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

Happy end of term to everyone! We are pleased to have made it through (well just tomorrow morning to go) a very difficult term and despite large number of covid cases in pupils and staff, we have remained open in all classes. A huge amount of interesting learning has taken place during our 'Amazing Authors' topic, and some lovely fun activities have been enjoyed by classes to compliment the learning. When we return next term the school topic will be 'Explore!'.

This term ends at **1.15pm**, after lunch tomorrow. **Please pick children up promptly**. There is **no After School Club**.

News from Classes

Robins and Ducklings – Robins have been very excited all week about their Easter egg hunt which will take place tomorrow. We have used a page from Oliver Jeffers' 'Here We Are' book to think, discuss and draw lots of different people from across the world to create a lovely display. In maths we have been exploring 3d shape and finding out which shapes roll or slide on a ramp. We have been looking at 'x' this week and writing lots of our red words. Ducklings have been using 'Rosie's Walk' to explore positional language and have been creating their own story maps.

Finches – We have enjoyed the book 'Cake' this week. We have written our own invitations to a party and made yummy sheep biscuits. In maths we have looked at measuring using cubes and then gone over our test. We have had great fun doing lots of Easter crafts. We have also found out about Ramadan and made lovely lanterns.

Owls – We have had an Easter themed week with our RE lesson, making Easter cards and making Easter lambs. We planted our 'Nicola' potatoes at the allotment, after drawing their portraits! We have been doing assessments in maths, reading comprehension and spelling. We have been going over all the tricky areas of maths to improve our understanding (hopefully!). Have a happy holiday.

Doves – We have worked really hard on our maths assessments. We have completed the story of 'Danny, Champion of the World' and all enjoyed it. We finished off our gymnastics unit by practising our cartwheel skills and using the apparatus to make different types of bridges with our bodies. We are all very excited to start swimming lessons after the Easter break. Don't forget that our first lesson is on Tuesday 26th April.

Woodpeckers – We have worked really hard on our maths this week – we have revised and taken our maths assessment. We enjoyed making Easter baskets and chocolate truffles to celebrate Easter, as well as learning about the Christian meaning of Easter; we are now aware of the 14 Stations of the Cross travelled by Jesus on Good Friday.

Kingfishers – After lots of hard work completing end of term assessments, we enjoyed some well-deserved fun and games this week! We made another batch of amazing Harry Potter themed bread in DT and evaluated our food designs. Taking on the challenge of learning Shakespeare in 3 days (!) we discovered our inner Shakespearian acting skills and mastered the art of performing Act 1 Scene 1 of 'Romeo and Juliet' which taught us the true meaning of the act of biting your thumb at someone. Our Harry Potter Banquet in the hall included a quiz, more games and some healthy food. Thank you to those who generously contributed to the fruit-sticks and other party food.

Covid Update – The new guidance for managing COVID-19 in education settings from Friday 1st April states that **children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school, college or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend. For children and young people aged 18 and under with a positive COVID-19 test result, the advice is to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 3 days.**

Vaccinations for 5 to 11 year olds - Vaccinations will not take place in school, but will be in vaccination centres, pharmacies, GP surgeries and walk-in centres. There is more information available at: [COVID-19: A guide for parents of children aged 5 to 11 \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://www.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/101111/covid-19-a-guide-for-parents-of-children-aged-5-to-11.pdf) .

You can book an appointment via the [National Booking Service](https://www.nhs.uk/booking/) or by calling **119** for dedicated children's clinics, including at The Kassam Stadium, Oxford.

Future Dates Events and Activities

Friday 8th April **Easter Raffle** and end of term at 1.15pm (No After School Club)

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

Monday 25th April – Summer Term starts

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 **Summer Fete**

Summer Fete Planning Meeting, 7.30pm, 28th April, Duke of Monmouth.

The summer fete is the biggest event in the School Association's calendar. It takes a lot of planning, and a lot of people working together - and it can be a great day, raising much-needed cash for the school, bringing the community together, and giving the children a fun and memorable experience. If you could help (large jobs or small - it's all appreciated!) please come to this planning meeting to find out more about what goes into running a fete. If any veteran parents are able to come and help us remember how it all works, that would be very welcome! The current NHA chair (April Jones) and treasurer (Gemma Jackson) will be stepping down at the end of this school year, so this is a great chance for the next generation of parents to find out a bit more about how the School Association works.

After School Club and Morning Club Bills – The bills for March were sent home last Friday and are in ParentPay. Please pay promptly by the deadline of Friday 15th April. Thank you.

School Lunch Menu Changes – The lunch menu is changing for the start of the summer term (but still with the old favourites of pizza on Monday, a roast on Wednesday and fish and chips on Friday). Before coming back to school on Monday 25th April, **please look at the new menu in ParentPay with your child so children know what to expect.** Also **please ensure, if you pay for lunches, that there is credit in your child's ParentPay lunch account before meals are taken** - many thanks.

Starting Nursery in September 2022 – Do you have children that were born between 1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019? Do you know of neighbours, friends and relatives who live locally and have children who will be 3 years old by September 1st 2022? If so, they are eligible to start in our nursery in September 2022. Please spread the word and get in contact with us. We can give you application forms and start to get an idea of numbers. Thanks.

Please remember that this newsletter is posted on the school website where all the web links will function.

Wishing you all a happy, safe and healthy holiday from Charlotte Haynes and The New Hinksey Team.

Easter Playscheme at South Oxford Adventure Playground (SOAP) - 11 – 22 April 2022, 10am – 4pm (excluding weekends and bank holidays). Child-led free play and activities for unaccompanied children 7 years + and have completed the registration form and under 7s accompanied by a parent or carer.

Wednesday 13 & 20 April – 7UP DAYS: Unaccompanied and registered 7+ ONLY

Thursday 21 April, 1pm – 4pm – 11UP AFTERNOON: Unaccompanied and registered 11+ ONLY

Thursday 21 April, 12 – 2pm – CLIMBING WALL

ALL OTHER TIMES – Everybody welcome! Accompanied under 7s and unaccompanied and registered 7+

For more info visit: <https://soapoxford.org.uk/about-us/holiday-play-scheme/>

What is '50 things to do before you're five'? It's a free app, which lists 50 no-cost or low-cost local activities for under-fives. The app also highlights key dates – including when to submit school applications, when to register with a dentist. There are also family-friendly events listed (running across the county, and throughout the year).

Is it easy to download? - Yes. Just click on, or go to, one of the links below and install.

- Apple store <https://apple.co/2BLNwJh>
- Google play store <https://bit.ly/3gCVsLw>