



## New Hinksey CE Primary School

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

We hope everyone is well and has managed to enjoy the glorious run of sunny weather that we have had.

It has been lovely to welcome back into school groups of children from Year 6 Kingfishers, Year 1 Finches, Reception Robins and Nursery Ducklings, as well as continuing to have our Key Worker children in school. The children have coped very well with different routines and layout in their classrooms and have relished being around their friends again.

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

Some families have made the decision not to send their children back this week but have mentioned that they will think about in over the coming weeks. If this is the case and you do want your child to return at a later date it is **very important that you communicate with the school** ([office.3213@new-hinksey.oxon.sch.uk](mailto: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 there are new posts in the Home Learning section of the school website for your June activities and learning tasks.

**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.

**After School Club and Morning Club Bills for March** – These are in ParentPay and we ask that, if you have not already paid them, they are paid as soon as possible. Thank you.

*Parents are welcome in our school*

**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** - Firstly, thanks to the success of our last New Hinksey **Quiz Night**, Dan Clerkin (father of Coral - Robins) and Ben Armstrong (father of Amelia - Owls and Sam - Robins) are hosting another one. The last one raised an amazing £190! If you want to join us on the evening of **June 19th (from 8:30pm)** then please email [ben\\_j\\_armstrong@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ben_j_armstrong@yahoo.co.uk).

Secondly, 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. Again, please let Ben know if you would like to take part.

And finally, I am happy to be able to give you '**News from Classes**' again.

**Ducklings** – A few of us have been happily playing and using all the lovely equipment inside and especially outside in the Foundation Stage garden with Elizabeth.

**Robins** – We have started our 'Dinosaur' topic and made some lovely collages of dinosaur worlds. We have enjoyed lots of dinosaur stories with Polly and also got on well with our phonics learning.

**Finches** – This week we have started our topic called 'The Greatest Show' all about the circus. We have looked at *Starry Night* by Van Gogh and made our own versions using oil pastels. Please remember to bring a water bottle each day – thanks.

**Kingfishers** – Both groups have been making self portraits and writing and leaving messages for the other group. We have also started a class reading book in each group and worked on our maths skills.

**Key Worker Provision** – The group have thoroughly enjoyed 'It's a bug's life' week. We have searched for minibeasts in the playground tubs, asked questions about minibeasts, written stories about earwigs and made insect models, prints and drawings. We are all improving our spellings, reading and maths as well. The adults have really got to know these children over the past 10 weeks, and it is delightful to see how well these children aged from four years to twelve work together.

Have a happy weekend everyone!

Charlotte Haynes