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

It's been lovely to have great weather for most of this week and see children getting out and about. The Foundation Stage outside area has been very popular in the sunshine. Kingfishers have been to the park for their PE cricket lesson on Tuesday and been to Hogacre this morning. Doves have been to the allotment to plant radishes this week.

News from Classes

Robins and Ducklings – Robins have done some amazing pictures of the Queen this week! We have been talking about fire engines and we are very excited that a fire engine is coming to visit in June, and we have made a calendar to count down the days. In maths we have been working on solving addition problems using first, then and now stories. Ducklings have had fun retelling the story of 'Whatever Next!'. Their nursery rhyme was 'Hey Diddle Diddle' and they have made a great collage of their names.

Finches – In English we have been looking at the story 'Michael Recycle' and talking about the importance of looking after the environment. In maths we have focussed on measurement, looking at weight and capacity. We have continued to learn about evergreen and deciduous trees in science. We've also started discussing the Queen's jubilee.

Owls – We have been learning about Australian frogs in science, English and art as we are learning the story of 'Tiddalik, the Thirsty Frog'. We have been revising lots of aspects of maths in particular doubling, halving and finding fractions of amounts. We have tried very hard with our reading comprehension assessments this week. We have also started some relaxing sewing this week.

Doves – This week we have learnt about the Portuguese explorers Ferdinand Magellan and Vasco de Gama. We smelt, described and tasted spices discovered by them such as root ginger, turmeric, peppercorns and cinnamon. We voted cinnamon as our favourite. We have had a 'subtraction week' in maths and have all improved our speed and accuracy skills. We enjoyed weeding, watering and planting radishes at the allotment. On Tuesday we thoroughly enjoyed our final swimming lesson when we wore clothes in the pool and learnt about water safety.

Woodpeckers – In English we have been 'crafting' our narrative poem, supported by some interesting descriptive writing activities such as writing a postcard from the moon! In history, we are learning about Henry VII, the first Tudor monarch. We have also started our self-portrait artwork with some excellent likenesses so far! Over the last few weeks we have enjoyed the practical aspects of our science topic on 'forces'. We have used Newtonmeters and have made and tested parachutes, paper aeroplanes and catapults.

WOODPECKER SWIMMING INFORMATION: The first lesson for Woodpecker Class is next week on Tuesday 24th May. Please make sure you have your kit organised over the weekend – one piece swimming costume or trunks, towel and a swimming hat, in a bag which is separate to your usual school bag.

Kingfishers – In English we have completed and presented our Frideswide story extracts with plenty of detail and description to enhance the scenes. We have focussed on geometry in maths, using known facts to solve missing angles. The big excitement is beginning to prepare for the end of year play – we've been busy learning songs and sorting out the parts. We also enjoyed a lovely morning at Hogacre. Homework this week is on-line so please check Google Classroom.

Summer Fete Saturday 25th 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 with your address.

Thank you for Donations – Many thanks to those who have donated glue sticks, tissues, photocopying paper and bedding plants. The tubs and plant pots look so much better not only with some more colour in them but also after a good watering in the heavy downpours on Wednesday night!

Future Dates, Events and Activities

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

Jubilee Family Picnic at SOAP (South Oxford Adventure Playground, off Whitehouse Road) – We look forward to **families joining us, dressed in red, white and blue, at twelve noon for 12 – 1pm picnic time on Wednesday next week (25th)**. Please bring your picnics and picnic rugs. If your child is bringing a picnic from home, we ask that it is finger food and easy to unwrap and eat as children will be sitting on the grass without a table or access to cutlery! We also ask you to be mindful of reducing waste and plastic packaging. Visitors - please don't bring alcohol or dogs into the Adventure Playground. **Every child must have a backpack that day to take their things to the adventure playground and a named water bottle.** We are hoping for good weather and a lovely relaxed, happy and sociable experience for all.

Please remember that **this half of the term ends on Thursday 26th next week at the usual end of day times (not an early finish)**. After School Club will be on as usual. School is then closed on Friday 27th May, all the following week and on Monday 6th June for an inset day. The second half of term starts on Tuesday 7th June.

Wishing you all an enjoyable weekend.

Charlotte Haynes and the New Hinksey Team