



New Hinksey CE Primary School

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

It has been a joy to have such lovely weather this week. The children, in their bubbles, are in good spirits and enjoying learning, playing and socialising together again.

News from Classes

Foundation Stage (Robins and Ducklings) – In Robins we have had a few circle times talking about our favourite colour, activity and food. Everyone in the class contributes during the sessions. We have been looking at 2D shape using ‘the shape song swing along!’, the story of ‘The Dot’ and making some great shape pictures. We have been mixing colours using our hands to make some lovely handprint pictures too. We’ve also been doing lots of counting. Ducklings have enjoyed more ‘Spot the Dog’ stories and lots of singing.

Finches – This week we have written fantastic retellings of ‘Goldilocks and the Three Bears’. In maths we have looked at 1 more and 1 less and number bonds to 4 and 5. We have made beautiful finches by drawing around our hands and colouring them in which we are going to display in our classroom. We have also had great fun exploring and learning how to use the Beebots and trying to programme them so that they can move around the Three Bears’ cottage.

Owls – We have continued our reading and writing based on the book ‘The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark’ in English. In science we have been researching and recording which British garden birds eat which food e.g. insects, worms, berries, seeds etc. We have investigated the different shape of birds’ beaks. In maths we have been learning our number bonds to 10 and using them to solve additions and subtractions.

Doves – We have researched what Stone Age people ate and how it changed over the seasons. We picked damsons at the allotment and enjoyed eating them once they had been stewed. We created our own Stone Age menus. We have written instructions about the steps from skinning an animal to using its skin to make clothes and the scraps to cover tent like structures. In maths we have been learning to read, write and order larger numbers. In science we investigated how permeable, durable and dense different rocks are.

Woodpeckers – It has been another busy week packed full of learning so thank you for making sure your children are resting and relaxing at home and for supporting them with their homework. In English we have begun another book by Lynne Cherry called ‘The Shaman’s Apprentice’. It has triggered much discussion about the importance of preserving the rainforest as a habitat for all living things. Our collage and pastel art work, showing forest layers, is complete and on display on the staircase and we will be enriching it with exciting text and information.

Kingfishers – We are learning about William Morris in art – the Victorian artist and designer. In our topic work we have made a mobile showing Queen Victoria’s nine children and we will be producing our own family tree for homework. We have been practising different methods for adding and subtracting in maths and have also been tackling some tricky word problems. In French we have been revising the months of the year, colours and the names of classroom objects.

Current Year 6s – You should have received a letter this week which explains about the process of deciding and applying for secondary school. Information about this can be found at www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions. Matthew Arnold School is holding a virtual open evening on Thursday 1st October. There is a flyer for this on our New Hinksey School website with a direct link to register for the virtual session.

Woodlands for Year 5 and 6 – The residential week is being rescheduled for the end of the school year when we hope everything will be much more normal. It is so important the older children get the opportunity for this exciting week. All existing payments will be carried over for when the actual week takes place.

Parents are welcome in our school

Drop Off and Pick Up Times Reminder: Please do try to be on time.

Robins and Ducklings: 9.00am and 3.00pm

Finch Class: 8.50am and 3.00pm

Owl Class: 8.40am and 2.50pm

Dove Class: 8.50am and 3.00pm

Woodpecker Class: 8.30am and 2.50pm

Kingfisher Class: 8.40am and 3.05pm

Nut Allergy Reminder - Could we remind families that we are a **nut free school** to ensure the safety of children who have allergies to nuts. Please don't send in packed lunch food items which contain nuts - many thanks. Snacks for morning playtime must be fresh fruit or vegetables only.

School Streets Online Meeting: 29th September at 8.30pm Please join this meeting where there will be discussion on how we can improve the streets around South Oxford's schools and nurseries. Zoom Meeting ID 645 241 3956 Passcode TOGETHER

Shoes Needed! Parents for Future Oxford are planning an installation of shoes - particularly children's - in central Oxford, as part of the Global Day of Climate Action on 25 September. If you have any outgrown shoes you could donate, please get in touch with Rowan (rowan.ryrie@gmail.com) or April (april.elizabeth.jones@gmail.com), or there will be a drop-off point at the Farmers Market on Sunday.

What if my child is ill? Because we must be as Covid safe as possible children must not come to school if they are ill and displaying any of the **key symptoms of Corona virus (high temperature, new or persistent cough, changes to sense of taste and/or smell)** until a test has verified that they do not have corona virus. Whilst we all recognise that children do get normal temperatures and coughs, every parent has a responsibility to minimise the chances of their child coming to school with covid and infecting others, hence the need for a test to verify if it is or isn't covid. Please keep a rigorous check on your children's temperature as unlike a cough, a high temperature is something we can't hear or see in school. Information on **how to get a test** can be found by phoning 119 or visiting <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>. We do understand the difficulties the nation is facing with getting quick, local tests but we cannot take risks so thank you for your understanding and patience. A tip is that apparently the test allocations open at 10am so this is a good time to start trying and repeatedly trying! Please remember that **following any sickness or diarrhoea a child must be able to keep food and drink down and must have had 24 hours clear of any symptoms before returning to the class.**

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If emailing about a Kingfisher pupil please copy both Miss Potier and Ms Christensen in – thanks.

Parent Governor Vacancies – We are looking for a couple of parents to join the Governing Body starting this term. If you are interested and want to find out more about it please do contact our Chair of Governors, Harm Jan Fricke, who will be pleased to discuss the role with you (hjfricke@btinternet.com).

Enjoy your weekend!

Charlotte Haynes

Dates

This half of term **finishes on Friday 23rd October** at the usual end of day times for each class.

Half Term Holiday – Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October

Term **starts again on Monday 2nd November** and **finishes for Christmas holiday on Friday 18th December**

School is closed to all pupils on Friday 27th November for an INSET day (Staff Training)