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

Wow! What a huge success the Safari Walk was and what a wealth of creative talent we have in our community. The event is being talked about all over Oxford! So, a huge thank you to Ben Armstrong for organising this so well and many thank yous to all of you who joined in making, displaying, visiting the animals over the weekend and donating. We are thrilled that the event has made just a little under £2500 for School Association Funds. It wasn't all about the money though, just as important and successful was the fun and community spirit that the event has brought to the area.

Plans for September – We are working through the fine details of yesterday's government announcements and guidance about reopening to all children in September in whole class size bubbles which I am sure you will have been hearing about in the news. There will be further details from us before the end of term via the website and along with each child's school report, which will be distributed over the next ten days. But for now please note:

- 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.

Year 6s Important Information

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! **Please note that we will be able to video your child making their speech and send the clip to you via email.**

Parents are welcome in our school

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 – Please look in the Home Learning section of the website for July's home learning activities from your teachers.

News from Groups in School

Key Worker – This week we have been exploring and reflecting on protecting 'Our World' by learning to tell the creation story of Prometheus, writing a recipe for a disaster, designing our ideal island, writing postcards, learning some French through fun activities, modelling with clay, using atlases and making route maps.

Foundation Stage – We painted some great dinosaurs for our class display this week and wrote some lovely speech bubbles for them, some of which were very amusing "I am sileesorus. I lic bananas!". In maths we had a t-rex birthday and had to problem solve how to share out the cakes to make sure it was fair. On Wednesday it was a delight to watch the children dig for potatoes and then we had some for our lunch too! We hope you enjoyed the uncooked ones that we sent home. Ducklings are all pleased to see each other and making good use of the space they have to play in.

Finches – In maths we have been comparing two numbers up to 100 and in English we have been describing circus characters. We have also made a large collage of a circus tent and had great fun making videos on the iPads.

Year 2 – We practised doubling, learnt our 3 x table and practised using arrays to write both of the corresponding multiplication sentences e.g. $2 \times 3 = 6$ and $3 \times 2 = 6$. We read Miss K's favourite circus story 'Emeline at the Circus' and wrote about what Emeline did while her teacher lectured the rest of the class. We posed as hoopers, acrobats, jugglers and other circus performers for the rest of the class to make quick sketches. Please complete your circus homework and return any school books on Wednesday 8th July. Please remember to bring in a bag to carry home all your books, Thank you.

Year 5 – It has been lovely to see most of the Year 5s again. We used the 'Eric Story' by Shaun Tan to explore modal verbs and enjoyed some more DT engineering projects, which tested our problem making skills. Don't forget to try to do some homework each day and practise some of the positive affirmations. Next week, as part of science and PSHE, the class will be learning about puberty. We are letting you know as the children may come home afterwards and want to talk and ask questions at home with their parents.

Kingfishers – Problem solving has been the focus in maths this week. We are finishing class novels that we began when we returned in our 'bubbles'. We have finally completed our leavers' speeches and are looking forward to seeing the rest of our classmates on Friday 17th at our 'Lockdown Leavers' Assembly'. Please return the Gill Lewis novel 'Sky Hawk' that you were given at the start for lockdown.

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.

Everyone with School Books at Home - 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.

Have a good weekend – please stay safe.

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