

# New Hinksey CE Primary School

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

What a scorching week it has been! The children have settled well into their classes, despite us all melting and are getting to grips with the routines. Already, there is an excited buzz around the place with new displays and learning opportunities happening all around us. The children are very enthusiastic about telling me everything I need to know!

Thank you everyone for adjusting quickly to the new timings of the day, prompt arrivals have been getting better throughout the week which is excellent. I must also thank everyone for making me feel so welcome. I am hoping to be able to share more photos on the website so do look out for some updates.

Have a lovely weekend,

Tamsin Smyth

<p>Puffins</p> 	<p>Thursday is our PE Day. It has been an absolute delight welcoming back the Year 1 Puffins and getting to know the Reception Puffins this week. They have all settled so well into all the routines. The children will get tired over these next few weeks because there are so many new routines to learn. A small request from Polly, if you buy new shoes, please buy velcro fastening rather than lace up shoes. Also, the Reception children do get a plain biscuit after their fruit snack each day. We rely on Reception parent donations for these so if you are shopping and you can help with a packet of digestives or malted milks that would be great.</p>
<p>Owls</p> 	<p>Monday and Thursday are our PE days. It has been lovely getting to know the Owl Class this week. They have all settled in brilliantly and we have enjoyed starting our new topic - 'Winged Wonders'. We have enjoyed listening to owl stories including 'The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark', found out about the features of owls and drawn and cut out our own owl designs.</p>
<p>Doves</p> 	<p>This week we have been playing some 'getting to know you' games, talking and writing about what we did over the summer holidays, and practising multiplication in maths. We also spoke about why doves are special animals, and drew some Picasso inspired doves for a class display. In history we researched the Romans and acted out the story of Romulus and Remus. The theme for this term is 'Back in Time' and we will be looking at the Romans across the curriculum. I look forward to getting to know you all.</p> <p>Some useful information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Our outdoor P.E. lesson will be on Tuesday, and our indoor P.E. lesson will be on Thursday. It will be helpful for children to wear loose fitting clothes, and shoes they can run in on those days.</li> <li>• Homework: will always be due on Tuesday and will go home again that same day. <b>There is no homework this week, but every child should bring in a favourite book on Monday as we are going to use them in our class work that week.</b></li> <li>• We're very lucky that on Thursdays Mrs Nash will be teaching Doves until lunch time.</li> </ul>
<p>Kingfishers</p> 	<p>What a wonderful start with our fabulous Kingfisher class! We have already established some new routines. After discussing our 'Rights and Responsibilities' in school, we made a welcome display. Monday morning and Friday afternoon are the P.E. slots. Mrs Nash will give homework on Wednesday for return the next Monday. Ms Potier will give spellings to learn on Friday to be tested the following week.</p>

*Living life in all its fullness.*

	We have already rehearsed and performed a short play in French! Our independent topic work for this term is 'castles' so we will be improving our research skills and presentation skills to present all the information we have learnt over this term. If you have any good books at home, please bring them in.
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### Contact

If you need to ask a question or pass on information, please see our methods of contact:

- Contact the school via the school office email [office.3213@new-hinksey.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:office.3213@new-hinksey.oxon.sch.uk) messages can be passed on to staff from there.
- Call the school office on 01865 242 169
- Face to face in the playground – please keep any messages to teachers in the morning very short. Mrs Smyth will usually be available to answer questions and take messages.
- Make an appointment – please contact the office if you wish to have a longer appointment with your child's teacher.

### Things to remember:

- Please check that **no nuts or products containing nuts** are in your child's lunchbox.

Dates for your diary	Event
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> September 2023 3.10 to 4.10	Open Classrooms
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> October 2023 2.15	Harvest Festival in church
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November 2023 6pm – 8pm	International Evening

### Message from the violin teacher

I am writing to let you know that I will be teaching the violin at New Hinksey school this year. I have one year 2 wanting to start violin in a group. It would be fantastic if other children could sign up too to make up the group.

The violin is a fantastic instrument to play. You can make friends playing the violin in orchestras, folk and pop bands. And of course there's lots of exciting music for you to play on your own.

Look here for more information and how to sign up for violin lessons:

<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/music-service/music-lessons/learning-instrument>

Any questions? Please email the violin teacher on [kate.adcock@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:kate.adcock@oxfordshire.gov.uk)

### Oxford Rugby Club

Oxford Rugby Club is offering free taster sessions for primary aged children. If you would like your child to experience playing rugby in a fun and safe environment, please come along any Sunday to North Hinksey Park, OX2 0NA.

Sessions start at 10:15am. All ages and abilities are welcome, no previous experience playing rugby is necessary. Any questions, please email [enquiries@oxfordrfc.com](mailto:enquiries@oxfordrfc.com).

### **Fridge/Freezer needed**

Our after school club fridge freezer has finally given up on us. Do you have one you are looking to rehome? We need a simple freestanding one. Please contact Tracey if you have one to donate. Thank you.