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

What a week of weather we have had! Despite the high spirits that the snow flurries induced in the children, plenty of learning has taken place. I'm really looking forward to parents coming into school in a couple of weeks for parents evenings so you can see the wonderful displays of children's work and art which are looking great around school.

News from Classes

Robins and Ducklings – The Robins had a messy, gluey time making their milk carton Elmer elephant this week. We have been measuring toys and timing games in maths. We have been thinking about similarities and differences by comparing toys, books and one another. The Robins (and parent helpers) were wonderful on Wednesday – it was cold and wet, but we had a happy welly walk. Ducklings have been exploring colours with the story of Elmer and singing lots of colour songs. Please can we remind everyone to send their child to school with appropriate clothing (waterproof coats, warm clothes and wellies, if your child already has a pair). This is especially important for our Wednesday walk but also in Foundation Stage we play and learn outside everyday no matter what the weather! Also, please can we make a small request for more biscuit donations as our supplies have gone! Thank you.

Finches – In phonics this week we have been focusing on the sound 'oa' (a goat in a boat) alongside the same sound made by 'o-e' (phone home) and 'ow' (blow the snow). We have played card games, played movement games, made up story lines and written sentences using words with these sounds in as well as including some of our red spelling words. In maths we have been describing 3D shapes and comparing them with each other and 2D shapes. We have begun to explore multiplication in 10s as well as practising our counting in 2s and 5s. In DT we have been designing our story character spoons.

Owls – We have been learning about multiplication in maths this week, linking the number sentences with pictorial representations and groups of objects. We have been using comparative and superlative adjectives within our writing in English. We experimented with creating cubist portraits in art and have enjoyed learning about the history of transport and particularly how this changed in the Victorian era.

Doves – In computing we have all had lots of fun on the Chromebooks creating our own maths quizzes on scratch. In science the Year 3s have conducted experiments with cars and ramps to find out about friction. The year 4s have found out about Isaac Newton and gravity and enjoyed using Newton meters. We celebrated International Women's Day on Wednesday by remembering inspirational women from the past and present as well as those in our families.

Woodpeckers – It has been another truly fantastic week in Woodpeckers. Year 4s have been looking at subtraction with four-digit numbers in maths, whereas Year 5s have been learning about proportion and ratio. In English we've been reading a book with a hole through the middle and having spirited philosophical debates about the nature of holes. In science we used a visualiser to look at teeth in the mouth of our skeleton Alex. If parents still haven't booked a parents evening slot, please email me at jwilson@new-hinksey.oxon.sch.uk. You can bring children if you need to. I can't wait to speak properly with all of you.

Kingfishers – We have focussed on features of persuasive texts and balanced arguments in English. We have managed to write our own after exploring both sides of an argument using 'conscience ally'. In maths the Year 5s have used their knowledge of perimeter and area to calculate missing dimensions. The Year 6s have also explored how to calculate areas of triangles and other shapes as well as the volume of cuboids. We all enjoyed a fascinating workshop studying some interesting artwork on the theme of Greek mythology, with Lizzie from the Magic Lantern organisation.

Emailing About a Child's Absence – If you are emailing to let school know that your child is absent from school and the reason why, please email the **school office** email: office.3213@new-hinksey.oxon.sch.uk. Thank you.

Morning Club and After School Club Bills – The invoices for February were sent home last week via book bags and are also in ParentPay. The deadline for payment is today, Friday 10th March – thankyou.

Future Dates, Events and Activities

Date	Event	Notes
13 th – 17 th March	Science Week	
Friday 17 th March	Class Group Photographs	
Friday 17 th March	Kingfisher Class to Hogacre (weather permitting)	
Friday 17 th March	Owl Class afternoon visit to Story Museum	
Wednesday 22 nd March	Parents’ Evening between 4pm and 7pm	Teachers making appointments with parents.
Tuesday 28 th March	Parents’ Evening between 4pm and 7pm	
Friday 24 th March	Dove Class sharing Assembly in hall at 9am	** Please note this has changed from Friday 17 th March**
Friday 31 st March	End of term at the usual time (FS and KS1 3pm; KS2 3.05pm)	No A.S. Club today
Mon 3 rd – Fri 14 th April	School closed for Easter holiday	
Monday 17 th April	Term Starts at 8.40am	

Donations – Thank you to those families who have sent in boxes of tissues and bits and pieces for the reward box. Do keep helping us keep our supplies topped up.

Easter Raffle - We will be holding our traditional, fundraising Easter raffle on the last day of term (Friday 31st March). We rely on donations for this so please start donating items by sending them into school: Easter eggs and any easter chocolates are always a favourite, as well as other easter confectionery, spring and Easter arts and crafts etc. Thank you. Raffle tickets will start being sold at the gates at drop off and pick up time from Monday 20th March.

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Woodpecker	Mr Joe Wilson	jwilson@new-hinksey.oxon.sch.uk
Kingfisher	Mrs Helen Nash	hnas4139@new-hinksey.oxon.sch.uk

Super Science Saturday - This annual family science fair is taking place at the Oxford University Museum of Natural History tomorrow, **11th March, 12-4pm** and is drop-in. The event is free and is a great opportunity to meet scientists and learn more about nature and how all things on the planet are connected/dependent on each other to survive. There will be lots of games, activities and specimens to see and touch. It is recommended for children aged 8+.

McDonalds FREE Fun Football Sessions (for ages 5-11) start on Saturday 22nd April - 17th June and are at Oxford City FC, Marsh Lane, Marston, OX3 0NQ from 9am - 10am. You can choose what dates you book - you don't have to attend all of them. mcdonalds.com/gb/en-gb/football/fun-football-centres.html

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Charlotte Haynes and the New Hinksey Team

