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

We are on cloud nine! What a fantastic, if a little hot, day we all had at Cotswold Wildlife Park. The children were a delight and I hope have told you all about the things we saw. They loved just being out and about as a group after all the restrictions of the past few years. Many thanks to all the staff and to parent and volunteer helpers – your support is much appreciated.

News from Classes

Robins and Ducklings – Wow, what a busy week! We loved listening to Elise's dad play the violin on Monday. We have welcomed our caterpillars to the classroom. We all adored the visit from the fire engine on Tuesday. Ducklings did so well with the full day at school on Wednesday. Thursday was amazing at Cotswold Wildlife Park. We'd love more donations of packets of plain biscuits please to have with our fruit at snack time. Next week we will be discussing the NSPCC's Underwear Rule. This is designed to teach pupils how to stay safe from sexual abuse, without giving explicit information or telling scary stories or even using the term "sexual abuse." In the lesson, children will learn about the 'PANTS' acrostic, which stands for:

- Privates are private
- Always remember your body belongs to you
- No means no
- Talk about secrets that upset you
- Speak up, someone can help

The lesson will be delivered in a way that's fully age-appropriate. More information about the Underwear Rule, including a short film and a parent guide can be found at nspcc.org.uk/underwearrule

Finches – This week in English we have been looking at the story 'The Pirates Next Door' and in maths we have been looking at place value to 100. We have learnt about Captain Cook and in geography we learnt about the seven continents of the world. Our trip to the wildlife park was a great success and the children particularly liked the red panda, Pallas cats, penguins and camels.

Owls – This week we have read several stories set in Africa and we have written descriptively about the animals. We have done lots of science learning about food chains, how animals find food using their senses, how their habitat caters for their basic needs and some life cycles. In maths we have been adding and subtracting and solving word problems. Our trip to Cotswold wildlife Park was a great success. We really enjoyed seeing real life African animals. The class particularly enjoyed interacting with the penguins and were very envious of them swimming on such a hot day!

Doves – We had a very informative visit from the fire service where we learnt about fire safety at home and also had fun using the hoses from the engine. Our highlight from yesterday's trip was being so close to the giraffes and rhinos!

Woodpeckers – **For our final swimming lesson on Tuesday next week. Please remember that each child needs to bring pyjamas (t-shirt, light shorts or leggings are acceptable), as well as a spare carrier bag to put wet clothes in.**

Children will have a go at a 'real life' situation as part of their water safety education. In English, we are listening to a book about a boy who cycled around the world. We are imagining ourselves doing the same so are exploring places that we would like to visit. We had fun, learnt a lot and thoroughly enjoyed our day at Cotswold Wildlife Park.

Kingfishers – In science, we worked hard in groups to produce information posters about the negative effects of drugs and alcohol on the body. In English, we focused on our drama skills for the play. Please note - your child will take home a letter about their costume which is due in on 27th June. Everyone continues to work hard on their Oxford leaflets. We loved our day at the wildlife park!

School Fete - Looking forward to our Summer Fete on 25th June (12noon till 2.30pm)! It's going to be a lovely day, with a magic show, bouncy castle, loads of stalls and games, and a bar and barbecue. Just a heads-up about payment options: to keep things simple, **we're planning to go cashless apart from on the main gate this year**. Everyone will be able to use cash or card to buy 'credit cards' (A6 cards printed with cross-offable 50p units) at the main gate; stall holders will be taking only these as payment.

Donations: we would really really appreciate your donations of

- Small items (bouncy balls, rubbers etc) for the lucky dip
- Teddies for the teddy tombola
- Bottles of wine for the 'water or wine?' game
- Jam jars filled with sweets or small toys for sweetie-jar hoopla

From **Friday 24th June** we can take

- Good quality second-hand children's toys, books and clothes for the second-hand stall. Storage issues mean we can't take these any earlier.

Things to **bring on the day:**

- Cakes, biscuits, etc for the café
- Salads we can serve alongside the barbecue

See you there!

After School Club and Morning Club – The bills for May are due for payment **today** – thank you.

Future Dates, Events and Activities

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 1 st July	Woodpeckers to Hogacre for the morning
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)
Friday 15 th July	9am Doves parents invited to hall to watch a mini play about Narnia
Tuesday 19 th July	Day of Dance Workshops for each class – parents come and watch us dance in the playground at 2.45pm
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

MESSAGE FROM STAFF AND OTHER PARENTS TO ALL THE PARENTS WHO STILL DRIVE THEIR CARS DOWN VICARAGE ROAD AT DROP OFF AND PICK UP TIMES – PLEASE STOP DOING THAT. Please, park in other close by streets and walk the last bit. You may have to set off five minutes earlier. It is unacceptable to keep turning around in the junctions next to the school gates and is putting lives at risk.

Best wishes for a relaxing weekend from Charlotte Haynes and the New Hinksey Team

Summer Reading Challenge 'Gadgeteers' - Children can take part in the Challenge at their local Oxfordshire Library from 9th July to 10th September 2022. The Challenge is celebrating science and innovation. As they read, the children will discover how the Gadgeteers are using their skills to come up with amazing inventions to plan an epic summer party for their community. Children will be encouraged to read at least six library books of their choice over the summer holidays. As they read, they collect stickers (some smelly) and rewards. If they complete the Challenge, they will be rewarded with a Gadgeteers medal and certificate. They will also be entered into a countywide prize draw. It's fun! It's free! It's local! For more information about the Summer Reading Challenge in Oxfordshire Libraries, visit www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/summer-reading-challenge

South Oxford Family Triathlon takes place on Sunday 3rd July in Hinksey Pool, Grandpont meadows and Grandpont Nature Park. For more information, or to register, go to <http://triathlon.sofr.org.uk>

Chrissie and the Skiddle Witch – A climate change musical for ages 10+ is on Saturday 25th June 3-4pm at the Oxford Museum of Natural History. It's free but booking is required via Eventbrite.