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

It has been a dynamic week in school with a real buzz of exciting things going on – sewing activities, PE sessions in the park, a French market/café, bird feeder making, filming of weather reports to list a few!

Over the next few weeks various classes and groups will be visiting SOAP for sessions on Wednesdays so please look out for that information as part of your child's class news. By the end of the sessions all classes (Year 1 to Year 6) will have visited and Year 6s will have had some additional activities at SOAP.

News from the Classes

Foundation Stage – Robins have used our focus on minibeasts to look at snails this week. We have been inspired by Matisse's L'Escargot to create some wonderful collage pictures that we will display in the window for you to see. We have worked with the story of 'The Snail and the Whale' to talk about and write about our favourite part of the story and create some snails and whales. In maths we are enjoying lots of maths games, doubling, halving and sharing and making odd and even numbers using blocks. Ducklings have watched a slug this week and spotted other minibeasts in the garden. Ducklings have also made lovely ladybirds.

Finches – This week our question has been 'Does it snow in summer?'. In English lessons we have written a weather report that we are going to film as if we are weather reporters, and in our maths lessons we have looked at telling the time to o'clock and half past. We have also looked at patterns and pictograms in maths. In our topic lessons we have designed our own delicious healthy ice lollies and then we designed the packaging that we would sell them in.

Owls – This week we have been reading, answering questions, and writing about 'Hansel and Gretel'. We have each created a self-portrait as a witch, which Mrs Haynes thought were quite gruesome when we showed her some of them! We have started to embroider our bookmarks. We have learnt a bit about Florence Nightingale and have done an investigation to find out which drinks have an impact on the enamel of teeth.

Doves – In maths we have enjoyed some practical maths learning about shapes. We have used right angle checkers and sorted scalene, equilateral and isosceles triangles. This week is our final week learning about 'The Animals of Farthing Wood' and we have written playscripts about their adventures. Well done to Dove Class on their flower and plant inspired sewing – they all look amazing. **Dove class will be having lunch and spending the afternoon at SOAP on Wednesday 30th (next week) so please make sure we are appropriately dressed for being outside depending on the weather conditions and that we are wearing well fitted trainers. If we usually have school lunches on Wednesday we can still do so as it is a baguette so can be taken as a picnic to SOAP with us. Thank you.**

Woodpeckers – We have enjoyed exploring more humorous poetry on the theme of 'superheroes we could have been', using relative clauses to add extra information in our sentences. In maths Year 4s have used various graphs and charts to display data and Year 5s have focussed on calculating aspects of shape, including area, perimeter and volume. Our last swimming session was a huge success. Well done to all the children who all put in the effort and made great progress.

Kingfishers – We are all enjoying our cross-stitch sessions – it is so calming! The whole class continue to learn about how puberty affects us both physically and behaviourally, and Year 6 have had several sessions about human reproduction. We thoroughly enjoyed preparing for and then participating in our French shopping role play – we even learnt a little French! **Year 6 children will be spending the morning at SOAP on Wednesday 30th (next week) so please make sure we are appropriately dressed for being outside depending on the weather conditions and that we are wearing well fitted trainers. Thank you.**

Parents are welcome in our school

Swimming - Kingfishers will be having their first swimming session on Tuesday. A separate letter has been sent out. There are many Doves and Woodpeckers who have not paid their contributions. Please do so as soon as possible to ensure that we can repeat lessons in the future.

Year 6 Cycle Training – We hope you have seen the information about this which was emailed to a parent contact email and was also handed out as a hard copy letter.

Year 6 Transitions to Secondary School – Many of the schools have had to cancel their face-to-face transitions and are organising virtual sessions. They are sending information directly to parents by email so please look out for this.

Recruiting New String Players to start in September - If you are interested in your child learning to play a stringed musical instrument (e.g. violin), then the music service are looking for more children. The lessons happen in school but are paid for by the parents. Lessons need to have a viable group of children starting at the same time. How the lessons run in September will be dependent on the Covid situation at that time. Parents should enrol on www.Oxfordshire.gov.uk/musicinterest

Brunch at Bertie - and Cake Sale - Tomorrow

Following the success of their May event, the Save Bertie campaign is holding another community get-together on Bertie Park on Saturday 26 June, 11am-1pm. Bring a picnic - there will be games and art activities for kids. Part of the event will be a cake sale in aid of New Hinksey School Association: it would be fantastic if you could bake for it – do bring cakes along on the day. Thanks all!

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 as soon as possible. The booking system allows for you to put this down as the reason even if you do not have symptoms.

Infection Control Measures around the School Gates – As infection rates continue to rise in Oxford city, please can parents and carers dropping off and collecting from school **wear face coverings** and **maintain social distancing** from other families and staff. Thank you for helping us do all that we can to keep everyone safe and keep school fully open.

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).

Being prepared for the weather - In 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**. We also know that the British weather can change very quickly so children should still have a lightweight rain jacket in school each day.

Water Bottles and Drinks in School – Every child must have a water bottle in school every day with healthy, fresh water in it – NOT squash or fizzy drinks. All the taps in school are drinking quality water so in very hot weather when children are drinking more bottles can be refilled but should go home each day to be washed.

After School Club and Morning Club Requirements for September – Please email as soon as possible to office.3213@new-hinksey.oxon.sch.uk any requirements for next term as some days are filling up fast. Thanks.

Have a great weekend.

Charlotte Haynes