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

This is the last newsletter for what has been the most extraordinary year! As we went into lockdown at the end of the day on Friday 20th we never imagined that the situation would go on for so long and the previous normality now seems like a lifetime ago. However, we have all achieved much – we have stayed open throughout for key workers' children, we were ready from the moment the government announced wider opening to have our Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 classes back in, in part time bubbles and then, even though the 'getting all pupils back to school for a month' was withdrawn by the government, we made arrangements to bring our Year 2s and Year 5s back for a day a week. It has also been truly lovely to see most of our Year 4s and Year 3s this week albeit just for a day. As well as this, many children have frequently shared the results of their home learning activities and projects via email with their teacher and by bringing in, on their days in school, projects, artwork, stories and maths exercises.

The support, kindness and gratitude of so many families has been heart-warming and we would all like to say thank you for so many gifts, cards and letters to the staff.

Year 6 Class of 2020 – this is certainly a year you will never forget but for different reasons to the usual ones! We send you on your way with our love and best wishes for success and happiness at your secondary schools and in the future. **Goodbye to:** Abbeer, Elijah, Gabriel, Gabriele, Noah, Frank, Layla, Leigh, Chloe, Flora, Hannah, Alex, Olive, Alfie, James, Amber, Benjamin, Freddie, Mia, Jack, Fiona, Molly, Zachary, Freya and Luigi.

Plans for September – We will be opening for all pupils, five days a week from **Thursday 3rd September**. Detailed information about this has been distributed along with school reports. The same information is also on the school website. Please note that there are staggered start and finish times for each class bubble in September, so **we ask for your full cooperation in being on time** (not early or late!) and only being outside the gates for as short a time as possible each day at drop off and pick up times. We know that for some families it will be a bit tricky with children starting and finishing at slightly different times but we must all play our part in helping to keep everyone safe – children, staff, our families – thank you. As families will be using the pavement and road to socially distance **please do not bring cars down in front of school at all** at drop off and pick up times.

| Class | Drop Off Time | Entrance/Gate to use for drop off and pick up | Pick Up Time |
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| Nursery and Reception | 9am | Main playground gate closest to the Foundation Stage classroom ramp. | 3.00pm |
| Finch | 8.50am | Gate by the office off School Place | 3.00pm |
| Owl | 8.40am | Gate by the office off School Place | 2.50pm |
| Dove | 8.50am | Corner Playground gate closest to the Vicarage | 3.00pm |
| Woodpecker | 8.30am | Corner Playground gate closest to the Vicarage | 2.50pm |
| Kingfisher | 8.40am | Corner Playground gate closest to the Vicarage | 3.05pm |

The term dates for 2020 – 2021 are on the school website in the school information section.

Parents are welcome in our school

On Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th every child will need to bring a packed lunch and a named water bottle from home. We will be providing packed lunch style meals from the kitchen from Monday 7th. Details are on ParentPay and will be charged at £2.40 for Year 3 and above. Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be able to have them as part of the Universal Infant **Free School Meals** entitlement.

We will running a limited **Morning Club** (starting Friday 4th September) and **After School Club** (starting Thursday 3rd September). We are required to keep them as small and consistent as possible to keep mixing to a minimum and thus allowing easy tracing and tracking of who has been in contact with whom should any Covid cases occur. **If it is essential that you need to use either of these facilities please email office.3213@new-hinksey.oxon.sch.uk with your requests so that we have an idea of need before allocating places.** It will take a bit of time to work out so please do not expect an immediate response – thank you. Priority will be given to regular bookings of several days per week.

News from Groups in School

Key Worker – Hello me hearties! We have all enjoyed our pirate week. We have learnt about the daily life of a pirate, created pirate maps, made hats and written stories about the contents of a mystery pirate chest. The children have had lots of fun and worked really hard.

Foundation Stage – We have had a very piratey time in the Robins this week. We have enjoyed using our imagination in our outside area sailing away on a pirate ship! We have made parrots and telescopes and treasure maps! On Thursday afternoon we had a little party. It has been lovely to have the children back this term and we look forward to seeing those who have not been back on Monday 20th at 10am. All of the Robins have been a delight to have in the class this year and we hope everyone has an enjoyable summer. Ducklings – we wish you all a good summer and look forward to seeing you as Robins in September.

Finches – In English we wrote our letters to Miss K who really enjoyed reading them and learning more about the children. In maths we completed a challenge to solve the mystery of the missing emoji. We also had great fun making beautiful dream catchers and funky troll puppets. Have a wonderful summer holiday.

Year 3 Owls – Mel and I loved seeing our Year 3 Owls. We had a busy day: we wrote about lockdown, practised our 4x table, drew a mythical creature called ‘A Boa A Qu’ while listening to Mason Bates compositions on the BBC Ten Pieces website, and completed an ‘All About Me’ leaflet for Mrs Tucker. We had fun playing outside and inside too. Have a happy holiday.

Year 3 Doves – It was delightful to have you for a day. We designed our own dream houses, wrote a letter to our new teacher and enjoyed seeing each other again. Happy holidays to everyone.

Year 4 Doves – On Monday it was fantastic to spend the day with Year 4s. We talked and wrote about our experiences over the past months, created some wonderful origami bookmarks and wrote a letter to our new teacher. We had fun playing distanced balloon tennis. We wish you all a happy holiday.

Year 4 Woodpeckers – It was lovely to enjoy a year 4 day on Monday. We kept busy mind mapping our lockdown experiences, writing a letter to our future teacher and following some ‘Red Ted Art’ instructions to make a monster ‘bookmark corner’. There are lots of other variations to make if you go online. The highlight was seeing all our friends and enjoying the outdoor play sessions. Have a lovely summer holiday.

Year 2 parents please note that from September when your children are in Year 3 you need to start paying for any school meals taken.

School Books – Please look after any of our books over the summer and return them at the start of term.

Best wishes for a happy, safe and relaxing summer from us all at New Hinksey School.

Charlotte Haynes

Cumnor Cricket Club will be holding summer academies for children in years 1-9 for three weeks from 27 July, with additional 4th week from 17 August if enough demand. Full details at <http://cumnorcricketclub.com/youth-cricket/>

The South Oxford Adventure Playground (SOAP) is running a remodelled outdoor only COVID beating summer play scheme, for local children who will be in Key Stage 2 and up from September 2020, starting from Monday 27th July until Friday 28th August. Children must be at least 7 years old to attend. Please complete the Booking Request Form now to show your interest, available at www.soapoxford.org.uk