



New Hinksey CE Primary School

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

As we are nearing the end of the school year and thoughts are turning to next year, we would like to share some staffing news with you. Ms Christensen, after many years of teaching (seventeen at this school) is retiring. Miss Martins, who has taught Year 1 Finch class for the past three years, is moving on to teach in Southampton to be closer to her family. We wish them happiness for the future and will miss them. Miss Potier will remain a part time teacher at the school but will be working across a number of classes providing PPA (Planning, Preparation and Assessment) cover for some of the class teachers. Miss Kilpatrick will change to be teaching the Woodpecker Year 4/Year 5 class. We have appointed two new teachers to join our team in September, so the classes will be taught as follows:

Foundation Stage Teacher: Polly

Finch Class (Year 1) Teacher: Miss Laufer

Owl Class (Year 2) Teacher: Miss Cooper

Dove Class (Year 3/4) Teacher: Mrs Tucker

Woodpecker Class (Year 4/5) Teacher: Miss Kilpatrick

Kingfisher (Year 5/6) Teacher: Mrs Nash

Next week we will be sharing with the children which class they will be in and who else will be in that class, and giving them an opportunity to have a move-up/swap-around session in their new classes and meeting their new teacher.

News from Classes

Robins and Ducklings – Robins have been so welcoming to the families visiting the classroom in readiness for starting school in September. They've also done some incredible writing about fish. We made a start on our 3D shoe box houses, but need more shoe boxes please. In maths we've been exploring even and odd numbers. Ducklings enjoyed our singing story 'There's a Hole in the Bottom of the Sea', made some great jellyfish and explored repeating patterns.

Finches – In English we have researched and written facts about the famous pirate 'Blackbeard' and in maths we have looked at odd and even numbers, patterns and telling the time. Please help us at home to practise telling the time to o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to. In geography we have explored maps and taken turns giving instructions to follow. In DT we designed our own healthy ice lollies.

Owls – This week we have done some geography about Africa and discussed different environments and the use of the earth's natural resources and what we can do to protect our beautiful planet as part of our RHCE 'One World' unit. We have planted some seeds and practised measuring and telling the time. We have learnt the story of 'Honey and Trouble' which we will be writing up soon.

Doves – We have worked hard on our division skills. We have begun to learn how to divide using the 'chunking' method. We have started to prepare for our assembly on Friday 15th (9 – 9.30am in the hall) by learning our lines. Our French skills are improving, and we have been having conversations about which hobbies we enjoy. In English our fantasy stories are now being re-drafted, and we have peer-marked each other's.

Woodpeckers – In maths the Yr 5 children have been working on area, perimeter and volume while the Yr 4 children have been learning about coordinates and reading information from bar charts, pictograms and line graphs. In French we've been practising simple conversations that would be held between a shop keeper and a customer in preparation for a role play shopping activity next week. We're doing very well at learning the songs for 'The Keymaster'.

Kingfishers – We have written some 'awesome' poems about our special objects and some of us have photographed the objects for a final presentation. In maths we have looked at place value of decimal numbers and used this to convert measurements. Everyone has been so helpful and creative in preparing backdrops, props and costumes and we're all set for dress rehearsals next week. Some of us have enjoyed transition days at the secondary schools and we look forward to hearing all about that!

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.

After School Club and Morning Club Bills – Morning Club and After School Club bills for June have been sent home via book bags and are in ParentPay. The deadline for paying these bills is Friday 15th July. Thank you.

School Fete – An enormous thank you to all the parents, grandparents, governors, staff and friends of the school who helped organise the fete and worked so hard to make it such a successful event which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. A little over £3200 was taken on the day – there are some costs to take out of this but a good profit will have been made to feed into School Association funds.

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.

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 .

Future Dates, Events and Activities

Wednesday 6 th July	Owl Class to Story Museum (afternoon)
Friday 8 th July	Owl Class to Hogacre
Wednesday 13 th July	Kingfisher and Woodpecker Performance for parents at 1.45pm
Thursday 14 th July	Finch Class to Story Museum (morning)
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

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

Teaching Assistant Vacancy

We are keen to appoint an enthusiastic and friendly Teaching Assistant to work alongside teachers in our small nurturing school. The successful candidate will be required to support the class teachers in the delivery of the curriculum, support pupils with additional needs, assist in the smooth running of the class and in the maintenance of a safe and stimulating learning environment. We have children from nursery to year 6 and the job may involve working in different age groups. Work may be carried out in the classroom or outside the main teaching area. The role will include playground and lunchtime duty. Candidates must be able to build good relationships with children, have excellent communication skills and the ability to work flexibly and effectively as part of our friendly team.

Salary: Grade 4 Scale Point 4-5 (£19264 - £19650 pro rata) 30 hours a week 8.45 – 3.10pm term time only

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. This post involves the type of work with children and young people that requires applicants to undertake a Disclosure and Barring Service check. The possession of a criminal record will not necessarily prevent an applicant from obtaining this post. All users are considered confidentially and according to the nature of the role and information disclosed.

If you, or friends, are interested in applying, please talk to Charlotte Haynes or Tracey Haslam for an application form.