



New Hinksey CE Primary School

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

We had fabulous weather for our sports days and both the Foundation Stage sports on the playground and the older children's sporting activities on the HInksey Park field were a great success. Everyone had fun and it was truly heart-warming to watch the mixed age teams working together and our year 6 pupils rising magnificently to the role of team leaders. They were so caring and encouraging of the younger members of their teams. Thank you to all the parents, carers, family members who came along to watch and cheer them on, and also for your many appreciative and positive comments.

News from Classes

Robins and Ducklings – Robins have been enjoying lots of stories this week. We had a great deal of fun at our Sports Day and Polly and Sarah were so proud of all the children supporting each other. In maths we have been learning about sharing a group of objects equally and thinking about what happens when there is one left over. Our tricky sound was 'oo' this week. Thank you to Phillipa, Gregory's mum, for coming in to play the flute – a very inspiring demonstration. The Ducklings have enjoyed the story 'Fish Eyes' by Louis Ehlert and created some great octopuses!

Finches – this week we wrote to the Cotswold Wildlife Park to thank them for the wonderful time we had last week. In maths we have looked at odd and even numbers and place value of two-digit numbers. We enjoyed taste testing ice lollies ready to design our own healthy lollies next week.

Owls – We have been writing interesting reports on our trip to the Cotswold Wildlife Park. We have read 'Meerkat Mail', written letters and created mongoose fact posters. We have been discussing and comparing homes and schools in different parts of the world. Despite the heat, Owls enjoyed taking part in Sports Day.

Doves – We have found out about C.S. Lewis and what inspired him to write his Narnia series of books. We enjoyed visiting the allotment and were thrilled with how big the radishes were. We looked for examples of life cycles at the allotment and then drew our own plants and own choice of animal. We have worked hard on finding out about lines in maths. We have drawn cityscapes with perpendicular, parallel, diagonal, horizontal and vertical lines. On Friday 15th July, 9 – 9.30am, Doves will be doing an assembly about Narnia for their parents and carers in the school hall. Please check that your swimming contributions for earlier in the term have been paid in ParentPay – thanks.

Woodpeckers – We continue to enjoy 'The Boy Who Rode the World', learning about places that Tom travelled through and enjoyed visiting. We are expanding our geographical knowledge with some Kahoot games and atlas activities before we plan our own trip! In maths Year 4 have been adding money, and Year 5 improving their short division skills. We have used the computers for a scratch project. We have worked really hard despite the heat! Please check that your swimming contributions for earlier in the term have been paid in ParentPay – thanks.

Kingfishers – We have begun to think and talk about our special objects which will be used in our poetry unit. It has been fascinating to share the stories behind these items. We were very proud to be the older helpers during Sports Day and really enjoyed the events. Our embellished, sewn healthy hearts are looking fabulous – we currently have them displayed in class but will bring them home soon. Rehearsals and prop making continue to progress. A special thank you to Miriam (Edward's granny) who has provided some great costumes. We loved our morning visit to Hogacre this morning. **Our first Kingfisher swimming session will be on Tuesday 28th June next week so please get your swimming kit ready over the weekend – towel, swimming hat and swimming trunks or one-piece swimming costume please in a bag. Also, please could parents pay the £8.00 contribution via ParentPay – many thanks.**

After School Club in September – Please contact Tracey (office.3213@new-hinksey.oxon.sch.uk) to say what requirements you have for September and to confirm whether your current days of use will stay the same. Please don't assume requirements will be carried over to next year – you must confirm them with us. Thank you.

Helping Children Stay Safe On-Line – whilst we do all that we can in RHCE (Relationships, Health and Citizenship Education) to help the children learn about online safety, there is a great deal for parents to also do and be aware of. This can seem overwhelming and complicated but there is a fantastic website for all the family and schools to use to help. Please do take a look at www.thinkuknow.co.uk .

School Fete - Our Summer Fete is tomorrow! (12noon till 2.30pm) Please come along. Thanks for all your donations for stalls so far. Things to bring along on the day to donate are:

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

School Vision – Over the past couple of years staff and governors, with some input from children, have been working on our ‘vision’ for what we want New Hinksey school to be like and how we can express that in a school ‘motto’ that underpins all that we do in school. Last week I introduced the children to this motto, ‘**Live Life in all its Fullness**’, during an assembly, and the children were brilliant at sharing their ideas of what this meant to them and all the elements that they would like in their lives. Some of these were: music, art, fun, games, sport, friendship, science, nature and animals, acting, adventure, variety, contentment, confidence, excitement, computers, happiness, leisure, understanding of history and archaeology, perseverance, fashion, design. We will explore ‘living life in all its fullness’ in further assemblies over the coming year and in classes, linking it to the values we want to live our lives by.

School Lunches Price Increase – From September the price of a school meal will rise to £2.50 per day.

Current Year 2 Pupils and ParentPay for Lunch Booking and Payment – From September, when your children are Year 3 pupils, they will no longer be entitled to Universal Infant Free School Meals. This means that parents will need to pay for lunches using ParentPay. It is very important that parents of current Year 2 children who have not been used to logging onto ParentPay to look at the menus and pre book meals, **MUST CHECK THAT YOU HAVE YOUR LOGIN DETAILS AND CAN GET ONTO THE PARENTPAY SYSTEM BEFORE THE END OF TERM.** Thank you

Future Dates, Events and Activities

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

Have a lovely weekend and fingers crossed for dry weather for the fete tomorrow!

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. Children will be encouraged to read at least six library books of their choice over the summer holidays. As they read, they collect stickers 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

Premier Tennis Summer Camps - Looking for some activities over the summer holidays? Premier Tennis, Dragon’s long appointed award-winning coaching provider, is running its Ofsted-registered tennis camps at Bardwell Road. Individual days can be booked online, childcare vouchers are accepted, and the camp runs from 10am to 4pm (with early drop-off/late pick-up if needed). Spaces are limited each week to ensure quality coaching/safeguarding. Find out more and book online at tennisoxfordshire.com/camps or call 01865 689754.