



# New Hinksey CE Primary School

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

Well, we've made it to the end of the year! Thanks to the amazing staff, great pupils and parental support the core purpose of the school – providing a rich and stimulating high class curriculum within a friendly, nurturing environment – has continued throughout. We've found ways to have covid safe: PE sessions with sports coaches; KS 2 swimming lessons; trips to the allotment to grow potatoes, beetroot, radishes, courgettes; story telling and art workshops; rounders and cricket in the park; adventurous play activities at SOAP; classroom-based assemblies; Year 6 cycle training .... to name but some of the things that have happened in addition to a continuously exciting and inspirational variety of learning in each class bubble. It is miraculous that we got through from March 2020 until a couple of weeks ago without covid cases in school and with our bubbles remaining open.

**After School Club and Morning Club** – Every week for the past 4 weeks we have been asking for parents/carers to email requirements for September. Reminders that places are getting booked up have also been given. If you have not yet confirmed what places you would like, please do not assume that the places will still be there. Please email [office.3213@new-hinksey.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:office.3213@new-hinksey.oxon.sch.uk) asap. Thank you to those who have got in touch to secure places. Both Morning Club (8am) and After School Club **will start on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September**. As this term, please collect children from ASC between 5.10 and 5.30pm.

**School Lunches, Menus and ParentPay** – The menus for next term will be put on ParentPay ready for the start of term. Please ensure that you have credit for lunches before your child starts taking meals. If your child is moving from Year 2 (Owls) into Year 3 (Doves) please remember that lunches are no longer free and need to be paid for in advance (unless your child is eligible for benefits related Free School Meals). You will be contacted and asked to bring a packed lunch if there is no money in your child's lunch account.

**Dove Class** - Mrs Tucker and Lorraine are very upset at not being able to be in school and with the children at the end of the year. This is because of positive cases in their households meaning they are required to self-isolate (again). They have asked me to wish the class and their families a very happy summer and look forward to seeing the children around the school in September. They are also both very touched by your generous and lovely gifts and thank you for your kindness.

*Parents are welcome in our school*

**Importance of Reading Newsletters** – We produce a newsletter every week of term time as we feel it is important to share with you what your children are learning in school and also to keep you informed of notices, news and information. **IT IS VITAL THAT PARENTS AND CARERS READ THE NEWSLETTER SO THAT IMPORTANT INFORMATION, DEADLINES AND REQUESTS ARE NOT MISSED.** The newsletter is sent home in **paper format with the oldest child** in school from each family and it is put **ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE**. During lockdown and when bubbles have been isolating it has also been assigned to each child’s Google Classroom. **If you mislay the paper copy, please get in the habit of checking the school website each weekend and reading it online.** Thank you.

**Important Information about the Start of Next Term** – In September there is no longer a requirement to have bubbles and should there be a covid case in a class, it will only be that positive case and their household who will be required to isolate. At New Hinksey our current bubbles have always been our class groupings anyway. Should the national and local covid situation allow we will be able to use the hall for assemblies and lunches. The guidance still asks us to maintain heightened hand hygiene, cleaning regimes and encouraging everyone to think about the ‘hands, face, space’ message at all times. However, we are required to plan for all eventualities and be prepared for the possibility that in some local areas it may become necessary to introduce bubbles for a temporary period to reduce mixing between groups. Given that the Oxford situation is currently a concern and that none of us can guess what will be the situation in September, with governor agreement, we will start the term still with some staggered start and finish times so that our system will work no matter what is happening with infection rates in September. Once we are all back and the local covid situation is clear we can communicate any future changes to families through our usual channels of newsletter, website, telephone calls and emails as needed. We politely encourage adults to continue wearing masks around the school gates at drop off and pick up times and when speaking to staff – thanks.

**September Drop Off and Pick Up Times as follows – PLEASE BE ON TIME AND PROMPT:**

Class (September)	Drop Off Time	Gate for Entry and Exit	Pick Up Time
Nursery Ducklings and Reception Robins	9am	Main playground gate closest to the Foundation Stage classroom ramp to cloakroom door.	3.00pm
Yr 1 Finches	8.55am	Gate by the office, off School Place.	3.05pm
Yr 2 Owls	8.45am	Gate by office, off School Place.	2.55pm
Doves Woodpeckers Kingfishers	Gates open at 8.40am for lining up. 8.45am to class (prompt)	Corner main playground gate closest to Vicarage Lane.	3.05pm

We would like to wish everyone a very happy and safe summer and hope that you all can relax and recharge over the break.

We look forward to welcoming you back on **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September** at the times above and send our Year 6s on their exciting journey to secondary school with our love and best wishes.

Best wishes from us all at New Hinksey xx