



# New Hinksey CE Primary School

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

Although it was at the end of last week, I want to say what a lovely International Evening we had on Friday. There were around 140 people, from 39 families, with delicious food and some fabulous national costume and traditional dress. Thank you to everyone involved for making it a success – families for coming, staff for organising and helping, and some PTA members for behind the scenes and on the night preparation and hard work (Rich, April, Steph, Kirsty, Gemma and Miriam). The answers to the quiz are on the school website. Two teams got full marks and two teams just dropped one mark so there will be small prizes on the way to: Team Raikes/Bolam/Riddle, Team Andy, Amy and Sophie Lawrence, Team Trenchard family and Team Jones!

## News from Classes

**Robins and Ducklings** – Robins have done some great sequencing and story telling of ‘The Three Little Pigs’ story this week. We have been singing and playing with sounds to help us hear the initial sounds in words. In maths we have been comparing objects by length, height and size. We have also been painting our self-portraits with Sarah which will be displayed in the window soon. Ducklings have been exploring the number ‘2’, sorting objects by colour and enjoying the story ‘Owl Babies’.

**Finches** – We’re getting on really well with our phonics and spelling green words using our ‘Fred fingers’. We have designed conker creatures as well as cakes in DT. We have made a lovely class display based on the story ‘Kolobok – the bun on the run’ – we painted the characters, wrote a retelling of the story and wrote some alternative endings. Every child contributed. \*\*\* A polite reminder to please make sure that your child has a spare full set of clothes, including socks and underwear, to keep in school. Thank you. \*\*\*

**Owls** – We have been learning lots more facts about Owls this week in science, particularly barn owls and little owls. We have learnt about their habitat and diet as well as what we can do to help protect owls in Britain. In English we have started identifying some features of non-fiction texts in preparation for writing our own fact book about owls and in art we have been busy designing the front covers. We are exploring 2-D shapes in art. Thank you to all who have been reminding their child to bring in their homework and spelling books on Wednesday ready for them to go out on Friday again.

**Doves** – We have had a busy and exciting week! We cooked a deliciously healthy Stone Age stewed fruit recipe. We then used our instruction writing skills to record the recipe remembering our imperative verbs. We enjoyed watching the World Ocean Day live lesson on Wednesday where we learnt what we can do to preserve our oceans. We have worked really hard on our times tables this week by playing games, learning patterns and using the ‘Hit the Button’ game on the iPads. Remember to have a go at home if you have the chance. We are visiting the school allotment next week on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October so please have some wellies or sensible shoes with you that day.

**Woodpeckers** – We enjoyed making leaflets about different countries with the supply teacher at the start of the week. The group of us working on the SNIP spelling programme with Carol are doing well. We are very pleased to have Miss K back and have written our own versions of ‘Beowulf’. We have drawn beautiful studies of treasures from the Staffordshire Hoard.

**Kingfishers** – In English we have used role play to explore the next adventure for Odysseus – with Circe, a beautiful woman who is really a witch and likes to turn men into pigs! Subtraction using frog and column method has been the theme in maths this week – again please encourage your child to complete the on-line homework (details in Google Classroom) as well as the work set in their books. In science we have been ‘pond detectives’ attempting to use scientific keys to identify various creatures. We hope to do the real thing by pond sipping at Hogacre next Friday afternoon. If you would like to join us as a parent helper, please email Mrs Nash.

**Year 6 Secondary Applications** – opened on 6<sup>th</sup> September and all applications must be submitted by 31<sup>st</sup> October. Please visit [www.oxfordshire.gov.uk](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk) then click on ‘schools’ and then ‘Apply for a school place’.

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

**Foundation Stage Applications** – It is now possible to apply online for Reception places for September 2023. If your child was born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019, they can start full time Reception in September 2023 and you must apply through [www.oxfordshire.gov.uk](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk) then go to ‘schools’ and ‘starting school’. Please let neighbours, friends and family know about this as well and encourage them to contact us for a show around the school.

**VERY IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT A SCHOOL LUNCH CHANGE – YOUR HELP NEEDED PLEASE**

On Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October there is a school census from which our funding for next year is determined. It helps us get more money if as many children as possible who get free school lunches actually have the free school lunch that day. That is all of Robins, Finches and Owls as well as older children who are in receipt of benefits related free school meals. So, **on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> we will have the most popular meal of FISH and CHIPS, or Veggie Sausage Roll and Chips**, and ice cream (not on Friday that week). **We will have the Thursday meal of falafel or macaroni cheese on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October.** We will ask the children at register time anyway what they are having for lunch that day but if you pre book on ParentPay please follow these instructions:

On Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October for Fish and Chips tick Falafel

On Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October for Veggie Sausage Roll tick Macaroni Cheese

On Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October for Falafel tick Fish

On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October for Macaroni Cheese tick Veggie Sausage Roll.

**If your child is entitled to free school meals, please don't send a packed lunch in with them on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October.**

**Future Dates, Events and Activities**

Date	Event	Notes
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> October	Nasal Flu Immunisations for children	Details sent separately
Tues 11 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Harvest Festival Assembly in Church 2.15pm</b>	Families welcome
Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 6 Injury Minimisation Programme workshop in school	
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> October	<b>Dove Class Sharing Assembly 9am start in hall</b>	Parents welcome
Fr 21 <sup>st</sup> October	<b>The first half of term ends at 3pm (FS and KS1)/3.05pm (KS2)</b>	After School Club as normal
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Half Term Holiday</b>	School closed
Mon 31 <sup>st</sup> October	<b>Inset day for Staff Training</b>	School closed to pupils
Tues 1 <sup>st</sup> November	<b>Term starts at 8.40am for all children</b>	

**Student Update Form** – Your child will have brought home a student update form. Please check, sign and return as soon as possible. It is vital that we have up to date contact details. Thank you.

**Staff Emails:**

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Dove	Mrs Rachael Tucker	rtuc1220@new-hinksey.oxon.sch.uk
Woodpecker	Miss Mary Kilpatrick	mkilpatrick@new-hinksey.oxon.sch.uk
Kingfisher	Mrs Helen Nash	hnas4139@new-hinksey.oxon.sch.uk

**Additional Information on School Website** – You will find the following posted on the website:

- School Health Team Autumn 2022 Newsletter for Parents and Carers
- A flyer about Forest School clubs in Wytham Woods

**Hinksey Park Football Club** has a free session for all Reception age boys and girls on Saturday 8/10/22 10 -11.15am.

**Wishing you a happy weekend from Charlotte Haynes and the New Hinksey Team**