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

It has been a busy week in school with everyone back into the swing of termtime!

Bank Holiday for the Funeral of Queen Elizabeth II – A separate note was sent yesterday to remind all families that school is closed on Monday as it is a national day of mourning for the funeral of Queen Elizabeth. Please also remember to go onto parent pay and cancel any lunches that you may have pre booked for Monday. Thank you.

News from Classes

Robins and Ducklings – The Robins have had a busy week. We have been learning lots of new songs and rhymes. We have all done a drawing of ourselves and had a go at writing our name. We have talked about how old we are and our favourite colour. In maths we have been learning to sort objects, looking at what is the same and what is different, using picture cards and buttons. Ducklings have been exploring the story of 'The Three Little Pigs' and have printed three pigs and made some houses using different textures in paint. At snack time we usually have a plain biscuit after our fruit e.g. rich tea, digestive, malted milk. We rely on donations of these to keep us going so would be very grateful for some donated packets as our stocks are running low.

Finches – It has been a positive week really getting to know the children's personalities and interests. They are working wonderfully. We have been reading, retelling and writing about the story 'Dogger' by Shirley Hughes. In history we have started finding out about toys and we have also been creative, designing and making our pinecone hedgehogs. Each day your child will bring a reading book home with their reading record book in their book bag. Please support your child by reading with them each day, signing the reading record book and returning the book **and** reading record book each morning.

Owls – We have been exploring a myth from India this week and have learnt about some common features of myths. We have summarised the story and had a go at retelling it with actions. In maths we have been consolidating addition and subtraction facts, seeing how these are related. In the wider curriculum we especially enjoyed listening to different styles of song in music and learning more about the style of music called 'soul'. We are starting to explore friendship through the lyrics of the songs.

Doves – We have learnt about features of diary writing and written diaries inspired by the book 'Stone Age Boy'. In science the Year 3s have named and classified rocks whilst Year 4s have used the ipads to find answers to tricky rock questions. We are looking forward to our Ashmolean trip on Wednesday 21st September – please remember that we all need a packed lunch that day. Thank you.

Woodpeckers – In maths we continue to work on place value and to practise different methods for adding and subtracting. In English we have started to explore the 1500 year old story of Beowulf. We discussed happiness in our RHCE lesson, states of matter in science and the story of the five blindmen in our RE lesson. We really enjoyed handling and seeing objects during our Anglo-Saxon workshop at the Ashmolean Museum. The museum is free so you could go as a family and see The Alfred Jewel, and other treasures there, for yourself.

Kingfishers – We have all worked very hard to research facts about mythological characters including gods and goddesses. The adventures of Odysseus will be the focus of our English work and we have already listened to part of the story and summarised the main events. In maths we have compared 5- and 6- digit numbers and used written methods to add them. Please note that new passwords have been allocated for your child to access maths homework on Active Learn. Year 6 information about open days and events at Matthew Arnold, Cheney and Wheatley Park are posted on Google Classroom. **The Year 6 secondary applications window opened on 6th September and all applications must be submitted by 31st October.**

Year 5 and 6 Woodlands Residential – The next instalment (£90) is due for payment by 30th September in ParentPay.

PE Kit - All children must wear suitable clothes to school on the days they have PE (see below). Suitable clothes are **shorts, tracksuit bottoms or leggings; a traditional T-shirt (long or short sleeved); a sweatshirt or hoodie style top for colder weather; and sports trainers which are well fitted, supportive and intended for playing sports and running around in.** Thank you for helping your children be safe and get the best out of their PE sessions.

FINCH CLASS	MONDAY AND THURSDAY
OWL CLASS	TUESDAY AND THURSDAY
DOVE CLASS	MONDAY AND FRIDAY
WOODPECKER CLASS	MONDAY AND THURSDAY
KINGFISHER CLASS	TUESDAY AND THURSDAY

Future Dates, Events and Activities

Date	Event	Notes
Mon 19 th September	National Day of Mourning and Funeral of Queen Elizabeth II	SCHOOL CLOSED
Wed 21 st September	Doves to Ashmolean in afternoon (packed lunch required)	
Fri 23rd September	6.30pm International Evening in School for children and families	Separate letter sent
Tues 27th September	3 – 4pm Open Afternoon – please come and tour the school, see your child’s classroom and meet the teachers	
Fri 30th September	Photographer in for individual pupil and family photos Kingfisher Class Sharing Assembly 2.30pm start in hall	Parents welcome
Fri 7 th October	Nasal Flu Immunisations for children	Details sent separately
Tues 11th October	Harvest Festival Assembly in Church 2.15pm	Families welcome
Thurs 13 th October	Year 6 Injury Minimisation Programme workshop in school	
Fri 21st October	Dove Class Sharing Assembly 9am start in hall	Parents welcome
Fr 21 st October	The first half of term ends at 3pm (FS and KS1)/3.05pm (KS2)	After School Club as normal
Mon 24th – Fri 28th October	Half Term Holiday	School closed
Mon 31st October	Inset day for Staff Training	School closed to pupils
Tues 1st November	Term starts at 8.40am for all children	

School Attendance – Regular and punctual attendance is vital for your child’s wellbeing and progress. Children should only be absent from school if they are feeling too unwell to attend. As far as possible, medical and dental appointments should be made for during school holidays or outside the school day. Thank you.

Message from Ms Christensen - Loraine Christensen would like to thank everyone for their kind words, gifts and best wishes on the occasion of her retirement at the end of last term.

Wishing you a peaceful long weekend from Charlotte Haynes and the New Hinksey Team

West Oxford Young Singers - Does your child love singing? Would they like to develop their musical skills and perform in concerts? West Oxford Young Singers is for ALL children in years 3-6 who enjoy singing and would like to do more. The choir is run by Jo Gill and Sue Baker from Oxfordshire County Music Service and meets on Wednesdays 4-5pm at West Oxford Primary School. Children are welcome to come along for a free trial session before committing – to arrange this, please contact jo.gill@oxfordshire.gov.uk. For more information, including charges and how to register on line, go to [West Oxford Young Singers/Oxfordshire County Council](https://westoxfordyoungsingers.org.uk/) .

SOAP - Come and enjoy the South Oxford Adventure Playground after school and on Saturdays until October half term. We will be open as follows: **Wednesdays** – 3 – 5pm – ALL WELCOME! Unaccompanied over 7s AND accompanied children with their parents and/ or carers. **Thursdays** – 3 – 5pm – Unaccompanied over 7s only. **Fridays** – 3 – 5pm –ALL WELCOME! Unaccompanied over 7s AND accompanied children with their parents and/ or carers. **Saturdays** – 10am – Noon –ALL WELCOME! Unaccompanied over 7s AND accompanied children with their parents and/ or carers. Unaccompanied 7+ need to be registered before they attend the playground, but you only need to register once each calendar year. No need to do it again if you've registered since we opened at Easter.

<https://soapoxford.org.uk/about-us/after-school-saturday/>