



# New Hinksey CE Primary School

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

What a lot of lovely learning has been going on this week. The displays of work around school are looking colourful and great and the children seem very enthusiastic about the topic work their teachers are inspiring them with.

## News From Classes

**Foundation Stage (Robins and Ducklings)** – This week in Robins we have started our space topic. We have talked about what we already know and, using our word of the week ‘curious’, we are asking questions to find out more. We watched Tom Peake play ping pong and brush his teeth in space. We have started creating mixed media space pictures. Our number of the week is 7 and we worked out different ways of making patterns using 7 objects. Our sounds of the week are ‘t’ and ‘i’ so we have been learning to read and write words using the sounds we have learned so far, ‘m’ ‘a’ ‘s’ ‘d’ and this week’s sounds. Ducklings have welcomed two new friends to the group. We have been learning the rhyme ‘zoom, zoom, zoom, we’re going to the moon’.

**Finches** – In maths we have been adding two numbers to 10 and learning our number bonds to 10. In English we used adjectives to write descriptive sentences to describe the troll in the ‘Three Billy Goats Gruff’. In RE we learnt about the Hindu festival of Diwali. We read the story of Rama and Sita and made diya lamps. In history we talked about Remembrance Day and we made poppies and coloured in poppy wreaths. In art we learnt what the three primary colours are and painted them on a colour wheel. We looked at how Piet Mondrian used the primary colours in his artwork and created art in his style. **Please could all Year 1 Finch children have a spare set of clothes in school on their pegs (including pants) in case of accidents or in case they get wet, muddy or covered in paint and need to change! Many thanks.**

**Owls** – This week we have been listening to dragon stories and writing about them. We have planned and written our own dragon stories. In science we continue to identify and describe different materials e.g. plastic, metal and wood. In maths we have been learning to add and subtract tens and then ones using a hundred square. In RE we heard a story about Rama and Sita, drew our favourite part and made diya lamps to celebrate Diwali this weekend.

**Doves** – We have been learning about the life of a Celt this week. We experimented with drawing Celtic knots and patterns. In our science learning about light, we investigated which materials and surfaces are the most reflective. We used torches to compare and order six different materials. In art we have used acrylics to paint a landscape in the style of Van Gogh. In maths we have found strategies to subtract 1s, 10s and 100s from longer numbers. Next week the English homework will be on Google Classroom. Thanks for all the amazing homework sculptures, models and drawings of Stonehenge.

**Woodpeckers** – We are focusing on persuasive texts in English and enjoyed reading Jeannie Baker’s books about Daintree Forest in Northern Australia, which is under threat from development. We found our own facts about rainforests in general and used them to write a persuasive poster. Over the next few weeks our art will link with the wonderful collage illustrations from ‘Window’ – another book by Jeannie Baker. In maths we have been working on written methods for addition (Year 4s) and multiplication (Year 5s). In science we found out about our sun.

**Kingfishers** – We have had fun learning about insulators and conductors in our science lesson this week. In maths Year 6 children have been learning how to do short division and Year 5 children have been learning about angles and the properties of shapes and getting to grips with how to use a protractor and compass. In English we have been learning about the verb tense changes needed when writing reported speech from direct speech. We have enjoyed watching the film ‘Oliver’ to help inspire us to write stories set in Victorian times.

*Parents are welcome in our school*

**To help keep us all safe and school open please do all that you can to follow lockdown regulations and ...**

- Keep children at home and get them tested if they show **any** of the three main coronavirus symptoms, which are a fever/raised temperature, a cough or a change to or loss of taste and smell.
- **Keep school fully informed of why children are off** (including if they are having to self-isolate at home because another household member is positive or waiting for a test result) by phoning 01865 242169 (not between 8.30 and 9.15am please) or emailing [office.3213@new-hinksey.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:office.3213@new-hinksey.oxon.sch.uk)
- Email the test results notification to the school office so we can keep track and put in place procedures if a child tests positive.
- Children who have had diarrhoea or vomiting must have had **at least a full 24 hours clear** of illness before returning to school.
- Be on time for drop offs and pick-ups, and **please could adults wear face coverings around the school gates. Please disperse quickly once you have dropped off or picked up.**
- Keep a distance from others and thus minimise the potential spread of infection.
- Send your children to school in comfortable, clean clothes that are suitable for PE and running around in. **Trainers are a must. Every child must have a waterproof coat** with them every day.
- Log onto ParentPay to **pre book lunches**, check there is enough credit to pay for the lunch (£2.40 per meal for years 3 to 6 who pay for lunches) and to see the new two weekly menu. Please note that the meat is not halal so children who only eat halal meat will need to order the vegetarian option.

**School Association Event - Lock Down Quiz Night 2: the revenge!** 5 fun rounds including the next in a long line of identifying animals by their body parts. Join in the quiz night in aid of New Hinksey School on Friday 20th at 9pm. Entry by a discretionary donation. <https://localgiving.org/charity/newhinkseyschoolassociation/>. Please put "New Hinksey Quiz" in the message box.

**The Oxford Christmas Light Festival** can't run as normal this year, but the organisers are encouraging local areas to host a community doorstep celebration. On the **weekend of November 20th-22nd**, local households are encouraged to create a light themed window display in their houses. Hopefully it will be lovely to wander the local streets and see all of the displays! More information here: <https://www.oxlightfest.com/>

**Children Starting School in Reception in September 2021** – Application are now open and can be made on the County Council website [www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/primaryadmissions](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/primaryadmissions). All information is on that site. Please note that children who are currently in our nursery need to make an application for their reception place through the website above. The closing date for applications is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

**Parent Governor Update** – We are pleased to let you know that **Richard Bailey** (parent of Max in Year 4) is a new parent governor and will join the Governing Body.

We now have another parent governor vacancy as Harmonie has stood down because her son is now at secondary school. We thank her for her many years of service to the school. If you would like to stand for the role of parent governor please could you nominate yourself by emailing [head.3213@new-hinksey.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:head.3213@new-hinksey.oxon.sch.uk) by Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November. If there is more than one parent nominated a parent election will be held after that date. To find out more about the role of parent governor please email Harm-Jan, our chair, [hjfricke@btinternet.com](mailto:hjfricke@btinternet.com) .

**Flu Immunisations** – These took place on Wednesday. For those children who were absent or whose parents had not booked, you can book at Community Clinic using link <https://www.oxfordhealthimms.co.uk/forms/flu> . Appointments must be booked or you will be sent away. The school code is OX123142.

Wishing you all a restful weekend,

Charlotte Haynes

### **Dates**

**School is closed to all pupils on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November for an INSET day (Staff Training)**

**Term finishes for Christmas holiday on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December after lunch (specific times will be given later)**