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

Welcome back to the final half term of the school year. Just before we finished for the holiday, we had a really successful day at SOAP and it was great to see the children loving being able to run around and play freely in the beautiful green setting. It was also fabulous that so many of you joined us for the family picnic – thank you for your time and enthusiasm. We hope it was a memorable and social day after the restrictions of the last couple of years.

News from Classes

Robins and Ducklings – Robins have started their very musical and colourful term by looking at the violin. We have had fun discussing what we would play if we could play an instrument, inspired by our new story ‘Frankie Power’ by Tim Hopgood. The children have done some lovely observational drawings of the violin too. We are getting very excited about our fire engine visit next Tuesday. Ducklings are exploring under the sea this term! We have started with the ‘Hooray for Fish’ story, and they have had lots of fun painting beautiful fish.

Finches – This week we have kicked off being explorers of the sea! We have learnt about Christopher Columbus and how he explored the world. We have learnt the five oceans of the world and designed our own survival dens. We have also looked at the value of money which the children found tricky so any practice with money coins at home would be fantastic – thanks.

Owls – Since half term we have started to learn about African animals. We have been reading about them – both facts and in fiction and writing poems about them. In art we have been showing the wrinkly texture of an elephant’s skin using four types of media and modelling an elephant from clay. In maths we have been busy weighing in wooden bricks and then grams, as well as measuring capacity using millilitres.

Doves – We have been exploring the world of Narnia through ‘The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe’. We have been reading poetry and have written acrostic and haiku poems. We had a very enjoyable game of rounders in our PE lesson. We visited Hogacre and used the experience as a stimulus for descriptive writing. We also enjoyed den building. In maths we have consolidated our times tables, addition, subtraction and problem solving skills. There have been some cases of headlice in our class. Please can you check your children’s hair and treat as needed over the weekend.

Woodpeckers – We have been learning about animals’ lifecycles and are very much looking forward to the Cotswold Wildlife Park next week. We have worked hard at our half termly maths assessments and have spent some time today learning from any mistakes. We have enjoyed our introduction to ‘The Keymaster’ production and have begun to learn a couple of the songs – do ask us about it.

Kingfishers – We’ve been busy with singing rehearsals and have practised parts of ‘The Keymaster’ script. In maths both year groups have explored multiples and factors, square and cube numbers and revisited written division. In science we enjoyed watching each other’s TV adverts to promote healthy lifestyles. As part of our ‘Explore Oxford’ project we have also looked into the original opening of Hinksey swimming pool in 1935, known then as ‘Jubilee Pool’ as it was opened on the silver jubilee of George V!

School Health Newsletter – This term’s Primary School Health Newsletter from the NHS is posted on our school website so do take a look.

After School Club and Morning Club – The bills for May have been sent home via book bags and are also in ParentPay. Please pay these by the deadline of Friday 17th June – thank you. Also, could we remind users of After School Club to please let us know if someone different is picking up your child from the club as, for safety reasons, we do not let children leave with other adults unless we have been notified.

Future Dates, Events and Activities

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	Foundation Stage Sports 'day' 9.30 – 10am on main playground
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)
Tuesday 19 th July	Day of Dance Workshops for each class
Wednesday 20 th July	4pm Year 6 Leavers Assembly and Treat
Thursday 21 st July at 1pm	Term Ends – please collect children promptly at 1pm

School Fete – We are getting very excited about having our fete again this year. Today the eldest child in each family will have brought home a detailed flyer about the fete and two books of raffle tickets which we hope you will help sell. Instructions are on the flyer. There are some wonderful raffle prizes – many thanks to the parents who have been getting prizes and making the raffle ticket booklets.

Please don't forget that next Thursday 16th June is our school trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park and every child will need to bring a packed lunch from home that day. A separate letter has been sent.

Wishing you all an enjoyable weekend.

Charlotte Haynes and the New Hinksey Team