



New Hinksey CE Primary School

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

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn term. We hope everyone was able to relax a bit last week and spend time with family and friends. As the weather has turned colder and wetter, please can we ask that children are suitably dressed for school with a number of layers on so that they can alter their clothing depending on the temperature both inside and outside, and that every child has a waterproof coat/jacket in school with them every day.

Can you help please with leaf removal?! – If any local families could take a bag of fallen leaves home to dispose of or add to their compost, we'd be very grateful indeed especially Foundation Stage whose outside area is getting quite clogged up with leaves! Just say to Polly and she will be able to pass you a bag full!

News from Classes

Robins and Ducklings – The Robins have settled so well back into the routines of school. We have watched an orchestra play The Royal Firework Music and then we had lots of fun making marks along to the music and doing splashy paintings too! We have listened to lots of 'Winnie the Witch' stories. We have learned our first two new sounds 'm' and 'a' and it was wonderful to see how enthusiastic all the children were about their reading books. In maths we have been working with 2D shapes to create pictures. The Ducklings have also explored triangles this week. The Duckling story of the week was 'Peace at Last' and Ducklings have enjoyed firework art too. **Foundation Stage would love to have more donations of plain biscuits please as supplies for snack time are running low** – thank you.

Finches – We have had a busy week in maths working on counting on using a 100 square, number bonds and 'more than' / 'less than'. In science, as well as continuing our weather charting, we have been naming parts of the human body. Our English work has seen us using adjectives and noun phrases to describe our outer space creatures! In phonics we have been exploring the sound 'ea' which was introduced to us through a snow globe!

Owls – This week we have been using our knowledge of place value to add and subtract tens and ones in maths. We have begun to look at a variety of traditional tales in English and the common features they share, for example magic and talking animals. We have used adjectives to describe typical villains such as the wolf in 'Little Red Riding Hood' and in art, we have drawn our own wolves. A highlight of the week was using ribbons in P.E. to create dance sequences linked to the theme of fireworks. **Please come to our sharing assembly on Friday 11th at 2.30pm prompt in the hall.**

The main playground gate will be open 2.20 -2.30pm to let you in.

Doves – We have progressed to 'The Bronze Age'! Year 3s have used conjunctions and Year 4s have written multi-clause sentences about farming, metal and housing during that era. In DT we designed and made clay beaker pots as were used by the Beaker people. We enjoyed a trip to the park and allotment to check on our onions, search for artefacts and collect worms for the composter we are making.

Woodpeckers – We have courageously been doing dividing and fractions in maths or doing maths assessments! In English we have been working very hard composing our final list poems. In science we were investigating materials this week. We have started learning about the Vikings. In French we have been learning the capitals and countries of the UK. Our RHCE lesson was all about the attributes of a good team.

Kingfishers – We have been writing a biography based on our in-depth research on Charles Darwin. Did you know that his favourite animal was an octopus? In maths we have estimated and multiplied numbers using written methods. We all enjoyed making a 'chiton' – a simple garment worn by men and women in Ancient Greece. We would like to design and make our own versions so please could you help us by providing a large rectangular piece of fabric such as an old bed sheet – thank you.

Student Update Forms – Some children will have brought home another form. Please check, sign and return asap. We desperately need up to date contact information.

Year 5 and 6 Woodlands Residential – We will be holding an information meeting for parents, and the children going, on **Tuesday 8th November at 3.15pm in the school hall**. At the meeting we will explain specific details about the trip and there will be an opportunity to ask questions. You have already received the medical and participation consent form, as well as a sandwich choice form, which we need back at the meeting at the latest. You have also received a kit list. **The 3rd instalment of payment for the residential was due by 31st October.**

Future Dates, Events and Activities

Date	Event	Notes
Tues 8 th November	Woodlands Residential Meeting at 3.15pm	In school hall
Wed 9 th November	Afternoon Lego Workshop for all Year 5s	
Fri 11 th November	Owls Sharing Assembly at 2.30pm in the hall	Parents welcome
Wed 16 th November	Kingfishers Ashmolean Ancient Greek workshop	
Tues 22 nd November	Parents Evening – appointments between 4pm and 7pm	
Wed 23 rd November	Year 6s to Junior Citizen Event	
Fri 25 th November	Woodpecker Class Sharing Assembly at 2.30pm in hall	Parents welcome
Mon 28 th November	Parents Evening – appointments between 4pm and 7pm	
5 th – 9 th December	Woodlands Residential Week (Yr 5 and Yr 6 participants)	
Tues 13 th December	Yr 1 and Yr 2 Christmas Performance in hall at 2pm	Parents welcome
Fri 16 th December	Foundation Stage Christmas Singing to Parents in hall at 2.30pm	
Tues 20 th December	END OF TERM after lunch	No After School Club
Wed 4 th January 2023	Spring Term Starts at 8.40pm	

Morning and After School Club – Bills for October have been sent out and are also in ParentPay. Please pay promptly by 11th November.

Donations – We would very much like donations of glue sticks for each class (Pritt stick style). We get through them so quickly and it would be greatly appreciated if families could donate a few. Thank you.

Happy weekend to everyone from Charlotte Haynes and the New Hinksey Team

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