



New Hinksey CE Primary School

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

Thank you for your harvest donations which this year we are donating to the local foodbank. We gathered about eight full carrier bags which Father Ruben kindly delivered for us so this was a good amount to help those less fortunate than ourselves. We have been exploring 'thankfulness' in my assemblies with each class this week, not just for food and harvest time. The children have been pretty amazing with their thoughtful ideas of who and what they are thankful for. They came up with all sorts of things including clean running water, families, friends, school, teachers, pets, nature, the natural world, access to technology, homes, being safe as well as being thankful for sweets, treats and toys!

Distance Learning – Although we very much hope that there are no covid cases in school meaning that class bubbles need to be closed for 14 days, we have made plans on how to provide distance learning should that happen. We will be using Google Classroom as a learning platform in the event of school closure or partial closure (i.e. one class bubble). Over the coming week each child will be bringing home a letter from their teacher explaining about this.

News from Classes

Foundation Stage (Robins and Ducklings) – Robins have been exploring the story of 'The Three Little Pigs'. Every child in the class has made their own zig zag book and retold the story in their own words. Our number of the week was 3 so we looked at other fairy tales with three characters in them. Our shape of the week was a triangle and we went on a shape hunt looking for circles and triangles, and we looked at Wassily Kandinsky's art work using both those shapes and this inspired us to create our own. Sarah has finished working with each child on their self-portraits so these will go on display in the window soon. Ducklings have made a big rainbow for the group time area.

Finches – In maths we have been looking at 2D shapes and how we can sort them in Venn diagrams and Carroll diagrams. In English we have retold the story of 'The Gingerbread Man' and independently rewritten the story. We conducted an experiment in science to see whether the liquid a gingerbread man was dunked in affected how long it took for the biscuit to break up. In RE we looked at the story of The Lost Coin and next week we will be popping over to the church to learn about baptism.

Owls – In maths we have continued to explore 2D shapes by learning to spot lines of symmetry and to sort them using Carroll diagrams. We have been busy producing our best version of our Owl fact books with information, pictures, covers and a contents page. The books look great and everyone has worked hard. We will be able to bring them home at half-term to share with you.

Doves – We have been learning about persuasive language and have created our own adverts to sell Stone Age bows and arrows. In science we have learnt about the seven different soil layers and will next compare a variety of samples from our own gardens. In RE we are finding out about Christian symbols and have listened to the story of The Last Supper. In maths we are investigating different ways to double and halve numbers and next week we will be having a times tables focus.

Woodpeckers – We have been interested to find out more about the history behind Rosa Parks – a brave woman who stood up for the civil rights of black people in America. By reading and discussing aspects of her story, we have managed to answer more complex comprehension questions. In maths both year groups have focussed on written methods of addition or subtraction. We enjoyed a lovely afternoon studying still-life artworks and arranging objects to create our own. Please note that all children should be able to access activelearnprimary.co.uk to have a go at online maths challenges.

Kingfishers – We have focussed on subtraction strategies in maths. In our Victorian topic we have compared school as it is today to a Victorian one. We have learnt that it was a lot stricter! In our English lessons we have been learning about different types of clauses. We have been practising how to answer simple questions about ourselves in our French lesson.

Parents are welcome in our school

Annual Flu Vaccinations for All Children Reception to Year 6 – These are scheduled to take place in school on Wednesday 21st October 2020. **Parents have to access the online consent form to agree to this or else your child will not be able to have the flu immunisation.** Please go to <https://www.oxfordhealthimms.co.uk/forms/flu>. The unique code for our school is OX123142. The **form must be submitted by 5pm on Sunday 18th October** to ensure your child receives the vaccination. **Late consents will not be accepted.** We find out on 21st October who has submitted their form so we cannot remind you personally.

Current Year 6 Parents – Don't forget to visit www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions to apply for your child's school place for September 2021. **The deadline for applications is 31st October which is a few weeks away.** **St Gregory the Great School** has an open evening video which is available through their Youtube channel, website, Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. The link is: <https://youtu.be/3L1tUJmlMCY>
Oxford Spires Academy are running an Open Week 12th -15th October 2020. They will host "Meet the Teacher" events on Zoom during this week and their website will be updated with a marketing video, virtual tour and faculty fact sheets to enable parents to get an insight into the school. Go to www.oxfordspiresacademy.org/join-us/open-week
Bartholomew School in Eynsham have a Virtual Open Day page at www.bartholomew.oxon.sch.uk. This will be live until the end of October.
Cherwell School have a Virtual Open Evening on their website: <https://www.cherwell.oxon.sch.uk>
The Swan School is now open at its brand new site in Marston. Come and find out what makes The Swan special and whether we are the right secondary school for your child. Virtual open event taking place on: Tuesday 13th October from 5-6pm. Please visit the website www.theswanschool.org.uk to sign up for the event.

Reminders of things you can do to help us keep everyone safe:

- **Only 1 adult from each family** around the drop off and pick up areas please to avoid congestion.
- **Adults should maintain at least a metre between them and other families** when waiting outside school.
- Please remember everything your child needs in the morning including coats, lunches and water bottles.
- We strongly encourage parents and carers to **wear a face covering** (mask or visor) around the gates.
- Please **disperse from around the gates as quickly as you can** to make space for others.
- **Please don't try to bring your cars down to the area around school to park or turn around.**
- You must **let us know the reasons for any absence from school.** The most helpful way to do this is to email office.3213@new-hinksey.oxon.sch.uk or if that is not possible please phone 01865 242169. We are unable to answer the phone from 8.30am - 9.15am. We need to know if any absence is covid or self-isolation related.
- A child with any of the symptoms (new/persistent cough, temperature, change or loss of sense of smell or taste) will need to stay off school and have a test. Siblings also need to stay off school, and other household members should self-isolate at home, until the outcome of the test is known. <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>
- If your child has had a covid test please let us know the result asap and email the test result letter to the school office – thank you.

Morning Club and ASC Payments – September bills are due for payment using Parent Pay by Friday 16th October.

Individual School Photos – We are unable to have these taken this year due to Covid safety measures – sorry.

School Association News: Pen Recycling - there is a pen recycling point in school (in the glasshouse) which the school uses to collect up all their used and broken pens. April from the PTA then takes them to the recycling deposit place so they get recycled, rather than going to landfill. If you have used pens to recycle from home you can take them directly to Rymans in the city centre to drop them off and help do your bit to stop plastic getting into the environment.
School Association AGM - The AGM, on **Monday 12 October** 6-7pm, is taking place virtually this year, so you can have your say in how we support the school without leaving the comfort of your home! Please come along, especially if you have any ideas for covid-safe fundraising. Joining link: <https://tinyurl.com/HinkseyAGM20>

And finally, if you have younger children or friends and relatives with **children coming up to reception age in September 2021**, please can we direct you all to our website which has a brand new flip book presentation about the Foundation Stage as we are not able to do face to face show rounds on site in the present circumstances.

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)