



New Hinksey CE Primary School

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

Well, we have all made it to the end of term and what a term it has been! It has been lovely to see some joyous moments this week as we have celebrated the festive season in our bubbles, highlights of the week being:

- Watching the videoed Finch Class Nativity (hilarious) and hearing how much their parents had enjoyed watching it.
- Children enjoying Christmas crackers and Christmas lunch on Wednesday.
- Many children and staff wearing Christmassy themed jumpers, outfits, hats etc.
- Father Christmas visiting overnight on Tuesday and leaving sacks of presents – a book for each child!
- Lots of lovely Christmas crafts being made and taken home.
- Owl Class participating in an interactive zoom Ashmolean art workshop on landscapes.

Informing School of any Pupils with Positive Covid Tests in the Holidays

Please **continue to let school know straight away if any pupils test positive for Covid 19 even after the end of term** as it is important that we know who may have been in close contact or in the same bubble so that they are informed if they need to self-isolate. We all have a responsibility to do all that we can to reduce possible transmission. As we are not on the school site to answer the phone during the holidays, **email** office.3213@new-hinksey.oxon.sch.uk please. Thank you in advance for your cooperation if this situation arises which we sincerely hope does not.

Spring Term Topic – The topic in all classes next term is ‘Around the World’. Each child will bring home a topic plan for their class in the first week back which will give more details about the interesting themes that are being planned.

Children Starting School in Reception in September 2021 – Applications are now open and can be made on the County Council website www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/primaryadmissions. All information is on that site. Please note that parents of 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 15th January 2021.

New Hinksey School Association – Please see overpage for a summary of their news.

Change of Clothes – From January please could all children from Year 1 to Year 6 keep a bag on their pegs with a change of clothes in it in case they get wet in bad weather during playtimes or PE sessions – thank you.

We would like to wish all our families, governors and local community a very happy, healthy, restful and safe Christmas, and I would like to thank sincerely the amazing school staff for making this past term so successful despite the enormously challenging circumstances.

Merry Christmas and here's hoping that 2021 is a better one!

Charlotte Haynes

Dates

The Spring Term starts on Tuesday 5th January 2021 at all the existing staggered start times for each class. 8.30am for Woodpeckers; 8.40am for Owls and Kingfishers; 8.50am for Finches and Doves; 9am for F. Stage

Parents are welcome in our school

New Hinksey School Association News

This term has seen some fantastic efforts to connect families virtually and raise money for the school in new and inventive ways. We have had a quiz night run by Dan, a Christmas tree auction and a Spooky Safari organised by Stuart. We are so grateful for all the support given by our parents, extended families and friends.

Thank you to all that were involved in the New Hinksey Christmas Raffle this year. The event raised a whopping £643. Special thanks go to Gemma J for organising the ticket sales and her live streamed draw last Sunday night and to Dawn for organising and collecting many of the prizes. Thank you also to all our donors, including many local businesses.

Andy Lawrence (dad of Sophie in Robins) is running every street in Oxford and aims to complete this challenge before the end of the year. As an extra incentive, he is seeking to raise a bit of money for the School Association too. Check his progress at <https://localgiving.org/running-every-street-oxford-2020>.