



New Hinksey CE Primary School

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

A very warm welcome back to the new school year. We hope everyone is refreshed after the summer break. Please read this newsletter carefully each week as there is always a lot of important information. The newsletters are sent home, one per family, with the eldest sibling bringing the newsletter for those families with more than one child at our school. The newsletter is also posted onto the school website each week.

Covid Update – Children under 18 and adults who are double vaccinated no longer need to self-isolate if they are a close contact of a positive covid case, but Test and Trace are likely to require identified close contacts to take a PCR test. Schools are no longer responsible for tracking and tracing close contacts, it is all carried out by NHS Test and Trace. There is, therefore, a great responsibility on all parents to monitor their children's health very closely indeed and not take any chances with sending children to school with symptoms of illness.

- **Any child or adult displaying any covid 19 symptoms (high temperature, a new or persistent cough, loss or change to sense of smell or taste) must not come into school.**
- Anyone displaying these symptoms should immediately arrange to have a **PCR** coronavirus test.
- Any child or adult displaying symptoms must self-isolate for 10 days from the onset of symptoms or until they have received a negative PCR test result and their symptoms have cleared.
- Unless you have a negative PCR test result for a child who is, or recently has been, symptomatic the child will need to self-isolate for 10 days.
- We cannot allow any child to come to school whilst they are required to self-isolate because they are symptomatic.

An updated Risk Assessment and Outbreak Management Plan for this school, explaining our current procedures and mitigations is on the school website.

We still strongly encourage adults in and around school and the school gates to wear face coverings when in close contact/chatting with others.

A reminder of Drop Off and Pick Up Times as follows – PLEASE BE ON TIME:

Class	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

After School Club and Morning Club Bills for July – The invoices are in ParentPay so please ensure they are paid by the deadline which is Friday 17th September – thanks.

Parents are welcome in our school

This Term's Topic - The topic throughout Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 is **Fire and Festivals**. This is an exciting topic for the autumn, and everyone will have a cross curricular focus based on celebrations and festivals from a wide variety of cultures, time periods, families, faiths and nations. Topic plans for each class will be sent home next week.

General Reminders:

- Please make sure that if you pay for lunches (years 3, 4, 5 and 6 who are not entitled to benefits related free school meals) that you **always have credit in your child's ParentPay lunch account before a lunch is ordered**. You will be called to bring a packed lunch if there are insufficient funds.
- It is most helpful if all families could look at the meal choices in ParentPay with their children and **pre book lunches so that children know what to expect for lunch**. Thank you.
- If your child is absent from school for any reason please email office.3213@new-hinksey.oxon.sch.uk or phone 01865 242169 (after 9.15am) to explain why they are absent.
- For now, children are not changing for PE (physical education/sports) lessons so should all have a **spare change of clothes on their pegs** in case the weather in bad and they get wet whilst outside. Please could children **wear suitable clothes to school for PE, including properly fitted trainers or plimsolls, on the days they are due to have their lessons**, which are:
Finches – Monday and Thursday
Owls - Tuesday and Friday
Doves – Wednesday and Friday
Woodpeckers – Monday and Thursday
Kingfisher – Tuesday and Friday
- Please can every child have a **named water bottle and a rainproof coat or jacket in school every day**.
- **Long hair** (below shoulder length) **should be tied back** at school
- **Jewellery must not be worn to school** with the exception of a wristwatch if worn and small stud style earrings if ears are pierced.
- Please send in a **fruit or vegetable snack for your child (Years 1 – 6) for them to have at morning playtime** as many children get hungry between breakfast and lunch.
- Teachers can be contacted by email as follows, but please be aware that during the teaching day when they are busy focusing on the children's learning, they will not be checking emails:

Robins	Polly	PHodgson@new-hinksey.oxon.sch.uk
Finches	Miss Martins	TMartins@new-hinksey.oxon.sch.uk
Owls	Miss Kilpatrick	mkilpatrick@new-hinksey.oxon.sch.uk
Doves	Mrs Tucker	rtuc1220@new-hinksey.oxon.sch.uk
Woodpeckers	Miss Potier Ms Christensen	hpot9071@new-hinksey.oxon.sch.uk Lchr9699@new-hinksey.oxon.sch.uk
Kingfishers	Mrs Nash	hnas4139@new-hinksey.oxon.sch.uk

Hogacre – We have secured Fridays for the local eco park and forest school site to be available for New Hinksey School, so that classes can undertake a variety of outdoor learning activities. We will continue to use Hinksey Park and the allotment, but you may hear that your children have been to Hogacre, or are going to Hogacre, sometimes on Fridays over the year.

Thank you – on behalf of us all (staff) we would like to say a very big thank you for your good wishes and many cards and gifts to us at the end of last term. You were thoughtful and generous, and we very much appreciated your kindness – thank you.

School Association/PTA Start of Term Drinks: 17 September, 8pm, Duke of Monmouth pub, Sunningwell Road (outside unless the weather is against us). Old and new parents: join us for a catch up and to meet new people; get (back) into the swing of things for the new school year.

Calling all potential rugby players - Oxford Rugby Club are looking for players of all ages for their minis and juniors sessions starting Sunday 5th Sept. To join parents can contact the club on Facebook. (Dylan's Dad, David, will be coach to this year's under 5s).

Best wishes,
Charlotte Haynes