



# New Hinksey CE Primary School

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

Please read this letter carefully as there is a great deal of information..

**Next Year's Teachers and Classes** – In September we will continue with our usual class set up, with mixed year group classes in Key stage 2. We have a small change to class teacher arrangements in that Mrs Nash will be teaching our Kingfisher Class of Yr 5/6 pupils and Miss Potier and Ms Christensen will teach our Woodpecker Class of Yr 4/5 pupils. As is our policy where a year group cohort is split between classes, the division is made on age, and we always ensure a minimum of 6 children from a year group in a mixed class with another age group.

Class	Age Group	Teacher from September 21	Classroom
Robins	Reception	Polly Hodgson	Foundation Stage
Finch	Year 1	Miss Martins	Current Finch classroom
Owls	Year 2	Miss Kilpatrick	Current Owl classroom
Doves	Year 3 and Younger Yr 4s	Mrs Tucker	Current Dove classroom
Woodpecker	Older Year 4s and Younger Year 5s	Miss Potier (M, T, W) Ms Christensen (Th, F)	Current Kingfisher room at top of stairs
Kingfisher	Year 6 and Older Year 5s	Mrs Nash	Current Woodpecker room next to library

**School Reports** – The annual school report for each child will be sent home on **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July**. We hope you will enjoy reading about your child's progress and successes. **The school report also contains a section at the end which explains which year group and class your child will be in in September, and who will be their teacher.** During the day of Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July, class teachers will explain to the children which class they will be in from September and the children will be able to see lists of each class so that they are reassured that they will all have friends.

**URGENT COVID UPDATE – All existing covid precautions and bubbles currently remain in place:**

- 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 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](mailto:office.3213@new-hinksey.oxon.sch.uk)
- Google Classroom can be used to provide home learning for children who are having to isolate (if they are well enough) but please note that teachers cannot do this instantaneously whilst teaching a class in person so activities will likely be ready for the next school day.
- The Department for Education guidance issued following government announcements on Tuesday allows for schools who have some days of term time after the 19<sup>th</sup> 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 for the rest of this term.

*Parents are welcome in our school*

**Bubble Closure Due to Positive Case in Year 2 Owl Class** – You may have heard that Owl class and Foundation Stage are currently closed whilst children and adults in those bubbles isolate. All being well Owls will open on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July and Foundation Stage (Robins and Ducklings) will reopen on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July. Please be assured that we have rigorously tracked who may have had close contact with the confirmed positive cases in the 48 hours before they developed symptoms using all the relevant guidance for what is deemed close contact, and no other children or adults in school need to isolate.

**After School Club and Morning Club Requirements for September** – Please email as soon as possible to [office.3213@new-hinksey.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:office.3213@new-hinksey.oxon.sch.uk) any requirements for next term as some days are filling up fast. 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 **16<sup>th</sup> July**.

**Current After School Club Users** – Please note that **the final after school club session for this term will be on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July** and there **will not be after school club provision on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> 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. Many of you have helpfully been looking at menus and pre booking anyway but if you have not been doing that, now is the time to get used to using ParentPay. All parents/carers were issued with letters about ParentPay and your log in details when your children first started at school.

### **News from the Classes**

**Foundation Stage** – Robins had so much fun learning new circus skills including spinning plates and juggling scarves and balls! We were inspired by author of the week, Quentin Blake's 'Clown Story' which is entirely told through pictures. We have also made sock puppets, performed stories with them, and had a great time playing on the big playground. Miss Martins (Year 1 Teacher) read a story to Robins in the garden this week. Ducklings have listened to the 'Goldilocks' story and are brilliant at spinning plates.!

**Finches** – We had a fantastic trip to SOAP this week and had lots of fun playing and having a picnic there. We have loved looking at how we have grown and have enjoyed making our fabulous timelines.

**Owls** – We all really enjoyed playing with each other and learning how to move safely around SOAP adventure playground on Wednesday. On the way we spotted a tiger moth, a tiny toad and the coot which is still sitting on her watery nest! We first spotted her a week ago.

**Doves** – This week we have been asking questions about animal welfare. We have used persuasive writing to think about whether we are in favour of zoos or not. In art we have begun collages in the style of Georgia O'Keefe. In geography we have created informative posters about UK hills and mountains including Snowdon and Pen y Fan.

**Woodpeckers** – We have worked brilliantly to write our own poems this week in the style of Wilf Merten's poem 'What do you want to be?'. Some of us have filmed a friend's performance which was a great success. We've all completed a final week of maths before assessment next week. There are games allocated on Active Learn for further practice. We are asking questions in French ready for a fun practical session in the final week of term.

**Kingfishers** – Swimming and our class trip to SOAP have definitely been highlights this week. In addition, we are researching an aspect of World War 2 for a poster presentation towards the end of term.

**The Year 6s will be going to SOAP for the morning on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> (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. We will be back in school for the usual lunchtime routine.**

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

Have a happy and hopefully relaxing weekend,

Charlotte Haynes