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

It has been a busy week in school and we hope you enjoy reading about what the children have been doing in the news section below.

Lost Property – next week we will be hanging all the lost property from cloakrooms on the playground railings. If you think you are missing any items please make a point of coming by the railings to check and take away your belongings. Thank you.

Plans for September – Detailed information of how we are reopening to all pupils is being distributed along with school reports this week and next. 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 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.

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

We will be able to run a limited, small, consistent **Morning Club** (starting Friday 4th September) and **After School Club** (starting Thursday 3rd September). The children using these will be part of these bubbles and their class bubble so we are required to keep them as small 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. Therefore, we ask parents to only use where it is crucial and essential to enable their child to come to school.

If it is essential that you need to use either of these facilities please email office.3213@new-hinksey.oxon.sch.uk with your requirements 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.

- **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 of this at start of September.

End of Term

For all groups using school, **the term will finish at the end of the day on Friday 17th July.**

Year 3 and 4 Children – We hope you have seen the Home Learning section on the website for July's home learning activities from your teachers.

SOS please return school reading books asap- Please can you bring back to school as soon as possible any school reading books. Many of them are from the school library or part of guided reading sets and so are very important to us. If you are not coming into school for lessons 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.

Parents are welcome in our school

News from Groups in School

Key Worker – We have been exploring aspects of life in the ocean during our ‘Water Week’: covering life on a submarine and creatures which live in different layers of the sea. We have investigated which substances dissolved in water. We had a go at making ‘tippy taps’ and experimented with different water colour techniques and looked at water related artworks. We also had another lovely French afternoon.

Foundation Stage – The Robins have made a fossil using salt dough and a clay ammonite. They have designed a dinosaur footprint using paint and collage. We have labelled the parts of a dinosaur and we have been problem solving with addition and subtraction questions. On Wednesday the Robins met Miss Martins for a story and she bought in an enormous number 1 balloon for them. She will visit again next week and on Monday 20th so ALL the children going into her Year 1 class in September will have got to know her. Ducklings have been painting dinosaur footprints this morning!

Finches – In maths we have been ordering numbers to 100 and in English we have been planning and starting to write a letter to our new teacher Miss K (Miss Kilpatrick). Miss K visited both groups to read a story and get to know us. We have finished our beautiful circus collage which looks amazing!

Year 2 – We enjoyed looking at Quentin Blake’s ‘The Clown’ and writing our own words for this great wordless book. We practised multiplying and dividing and need to use collections of small objects at home to help us to visualise and understand this better $3 \times 4 = 12$, $4 \times 3 = 12$, $12 \div 3 = 4$, $12 \div 4 = 3$. For example, put 12 grapes in groups of 3 or 4. We started completing an ‘All About Me’ booklet for Mrs Tucker to bring back at the start of the new school term. Miss K and Mel wish you all a very happy summer.

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.

Year 5 – We enjoyed another busy day together in class and managed to get to play outside between the rain showers! We listened very well to a talk and presentation all about puberty and engaged in some interesting and sensible discussions about perfectly normal changes that will happen to their bodies over the next few years. Please do talk about this with your child, who may well have further questions to ask. We finished the day with some sketching, inspired by the ‘Carnival of the Animals’ music by Saint Saens, followed by some games! Mrs Nash says goodbye and thank you for being a lovely Year 5 class to teach.

Kingfishers – We have enjoyed our last few days in school – writing poetry, doing ‘kahoot’ quizzes, learning about time zones, having fun in the park, and some of us have visited the allotment. We are all looking forward to moving on to secondary school but at the moment are feeling a little sad at leaving New Hinksey. Don’t forget to use the old red front door in Vicarage Lane for arriving at 10.30am on Friday 17th with your leaver’s speech. Also, there is nowhere to keep your bikes so please don’t bring them that morning – many thanks.

Travel Survey - A group of New Hinksey and St Ebbes parents are exploring the idea of school streets schemes in South Oxford. We have put together a survey to try to understand how people travel to and from school: <https://forms.gle/4dqZ22L4pyhgx2uL9> ; we’ll also be posting this link on the School Association facebook page and sending it via the NHS email list - please complete it if you can - it will only take a couple of minutes and your feedback would be really helpful. Thank you.

Bike Safety – there are some good videos on www.bikeability.org.uk which may be useful for those Year 6s who will be cycling to and from secondary school in September and for older primary children who cycle to school.

Happy weekend to you all,

Best wishes,

Charlotte Haynes

Oxford Active have sent the following information for us to share – For parents concerned about childcare over the summer holidays, **Oxford Active will be operating its Ofsted registered summer camps for 6 weeks at Summer Fields School**, located in Summertown. The Summer Camp is for children aged 3-14. For more information please visit the website www.active-camps.com