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

What lovely sunny, spring weather it has been this week. The spring bulbs in our tubs and pots around school are looking very colourful. The weather is due to change back to colder next week so please continue to make sure children have appropriate layers and clothes for the weather conditions including a rain proof coat or jacket in school each day. Do write children's names onto the labels of jackets, coats and hoodies as it makes it easier to return them.

Easter Raffle – We will be holding our traditional, fundraising Easter raffle on the last day of term (Friday 8th April). We rely on donations for this so **please start donating items by sending them into school: Easter eggs and any easter chocolates are always a favourite, as well as other easter confectionery, spring and easter arts and crafts etc. We need ticket sellers!** The School Association will be helping with the Easter Raffle, and in the week leading up to it we'll need people at the gates, morning and afternoon, selling tickets. They'll just be simple cloakroom-style tickets - all you'll need to do is make sure the name of the child/family is scribbled on the back of each ticket that goes in the draw bucket. If you can help, please contact april.elizabeth.jones@gmail.com. Thank you!

News from Classes

Robins and Ducklings – Robins really enjoyed Oliver Jeffer's story 'Stuck' this week. In pairs the children drew all the objects thrown into the tree and then they took it in turns to retell the story together! In maths we have begun looking at the composition of 10 and ordering numbers to 10 and then 20. The children loved watching toothbrushing in space and David Attenborough's wonderful world during our continued discussions relating to our 'Here We Are' story about Earth. Ducklings have welcomed a new friend into their group this week and have been using the 'Dear Zoo' story to think about comparing size.

Finches – In our English lessons we have loved learning the about story 'Norman the Slug with the Silly Shell'. In maths we have been using number lines to help us add a 1 digit number to a 2 digit number, and to subtract a 1 digit number from a 2 digit number. We have made beautiful surprises for our mothers for Mothers' Day and in RHCE we explored how we can be good neighbours to those in our local community.

Owls – We have been exploring families in Anthony Browne's books: 'My Dad', 'My Mum', 'Zoo', and 'Shape Game'. In maths we have been multiplying and dividing. In science we have been investigating how six different liquids affect eggshells over four days. This should demonstrate which liquids are okay or bad for our teeth. We have been keeping a food diary to help us reflect on eating a balanced diet.

Doves – We have worked really hard on developing our time skills in maths. We have estimated and checked what we can complete in certain times. We have added on intervals of time and begun to tell the time to the nearest minute, recording in analogue and digital formats. In English we have used inverted commas and practised our interview techniques in preparation for writing newspaper articles. We really enjoyed learning basketball and directions of the compass in the lovely sun in our PE lessons this week.

Woodpeckers – We have been writing so much this week – our 'Macbeth' retelling texts are like scrolls; some are so long! An incredible effort by everyone! In art we have designed a mini theatre scene from 'Macbeth' and are looking forward to working on our shoeboxes to create them. We have really enjoyed the extra science and maths activities over the last week, linked to National Science Week and World Maths Day – lots of construction experiments for science and for maths, endless games online!

Kingfishers – What a busy week we have had: writing newspaper reports; practising some reading and grammar SATs questions; competing internationally in the World Maths Day Challenge; researching evolutionary pioneers (Darwin, Anning and Wallace); and one of the highlights, our trip to Hogacre where we used scientific observation skills to compare habitats and the organisms which survive in them.

Covid Update – We have only had a few new cases this week in school, but with the local and national rates rising and with the current strain of coronavirus being so highly transmissible we ask parents and carers to be extremely vigilant. If your child is unwell, please don't assume it's not covid just because they don't have a cough! Some covid positive children are just not themselves and some are quite poorly with fevers and winter cold like symptoms, whilst others feel a bit sick. Please don't send ill children to school. The following guidance should be followed for children with covid:

- **Children and young people with COVID-19 should not attend their education setting while they are infectious.**
- **They should take an LFD test on day 5 after their positive test, followed by another one the next day (day 6).**
- **If both these tests' results are negative, they can return to school as long as they feel well enough to do so and do not have a temperature.**
- **If their day 5 LFD test result is positive, they should continue taking daily LFD tests until they receive 2 consecutive negative test results 24 hours apart.**
- **This means that the earliest children can return is 6 days after their positive LFT and only if they have had a negative test on both day 5 and day 6.**

Future Events and Activities

Monday 28th March, Wednesday 30th March & Tuesday 5th April 4.15 – 7.15pm Face to Face Parents Evenings (teachers have been making contact with sign-up sheets and available slots. We hope everyone who wants a slot now has one)

Friday 1st April **Doves to Hogacre**

Friday 8th April **Easter Raffle** (we'll be asking for donations nearer the time)

Wednesday 25th May **Whole School and Families Picnic at SOAP Platinum Jubilee Celebration Event** (save the date!)

Thursday 16th June Reception – Year 6 **School Trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park**

Saturday 25th June (provisional) date for our **Summer Fete**

Bike and Scooter Safety – Please could parents of young children supervise them and keep them close by to you when coming to and from school. Also, parents of older children who ride to school by themselves, must talk to them about using the roads responsibly, looking before they pull out of side roads and not scooting up and down the middle of the road when waiting for school to open. Although our road is quiet, the local residents, dustbin lorries, delivery drivers etc do have a right to use the road – it is a public highway. We want everyone to be happy and safe. Thank you.

Assemblies/Collective Worship have continued to explore the values of 'perseverance' and 'endurance', this week thinking about feeling 'tied up in knots' when facing something tricky or a problem, and the sorts of things we can do to overcome the difficulty, rather than giving up.

Reminder about Clocks Changing – This weekend in the early hours of Sunday morning the clocks change by going forward an hour, moving us to British Summer Time. So, at 1am on Sunday 27th March the time jumps an hour and becomes 2am.

Have a happy weekend and best wishes to all mothers from Charlotte Haynes and The New Hinksey Team.

Key Dates

The term ends on Friday 8th April 2022 at 1.15pm after lunch.

Easter Holiday is Monday 11th April – Friday 22nd April 2022.

The Summer Term starts on Monday 25th April.