



New Hinksey CE Primary School

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

This has been a busy week in school for those classes not isolating and hopefully a busy week on Google Classroom for Robins and Doves who are at home. It has been very quiet in some parts of school without the chattering and playful noise generated by Foundation Stage. We look forward to Robins and Ducklings returning on Monday morning and Doves returning on Tuesday morning.

Next Week: The most recent Department for Education guidance allows for schools who have some days of term time after the 19th July to continue with their existing procedures until the end of term. This is what we will do so there will be no changes in arrangements next week.

All existing covid precautions and bubbles continue till the end of term:

- Children with any symptoms of illness should stay off school and get a PCR test. Other siblings and household members should also isolate whilst waiting for the result.
- If a household member develops symptoms and is going for a test and your children are already in school please let us know asap and arrange for your children in school to be collected and to remain at home until a negative result is confirmed.
- Please keep school informed at all stages of why children are off, testing and results information and also confirming when isolation periods end and when children will be back in school.

Please use the school email office.3213@new-hinksey.oxon.sch.uk

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).

After School Club and Morning Club Requirements for September – If you have not yet emailed any requirements for next term to office.3213@new-hinksey.oxon.sch.uk please do so asap as some days are already full. From September, After School Club will run Monday to Friday from 3pm till 5.30pm with pick up time from 5.10pm.

After School Club and Morning Club Bills – The deadline for paying the June bills, using ParentPay, is today.

Current After School Club Users – Please note that the final after school club session for this term will be on Tuesday 20th July and there will not be after school club provision on Wednesday 21st July. This is because we have a Year 6 leavers event using the school hall and then the playground. We know you will be understanding of the need to allow the Year 6s to make their speeches, which are being filmed, and have their post speech treat in peace with all attention given to them after such an unusual year.

Important Notice for Current Year 2 Children – Once your child is in Year 3 in September they are no longer part of the Universal Infant Free School Meal scheme meaning that any lunches that they have need to be paid for by parents/carers, unless your child is entitled to benefits related free school meals. All payments have to be made using ParentPay. Please could you check NOW that you are able to log in to your child's parent pay account. All parents/carers were issued with letters about ParentPay and your log in details when your children first started at school.

Parents are welcome in our school

Information for Parents and Carers with Children under 5 – we have been asked to publicise the following link <https://news.oxfordshire.gov.uk/fifty-things/> which promotes '50 things to do before you're 5' and helps support early language development. Do take a look!

News from the Classes in School this week

Finches – In maths this week we have been looking at adding and subtracting 10 from a number and finding halves and quarters of shapes. In English we have written letters to Miss K to introduce ourselves to her. In our topic time we have talked about healthy and unhealthy foods. We also made our healthy lollipops and then enjoyed eating them in the sun.

Owls – It was lovely to be back in class on Monday. We have continued creating our 'Monkey and Ape' fact books. We have done maths assessments and gone over tricky questions such as time. We read our last Anthony Browne book 'Silly Billy' and created our own worry dolls. We are bringing all our books home – please look at them as we have worked so hard this year.

Woodpeckers – We have worked hard during this last full week doing some final assessments to reveal any future next steps in maths and reading comprehension. We are getting excited for next week's class talent show which will provide great entertainment! In our 'growing up' RSE topic we have designed posters to show the variety of loving relationships that people can have, and on Thursday we enjoyed harvesting produce from our school allotment.

Woodpeckers will be going to SOAP for the morning on Wednesday 21st so please make sure we are appropriately dressed for being outside depending on the weather conditions and that we are wearing well fitted trainers. We will be having a picnic lunch at SOAP so need a packed lunch although children who wish to have a school lunch can do so as it is a filled baguette that day so can be taken to SOAP.

Kingfishers – Year 6 enjoyed a morning at SOAP and all the class enjoyed their swimming. It is good to have a whole hour in the water and see everyone making progress. Please ensure that your child has clothes to wear in the pool next week to practise a 'real life' water situation (pyjamas or shorts or leggings and a T-shirt) and a spare carrier bag to put the wet clothes in afterwards. Please bring these into school on Monday to ensure we all have them ready for Tuesday, as this is a critical part of the swimming curriculum. Eleven Year 6s have completed a cycle training course this week. The rest of the class have had fun inventing an adventure for Odysseus (having learnt about The Odyssey last week). They have made some monsters that may have been found in Ancient Greek times and have created short animations to illustrate their narratives.

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.

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 and prompt 8.45am in to class	Corner main playground gate closest to Vicarage Lane.	3.05pm

Best wishes,
Charlotte Haynes