



# New Hinksey CE Primary School

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12<sup>th</sup> November 2021

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

What a successful event the sponsored run/jog/walk was on Wednesday afternoon. The children loved it and it seems that a lot of money has been raised. Please continue to collect up your sponsor money and bring into the class teacher on Monday if you have not yet done so. Thank you for your wonderful support.

Assemblies this week have begun to explore the values of 'truthfulness and honesty'. On Thursday, the eleventh day of the eleventh month, the Key Stage 2 children and staff respectfully observed a two-minute silence at 11am to mark Remembrance Day.

A few reminders:

- **Children who are unwell or who have any possible covid symptoms should not come into school and should get a PCR test to check that they are not covid positive. If there is a positive case in your household the advice is for all household members to have a PCR test to check that they are not also positive, regardless of whether symptoms are evident or not.**
- As the weather has now got colder, please can children have a few layers of clothes on each day because we are still keeping windows and some doors open to maintain good ventilation.
- Children must wear suitable clothes for PE to school on the days they have PE – jogging bottoms or leggings, t shirts/sweatshirts and trainers. **Finches** – Mondays and Thursdays; **Owls** – Tuesdays and Fridays; **Doves** – Wednesdays and Fridays; **Woodpeckers** – Mondays and Thursdays; **Kingfishers** – Tuesdays and Fridays.
- All children should have a waterproof coat or jacket in school everyday for use at playtimes.

**Children's Nasal Spray Flu Vaccines** – Your child will have brought home a separate letter last week explaining about the process for receiving a flu vaccine, which is due to take place in school on 2<sup>nd</sup> December. Please note that parents have to complete the online consent form as instructed in the letter. School cannot do this for you.

**The website that you need to go to is: <https://www.oxfordhealthimms.co.uk/forms/flu>**

**The school code is OX123142**

**Starting School in Reception in September 2022** – Parents/Carers of children born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2018 (Inclusive) need to apply for a school place for September 2022. If this applies to you, please go to <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/schools/apply-school-place/reception-applications> to make an application. We have a lovely flip book presentation about our Foundation Stage on the school website and we are also doing face to face tours of the school for prospective parents. Do spread the word and let friends, neighbours and other family members know if they have children who fall into this age bracket. The window for making on-line applications opens on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2021 and closes on January 15<sup>th</sup> 2022.

**Morning Club and After School Club Bills for October** – The deadline for payment is today, Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November.

**Message from 1st South Oxford Girl Guides** - forget your memories of tea making! We are a friendly and fun group that runs out of the South Oxford Adventure Playground on Fridays at 6.30 - 8 pm. Girls have the full experience of SOAP whilst undertaking fun, challenging, team-based activities. Pandemics allowing, other trips such as overnights, day trips and camping also happen. Guides start at 10+ yrs. For more information, email: [1stsouthoxford@gmail.com](mailto:1stsouthoxford@gmail.com)

*Parents are welcome in our school*

**Parents' Evenings** – we have set aside the evenings of Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November, Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November and Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November between 4.15pm and 7.10pm for face-to-face 10 minute parent – teacher appointments. If you have not yet got an appointment, please try to catch the class teacher at the gates at the end of the school day to be given a slot or if you don't come up to school, please email the class teacher.

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Finches	Miss Martins	<a href="mailto:TMartins@new-hinksey.oxon.sch.uk">TMartins@new-hinksey.oxon.sch.uk</a>
Owls	Miss Kilpatrick	<a href="mailto:mkilpatrick@new-hinksey.oxon.sch.uk">mkilpatrick@new-hinksey.oxon.sch.uk</a>
Doves	Mrs Tucker	<a href="mailto:rtuc1220@new-hinksey.oxon.sch.uk">rtuc1220@new-hinksey.oxon.sch.uk</a>
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Please could parents make arrangements to attend parents' evenings **without bringing children and siblings along with them**. Also, it is imperative that the appointment times are kept to **so please arrive just before your allocated time and leave promptly afterwards**. This is for two purposes, one so that the evening runs smoothly and to time and secondly so that we try to be as covid safe as possible and don't have groups of parents waiting in groups in small spaces outside classroom doors Thank you.

### News from Classes

**Robins and Ducklings** – Robins have enjoyed lots of Alan Ahlberg 'Funnybones' stories this week. We have learned a skeleton dance and drawn life size skeletons during our class discussions about our body and our bones! We have been learning how to keep our teeth healthy too! Using our cutting skills, we have made skeleton pictures. Our sounds this week were 's' and 'd' and we are learning how to read words now using sounds we know e.g. am, mad, sad. In maths we have been using a 5 frame to subitise numbers to 5 and begin to see the different ways to make 4 and 5. Ducklings have also enjoyed some 'Funnybones' stories and have done some excellent counting and signing. They loved the playdough activity table this week.

**Finches** – this week in English we have written fantastic retellings of the story of Rama and Sita and in maths we have learnt about ordinal numbers and addition and subtraction to 10. In history we learnt about Remembrance Day. We made our own remembrance poppies and handprint wreaths. We have also started learning our nativity songs.

**Owls** – This week we have been using our hundred square to add and take away tens and ones (11, 12, 21, 22, 31). After we did fantastic running in the park, we learnt about ordinal numbers 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> etc. and did a problem solving activity with cubes. In English we have been reading 'dragon' picture books and describing the characters and settings. We found out a bit about the First World War on Remembrance Day.

**Doves** – We have enjoyed designing and making Roman coins. We used polystyrene printing blocks and clay and painted them gold. They are displayed in the glass cabinet in school. In science the Year 4s have researched and created informative booklets all about Marie Curie. The Year 3s have investigated which materials best reflect light and have designed their own book bags with reflective strips. Many thanks to Aira's mum, Rowan, for coming into the class to talk about COP26.

**Woodpeckers** – In English we have been learning to tell the story of Prometheus, who was punished for stealing fire from the gods. In our writing we have used expanded noun phrases to add the essential details of a good story. In maths the focus has been division – Year 5s have practised using different methods to divide and Year 6s have presented the remainders as fractions and decimals. We enjoyed 'being Prometheus' and making human figures, using tin foil, inspired by the modern artist Giacometti. They are on display at the bottom of the stairs and Mrs Haynes thinks they look amazing. In science we have been investigating electrical circuits.

**Kingfishers** – We heard a story about Thor (a Viking god) which we have retold in writing, developing our skills of using fronted adverbials, modal verbs, relative clauses and apostrophes for contractions and possession. We have all drawn a fantastic Viking warrior. We've been learning about the International Space Station as the culmination of our topic on Earth and Space. We've enjoyed watching the astronauts floating around going about their daily routines. We are continuing to enjoy French lessons and this week have been learning how to ask and answer questions about the weather.

Best wishes for a great weekend from Charlotte Haynes and the New Hinksey Team.