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Dear Parents, Pupils, Staff, Governors and Friends of the School,

Welcome back to the final part of the school year. Looking ahead for the next six weeks we have some interesting activities and opportunities planned, within the covid safe limitations that we are having to work under. These include: visits to the allotment, story telling and art workshops for Woodpeckers and Kingfishers, sessions at SOAP for all classes, Robins getting out and about to our playground over the road and some 'Bikeability' cycle training for a group of Year 6s.

*****Important Reminder***** – We have some children with **nut allergies** so **please help us by not sending nuts or nut products into school in packed lunches or for break time snacks** - many thanks.

*****URGENT REMINDER***** PLEASE DO NOT DRIVE CARS DOWN TO THE SCHOOL AT DROP OFF AND PICK UP TIMES. THERE ARE A FEW FAMILIES WHO ARE DOING THIS EVERY DAY. IF YOU HAVE TO DRIVE BECAUSE YOU LIVE TOO FAR AWAY TO WALK, PLEASE PARK IN NEIGHBOURING STREETS AND WALK THE LAST BIT. Thank you.

News from the Classes

Foundation Stage – Robins have had such fun with our new author this week, Nick Sharratt, and it has been wonderful hearing all the rhyming the children have been doing as a result. The children have enjoyed watching our class caterpillars growing bigger and we have had some good discussions about the lifecycle of a butterfly. This term we are going to focus our 'questions' on different minibeasts each week. We have been playing lots of games describing shapes. Ducklings have made some lovely 'Hungry Caterpillars' and all the children seem very happy to be back.

Finches – This week we have been looking at where chocolate comes from and how it is made. In English we thought of our own chocolate bar and wrote a description of it. In maths we have looked at place value to 100, and ordered 2 digit numbers. In DT we have started to design our own healthy ice lollies and in science we grouped objects by the material they are made from. In geography we looked at the four countries of the UK and labelled them on a map.

Owls – This week we have read different versions of 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears' including Anthony Browne's 'Me and You'. We have written our own stories based on the story. In science we have been thinking about healthy eating as well as learning more about potatoes and how they originally grew in Peru, in the Andes, and then spread around the world. In art we drew portraits of our favourite toys.

Doves – We have worked brilliantly hard this week! We have begun our focus on 'The Animals of Farthing Wood' series of books. We have researched different species of birds and created fact files. We listened to and tried to identify different birds singing. In science we have investigated the parts of plants and their functions. We then went to the allotment and had fun identifying vegetables and plants and we enjoyed picking and eating radishes.

Woodpeckers – We began the week with a big splash at the pool for our weekly swimming session which was very successful! In English we have planned and written guides which include features for both explanation and instruction texts. In maths, Year 4s have improved mental strategies for all four operations, and Year 5s have worked very hard to further understand problem solving with fractions. In science we continue with our 'sound' topic.

Kingfishers – It's lovely to be back after the break, especially with the good weather. We have begun our RSE lessons about puberty. Over the next four weeks we will be teaching the Year 6 children about human reproduction. We are now learning about the outbreak of World War 2 as our new history topic. We have started our new science topic on the human circulatory system by learning about the importance of keeping our hearts healthy.

Parents are welcome in our school

SUPERVISION and SAFETY around the School Gates – Please could parents and carers supervise children when they are waiting to come in or have just left school at the end of the day. Children should be waiting sensibly and quietly close to their adult, not running around or darting onto the road. A sensible, calm and orderly start to the day helps children be ready for learning on arrival in class which is beneficial to all children.

Changes in Pick up Arrangements – Please email us changed or complicated pick-up arrangements as there are often too many to remember at the gate. Thank you.

After School Club – This is running in 3 ‘bubbles’ – Foundation Stage, Key Stage 1 and Key stage 2. **Each bubble has their own staff member and own zone of the ASC and outdoor space.**

- **Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 will operate on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.**
- **Key Stage 2 will operate on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays.**
- Sessions cost £10 per child per day and this includes individually packaged teatime snack and fruit.
- The window for picking up from the ASC door is from 5.10pm up to 5.30pm.
- Adults collecting should wear masks, not enter the school building, and observe social distancing please.

If you have need of after school provision as above, please email Tracey on office.3213@new-hinksey.oxon.sch.uk

After School Club and Morning Club Invoices – the deadline for paying the May bills is next Friday 18th June.

Testing of Children with Corona Virus Symptoms – PHE (Public Health England) are advising that primary aged pupils should be tested with a full PCR test if they are symptomatic, in which case their families should follow [the guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#) and [book a PCR test](#) for the child. Lateral Flow Tests are not recommended for primary aged children. PHE are also advising that any members of a household who are isolating because one person in the household has tested positive, should also book and have a PCR test on day 5 of their isolation. The booking system allows for you to put this down as the reason even if you do not have symptoms. This is new guidance to help keep on top of new infections.

Infection Control Measures around the School Gates – The local and national infection data shows that cases of covid are increasing again so please could we ask that parents and carers dropping off and collecting from school continue to wear face coverings and maintain social distancing from other families. Thank you for helping us do all that we can to keep everyone safe and keep school fully open.

Infection Control Measures at Home - New research reveals a quarter of adults either don't know or don't believe that opening windows when inside to prevent the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19), which alongside 'hands, face, space', remains essential to stop the spread of the virus. Everyone across England is being encouraged to remember, **'when you let friends in, let fresh air in too'** in a new government advertising campaign.

BBC Radio 2 Big Bee Challenge – This a brand new competition for children in partnership with the Royal Horticultural Society and is a fun and creative way to learn more about bees and other insects that help provide the food we eat and are essential for a healthy environment. The competition is open to 6 – 12 year olds and involves designing a bright buzzy garden that will attract bees and other pollinating insects. For more details and to download a pack please go to bbc.co.uk/bigbeechallenge .

End of Term - The Summer Term ends on Thursday 22nd July (12.50pm for Owls and Woodpeckers; 1.00pm for Robins, Finches and Doves; 1.05pm for Kingfishers)

And finally, in the sunny summer weather please can children have their **shoulders covered**, not be in strappy vest type of tops, wear sensible shoes/sandals for school (not backless slip-ons), have a **sun hat/cap in school** and have **day long sun cream put on at home before school**. Children should not have bottles of sun cream in school.

Best wishes
Charlotte Haynes

Table Top Trail in local streets on Saturday 3rd July, 10-12am. Display things you no longer need outside your house for others to take for free. No food or electrical items. Please contact us (oswestryroad@gmail.com) by 21st June if you would like to participate and we will put you on our Trail Map. See posters up in the local area for more details.