



# New Hinksey CE Primary School

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

It has been a busy week in school with so much going on – trips out, play rehearsals, meeting new teachers, trying out our new classes, welcoming visitors to Foundation Stage who will join our school in September and lots of classroom learning as well!

## News from Classes

**Robins and Ducklings** – Robins really enjoyed a visit from Polly's son on Wednesday when he played the saxophone and clarinet to the class. We have all had a go at marbling with ink and exploring moon sand and fluffy slime. In maths we have continued looking at even and odd numbers. We enjoyed meeting Miss Laufer on Thursday and we have had some playtime on the big playground. Ducklings have made some lovely button seahorses and read 'Shark in the Park'. The Ducklings have also been learning how to team build a jigsaw.

**Finches** – Some of the learning we have done this week includes naming and ordering the months of the year, making the past tense of verbs by adding -ed, making pirate eyepatches and being creative with paper maché. We had a lovely morning 'being year 2s' and meeting Miss Cooper who will be our Year 2 teacher in September.

**Owls** – This week we have finished writing our 'Honey and Trouble' story. We have been revising adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing in maths. We have been learning about 'growing up' in RHCE lessons. We had a thoroughly enjoyable time at the wonderful Story Museum seeing the comics exhibition, exploring the enchanted library and doing a great comic hero workshop.

**Doves** – We all enjoyed a data handling week in maths. We have drawn and interpreted pictograms and bar graphs and all improved our accuracy. In English we have developed our dictionary skills by racing with each other to find words. In Geography we marked the tropics, the equator and the hemispheres on a world map. We have completed our science work on living processes by categorising living, non-living and once living. We found the most interesting way to sort a feather and a snowflake!

**Woodpeckers** – An allotment trip was enjoyed by us all on Wednesday, especially the watering and the sketching. Everyone tried a radish and enjoyed it! We are now writing about the destinations for our bike world tour – these will be displayed on a poster with a world map next week. The class had a lovely PE lesson with coach Jack on Tuesday in the park, playing rounders. Play rehearsals are going well and we are all excited to perform next week.

**Kingfishers** – We have finished photographing and writing about our special objects which have triggered good memories for us. We created a joint Google slide show which can be accessed through Google Classroom. In science we worked hard to present information about Carl Linnaeus.

**Year 6s** – During next week the Year 6s will have some sessions covering human reproduction and relationships (traditionally known as 'Sex Ed'). Please be assured that the content will be age appropriate and dealt with sensitively using approved lesson plans and resources.

**Year 6s who sign up for the Bikeability Cycle Training** – Please could you bring **packed lunches on the cycle days** (Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>, Friday 15<sup>th</sup> and Monday 18<sup>th</sup>) and not book school lunches, so that it doesn't matter what time your lunch break is and can fit in with the cycling activities flexibly – thank you.

**Woodpecker and Kingfisher Parents** – please see the note below in Future Dates about coming to 'Keymaster' performance on Wednesday next week as the gates will only be open between 1.30 and 1.43pm.

**After School Club** – the last after school club session for this term will be on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July AND **THERE WILL BE NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB ON WEDNESDAY 20<sup>th</sup> JULY.**

**After School Club in September** – Please contact Tracey ([office.3213@new-hinksey.oxon.sch.uk](mailto: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** – The deadline for paying these bills is Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July. Thank you.

**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.

**Parent Governor Update** – I am pleased to announce that Sanna Nabi, mother of Hamza S in Year1, will be joining the Governing Body as a parent governor.

### **Future Dates, Events and Activities**

Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Kingfisher and Woodpecker Performance for parents at 1.45pm. Please note that the playground gate will be open at 1.30pm and remain open until 1.43pm after which it will be closed and locked and the performance will start at 1.45pm. Please arrive and take your seats between 1.30 and 1.43 as we will not be able to accommodate late comers.</b>
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Finch Class to Story Museum (morning)
14 <sup>th</sup> , 15 <sup>th</sup> , 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Bikeability cycling course for Year 6s
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	9am Doves parents invited to hall to watch a mini play about Narnia Please come in at drop off time through the playground gates and take your seats. Thank you.
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Day of Dance Workshops for each class – parents come and watch us dance in the playground at 2.45pm
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	4pm Year 6 Leavers Assembly and Treat
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> July at 1pm	Term Ends – please collect children promptly at 1pm

**Staff Leaving at the End of Term** – **Loraine Christensen** is retiring, **Tori Martins** is moving on to a school in Southampton near her family, and **Sandra Pavlov** is taking up a full-time cover supervisor post at a school closer to her home. We will miss them all terribly and wish them good luck for the future. We will be saying goodbye to them with the children in the last week of term. If there are any families that would like to contribute to their leaving presents, please send the money in, in a labelled envelope to Mrs Haynes or Tracey. Many thanks.

**School Attendance Next Year** – Please could we draw everyone's attention to the term dates for next year **2022-2023** which are on the school website under Information – Information for Parents – Term Dates 2022-2023. **Please do not book holidays in term time – they will not be authorised.** Did you now that children are only in school for 6 hours a day for 190 days of the year which equates to only 13% of their time. Please give your children the best opportunity to progress in their learning by ensuring they attend school everyday that they are well, and do not miss the start and ends of term. Since April this year there has been a huge increase in the number of families in Oxfordshire that have been fined for taking children out of school for holidays in term time or for having poor attendance and being classed as persistent absentees, and we at New Hinksey really do not want to go down that route as it will be unpleasant and make the relationship between home and school uncomfortable for everyone. **The September Term starts on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September and all children should return to school that day.** Thank you.

And finally, as there is a **heatwave forecast for the next few days and into next week**, please could all children have a **water bottle** with them in school, and wear **lightweight, cool and comfortable clothing**. Please **apply sun cream before school** and make sure that **shoulders are covered**, and that each child has a **sun hat or cap**. Thank you.

**Have a lovely weekend from Charlotte Haynes and the New Hinksey Team**