



# New Hinksey CE Primary School

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

It has been a busy week in school and the next two weeks are also busy. Please read this newsletter carefully to keep up to date with what is going on. The newsletter is also posted on our school website each week.

**Covid Reminders** - Any child displaying any covid 19 symptoms (high temperature, a new or persistent cough, loss or change to sense of smell or taste) or being 'off colour' must not come into school, should have a PCR test and stay at home until the PCR result has come back negative.

- Please be advised that the nearest walk in PCR test centre is in Osney Lane- off Oxpens Road, past the ice rink and left at the mini roundabout by the post office.
- If a child tests positive please could parents let us know in school as soon as possible as Test and Trace do not contact us – thanks.

**Cake Sales are back!** – New Hinksey School Association will be holding its first post-pandemic event on **Friday 15 October: an after school cake sale (3pm)** in the over-the-road playground. Donations of cakes and bakes will be much appreciated, and if anyone would be able to help set up and sell, that would be fantastic - let April Jones know: [april.elizabeth.jones@gmail.com](mailto:april.elizabeth.jones@gmail.com). Cakes and cookies can be brought in on the morning and we can store them in the Learning Suite till the end of the day. Please have **cash** to pay for any cakes or cookies you buy.

**School Association AGM** - New Hinksey School Association has its Annual General Meeting on **Monday 18th October, 6.30-7.30, at the school**. It's a time when we review our activities and think about new directions the School Association (PTA) might want to take. Please come along and join the discussion.

**After School Club and Morning Club Invoices for September** – The deadline for paying these bills is Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October please.

**Year 6 Children Transferring to Secondary School in September 2022** – The Year 6 to Year 7 application process is now open for parents to complete applications online at [www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions) .  
**The deadline for receipt of completed applications is 31st October 2021.**

**Harvest Sharing Assembly and Harvest Donations** – We are very excited about having a sharing assembly for the Year 1 – 6 children (Finches, Owls, Doves, Woodpeckers and Kingfishers) with the theme of 'Harvest' at **10am on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October**. Each class will come out to the front to share something. **We will be using the Church as a venue** for this school event as it larger and more airy. Parents are welcome to come and join us to watch the assembly but please note that you may need to stand at the back or sit at the sides so that there is room for the children to sit and watch. We will be collecting food items for the Food Bank to help those less fortunate than ourselves and those in financial difficulty. Please donate in date, non-perishable items such as tins (fruit, tuna, beans, vegetables, soup etc), jars (jams, spreads, sauces etc), packets and boxes (rice, pasta, cereals, biscuits etc), from Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October. If every child brought in just one or two items, we would have a lovely amount to donate.

**Please Don't Bring Cars Down Vicarage Road** – **PLEASE STOP TURNING CARS AROUND ON THE CORNER OF THE SCHOOL, BY SCHOOL PLACE**. Please be respectful to our neighbours who may want to move their cars.

*Parents are welcome in our school*

## **News from Classes**

**Robins and Ducklings** – In Robins we have been learning all about repeating patterns using objects, our voices, drawing them on whiteboards and printing them. We have been creating pastel observational drawings of harvest vegetables with Sarah, and cutting and colouring our scarecrows. We will continue to practise cutting and sticking activities over the next few weeks because all the Robins enjoyed becoming more independent using scissors. In Ducklings we have done lots of paintings this week.

**Finches** – This week we have learnt about the Spanish festival of La Tomatina. We watched and learnt about flamenco music and dancing. We also looked at where food comes from and the importance of not wasting food. In English we independently wrote 'The Enormous Turnip' story that we learnt last week. In maths we have been ordering numbers to 20 and finding 1 more and 1 less.

**Owls** – We have enjoyed learning about The Great Fire of London this week. This involved timelines, ordering the events, reading, writing, answering questions, watching videos, playing games, learning to play the tune for London's Burning on the xylophones, creating various fiery pictures and making miniature houses from that time period. We have also been sorting, in maths, using Carroll diagrams, which is tricky!

**Doves** – We have been learning all about Hadrian's Wall. We have researched, drawn and completed comprehensions all about it. We have drawn maps of where it was built. In science we have created electrical circuits to find which materials conduct or insulate electricity. We have learnt how to say the names of animals in French and have worked hard on halving and doubling in maths. In English we have written informal letters. Some to Scarlett and Mila have been sent to them in the post, but we have brought the rest home in our bookbags. Hopefully we will receive lots of replies!

**Woodpeckers** – In maths this week we've been working on addition and subtraction – various mental and written methods depending on the numbers involved. In science we've been learning about the Earth and its place in our solar system. Our French lesson this week has seen us practising short question and answer conversations to revise all the language introduced so far this term.

**Kingfishers** – Continuing with our non-fiction topic on biographies, we have found out about more African American people who have risen to fame for a variety of reasons. In our own writing, we have looked at devices of cohesion to help the text 'flow' for the reader. In maths we have looked at vocabulary around fractions including 'common multiple' and 'common factor'. We enjoyed another science investigation, this time into the electrical conductivity of materials. We also used the charcoal we made at Hogacre to draw amazing sketches of pumpkins in art.

**Woodpeckers and Kingfishers** – All of Woodpecker and Kingfisher Class will be walking to the Story Museum on Wednesday afternoon for a tour of the galleries and Book of Hopes exhibition, and for a poetry writing workshop. Children will be eating an early lunch in school before they go so children can do their usual thing for lunch – packed or school lunch. They are due back for the normal 3.05pm end of day.

**Year 6s** – Next week on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>, staff from **IMPS (Injury Minimisation Programme for Schools)** will be visiting to run a session **for Year 6 pupils**. This learning experience used to take place at the JR Hospital but due to Covid, is taking place in school this year. Please could children wear clothes suitable for practical first aid work on the floor such as putting each other into the recovery position – thanks.

**School Photos** – Envelopes with proofs and ordering instructions were sent home earlier this week. School sends these off and does not process any of the payments or give change, so parents must read and follow the payment instructions carefully. We hope you liked them – they make lovely Christmas presents for your relatives! Please return your order envelopes to school as soon as possible and by the deadline of 15<sup>th</sup> October.

Have a happy weekend.

Charlotte Haynes and The New Hinksey Team.

## **Future dates:**

School is **closed on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October** for an Inset day

**Half Term Holiday is Monday 25<sup>th</sup> – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October**

School is **closed on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November** for an Inset day

**Children should return to school on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November**