have your leavers' gifts, we will all go onto the playground over the road where you will get a delicious treat! You will also have some time for a final play and to say bye to friends before heading off home at approximately 12.15. **Parents you are very welcome to join us at 11.45 on the playground over the road** as long as you are prepared to socially distance from other families. You may want to take photos and bring a little cash as the treat we are giving to the children may also be available for sale to any parents who wish to purchase their own! We are keeping our fingers crossed for good weather!

End of Term

For all other groups using school, **the term will finish at the end of the day on Friday 17th July** now rather than lunchtime on Tuesday 21st.

Key Worker Provision

Thank you key workers for entrusting your precious children to us during the lock down when, like school staff, you have not been able to stay safe at home but have given your all to keep the various vital sectors open – NHS, childcare, teaching, social work, undertaking etc. Your gratitude and support to us has been much appreciated. **Key worker childcare provision will also finish at the end of the day on Friday 17th July for the summer.**

Parents are welcome in our school

News from Groups in School

Key Worker – Our theme for the week has been ‘Musical Madness’. We listened to ‘Carnival of the Animals’ and drew accompanying images which will be part of the New Hinksey Safari artwork displays. We have learnt about, and listened to, the sounds made by instruments in each of the four sections of the orchestra. We enjoyed making and playing our own instruments and experimenting with Garage Band on the ipads. We had fun using different amounts of water in glasses to see how the pitch is affected when we tapped them with a wooden spoon.

Foundation Stage – This week the Robins painted their papier mache volcano and watched it explode as we combined vinegar, red food colouring and baking powder. We have been talking about endangered animals and painted and drawn pictures to display for the safari walk. In phonics we have been blending sounds to write more independently and in maths we have used Quentin Blake’s cockatoo story to look at different ways we can add and subtract numbers within a group, and different ways we can work out how to double and halve numbers. Ducklings are having fun playing with water in the garden and are enjoying having so much extra space!

Finches – This week we have been looking at place value to 100 in maths and in English we have been writing questions. We have had great fun finishing our wire sculptures and making safari animals for the safari walk this weekend.

Year 2 – We explored a detailed circus book by Peter Spiers, writing descriptive sentences about all the different performers parading around the ring. We revised three ways of doing subtraction, practising them in class and for homework. We drew beautiful oil pastel owls (Little, Barn, Short Eared, Long Eared) for the safari walk. You can see them, from School Place, in our classroom windows. We had fun playing with our friends in the playground despite the heat!

Year 5 – We enjoyed reading more of Shaun Tan’s ‘Tales from Outer Suburbia’ and exploring the common features including plots with an element of mystery and fantasy. In DT we used the K’nex sets to make a model with moving parts. Some of us did paper engineering and produced great results. Please remember to bring an extra bag for next Wednesday.

Kingfishers – We have been working hard on our leaver’s speeches and in so doing reminiscing about some of the wonderful experiences we have had here. We have continued to revise some key mathematical concepts which will stand us in good stead for the start of Year 7. We have loved creating animal pictures for this weekend’s safari walk and hope you enjoy them. Unfortunately haven’t been able to do Cycling Proficiency training this year. Carol, who leads this training, has given us a little homework to do which involves reading the Junior Highway Code. She will also give us a short talk about road safety next week and answer any questions we may have about it.

All Groups Coming into School - Please can you bring back to school as soon as possible any school reading books. Many of them are part of guided reading sets and so are very important to us. Many thanks.

School Books – If you are not coming into school but have school reading books at home then each day there is a box outside the school office door which you can drop our books back off into.

Wishing everyone a happy weekend.

Best wishes,

Charlotte Haynes