



# New Hinksey CE Primary School

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

We are very proud of all Year 6 children who have completed six SATs tests this week. They have calmly faced the challenges and put lots of effort in. Well done and thank you Year 6s.

## News from Classes

**Robins and Ducklings** – Robins have written all about what their mums and dads do this week and added this to their wonderful drawings. In maths we have been working with shape to copy patterns and create tangrams. Robins and Ducklings did some amazing listening in PE with our parachute games. Ducklings have explored the 'Walking Through the Jungle' story and linked to that, and our sound 's' we have made snakes! The Duckling nursery rhyme this week was 'Hickory, Dickory, Dock'. Foundation Stage would be grateful for parental donations of packets of plain biscuits for snack time – thanks.

**Finches** – In English we have written about the life cycle of a sunflower and we have looked at adding three 1-digit numbers in maths. We have talked about evergreen and deciduous trees in science, and in art we made beautiful paper plate sunflowers. We have also been carefully following how the seeds we planted last week are growing – no sign of any pumpkin shoots yet but lots of sunflowers have started to grow. We loved our trip to Hogacre this morning!

**Owls** – This week we have been learning about Australian birds in English, science and art. We enjoyed our best bird beak investigation! We have also learnt a bit about the Australian rainforest habitat. We have explored Aboriginal paintings made on bark and on rocks in caves, which show both the inside and outside of animals. We have been revising different ways of adding and taking away in maths.

**Doves** – This week we have been learning about the Chinese explorer Zheng He. We have written messages in Chinese and designed coins about him. We have worked hard to have simple conversations in French. We have begun to design and make paper maché hot air balloons. In maths we are learning compact addition. Next week Doves are taking part in Greenpeace's plastic waste project. Each child will have a chart to complete for homework. For any families in school who would like to get involved as a family please visit <https://thebigplasticcount.com>.

DOVES SWIMMING INFORMATION: Next week is our last swimming lesson and it will be a water safety lesson. As well as trunks/costume please can each child also bring shorts and a t-shirt – thanks. The lessons have been a great success. PLEASE could the few families who have not yet paid, pay the swimming contributions in ParentPay.

**Woodpeckers** – It has been an interesting week – we have been producing Tudor tarts, Tudor house prints and paintings. We have been enjoying creating our own comic strip having been inspired by the Phoenix graphic comics. In English we have been thinking about narrative poems and creating our own. In maths Year 4s have been working on multiplying 3 digit by 1 digit numbers, and Year 5s on decimal number ordering.

WOODPECKER SWIMMING INFORMATION: The first lesson for Woodpecker Class is on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May. Please start getting your kit organised – one piece swimming costume or trunks, towel and a swimming hat.

**Kingfishers** – It has been an intense week for the Year 6s who have all tried their very best in the SAT tests over the week. Thank you to all the parents for supporting your child through this process. We enjoyed a few treats at the end including a trip to the allotment and discussion about our choice of play for the end of year performance. Year 5s have been extremely flexible and helpful by joining in with Woodpecker learning during the mornings and finding out more about the Tudors. We look forward to resuming our creative topic-based learning next week.

**Class Group Photos** – If you are not doing an online order and are returning your order in the envelope to school, please return it by Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May – thank you. For online orders the deadline is Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May.

**Summer Fete Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June** - We need volunteers to have a sign up about it in their front gardens, courtesy of FindersKeepers? FK sponsor a lot of our activities, and the sign they produce for us is a great way of advertising the fete. If you could host a sign, please contact [newhinkseypta@gmail.com](mailto:newhinkseypta@gmail.com) with your address.

**After School Club and Morning Club Bills** – The deadline for paying the April invoices is today, Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May.

**Hygiene Notice re Threadworms** – We have had some cases of threadworms in different classes in school and would like to make families aware of this. If you have a case in the household the whole family should be treated using treatments easily available at a pharmacy or supermarket.

**Donations Gratefully Received** – We are always very pleased to be given donations of any of the following items to help keep our stocks replenished: packs of A4 photocopying paper, red biros, glue sticks (Pritt style), boxes of tissues, packs of A4 coloured card, tennis balls. WE ARE ALSO VERY KEEN TO HAVE ANY DONATIONS OF SUMMER BEDDING PLANTS TO PLANT OUT IN OUR TUBS – lobelia, petunias, cosmos, marigolds, begonias, carnations, pinks.....

**Future Dates, Events and Activities**

Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Kingfishers to Hogacre
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Lunchtime family jubilee picnic event at SOAP (see below)
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Term ends for half term holiday
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May – Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June inclusive	Half Term Holiday (Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> is an extra day to be taken in lieu of the additional bank holiday)
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Term starts
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Doves to Hogacre
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Nursery children invited to attend all day today
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Reception – Yr 6 School Trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	School closed to Nursery children
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Sports Day in Hinksey Park 10am start – spectators welcome
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Kingfishers to Hogacre
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	New Hinksey School Fete
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Owl Class to Hogacre
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Kingfisher and Woodpecker Performance for parents in afternoon.
14 <sup>th</sup> , 15 <sup>th</sup> , 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Bikeability cycling course for Year 6s (details to follow)
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly and Treat (afternoon)
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> July at 1pm	Term Ends – please collect children promptly at 1pm

**Jubilee Family Picnic at SOAP** (South Oxford Adventure Playground, off Whitehouse Road) – Please join us on **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May**, and dress up in red, white and blue! **Parents should come along at twelve noon for 12 – 1pm picnic time** (bringing your own picnics and picnic rugs), after which you can head off at 1pm or stay and chat with other families until 2pm. We will bring all children back to school to collect from the school gates at their usual end of day times. We have sent out a separate letter and return slip this week. **PLEASE RETURN THE SLIP FOR EVERY CHILD AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND BY TUESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> – THANKS.**

**Parent Governor Vacancy** – We have a vacancy for a parent representative on the Governing Body. If you would like to nominate yourself for this role, please let Mrs Haynes know in writing or email by Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May.

**Very important information about fish and chips menu change next week!** – Please help us get as much future funding as possible. There is a census day on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May and the uptake of school lunches that day, especially those entitled to benefits related Free School Meals or Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Universal Infant Free School Meals, determines some future funding. Therefore, **the meal on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May will be fish and chips and ice cream** and the usual Thursday meal (beef or veggie burgers) will be on Friday 20<sup>th</sup>. When pre booking please follow these instructions – thank you:

**On Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May for Fish and Chips tick Beef Burger; for Veggie Samosa and chips tick Veggie Burger. On Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May for Beef Burger tick Fish and chips; for Veggie Burger tick Veggie Samosa.**

**Best wishes for a happy weekend from Charlotte Haynes and The New Hinksey Team.**