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





We were treated to a wonderful showcase of talent from the Kingfishers this morning. Quite phenomenal how they can go from telling The Three Little Pigs in French, to discussing the heliocentric model of the universe. These children amaze me every day! The excitement about next week is palpable, thank you so much for donating towards the tickets. Here's hoping the children will have a blast at the Winter Disco tonight. I wonder what our next adventure should be?

Have a lovely weekend!

Tamsin Smyth

Winter Disco	Disco is tonight!!! Remember to use the door on Vicarage Lane. Spare wristbands will be available on the door. Please donate if you can, cash and card donations on the door or via this link: https://localgiving.org/charity/newhinkseyschoolassociation/
Christmas Fete 15th December 3.15-4.45	We have some amazing raffle prizes (see the flyer) and this year we are doing all raffle ticket sales online - please support the school by buying tickets and sharing the link with others. (Hopefully Rich will send me the link - I don't have it yet!) We will also need some people to help run stalls, please email newhinkseysa@outlook.com if you're able to help, a message will also be going out on class WhatsApp groups next week. We need donations in order to run some of the events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainable Lucky Dip: please have a look in your homes for small items which could be wrapped as lucky dip prizes - little puzzles or toys, cute stationery etc. Please drop these off at the school gates from Monday 4th December • Chocolate Tombola: any chocolate items, big or small. Please drop off at the school gates from Monday 4th December • Cakes, Mince Pies etc - please drop these off on the morning of Friday 15th December at the school gates We'll be sending reminders out too, your help and support is much needed and appreciated!
Whatsapp Groups	Please make sure you have joined your class whatsapp group – this is how we will communicate with you next week when the children are on their trips.

Living life in all its fullness.

<p>Puffins</p> 	<p>This week the Reception Puffins really enjoyed the Mr Wiggle and Mr Waggle Story and we have been writing our own versions of this story and thinking about what our characters look like. They have been working on one less and zero in maths and have been working brilliantly in their new maths pairs! The Year 1 children have been freeze framing and acting out parts of the story of Cinderella. We are learning lots of new sounds in phonics and listening well to lots of instructions in all our lessons to make sure that we know what we are doing! In maths the Year 1's have been enjoying lots of hide and seek games and using positional language to describe where a toy is in the classroom. We have also started learning all about measuring in maths and this week used playdough to make long and even longer snakes and short and even shorter snakes! Does anyone have any white socks they could donate for our Christmas craft snowmen? Thank you to all the parents in Reception for donating biscuits this week, we are always grateful.</p>												
<p>Owls</p> 	<p>This week Owls have finished sewing and decorating their felt owls. We have used polystyrene to engrave dragon pictures on and have used them as printing blocks-they look very striking. We have used the dragon story of Baku as a stimulus for storytelling. We have stepped, mapped and planned the story and have added an extra plot feature of our own. We have learnt about which sort of historical sources help us learn about the past. In maths we have used 100 squares to add and subtract 2- digit numbers as quickly and accurately as we can. Thank you to those who have brought their homework hoses in, they look fantastic , and are on display for the whole school to admire.</p>												
<p>Doves</p> 	<p>What a week in Doves class! In English we've been mastering using speech marks to show direct speech in our writing. In maths year 4s made bar charts and year 3s got to grips with division. On Tuesday we had our trip to Christ Church Cathedral, where we sang Feliz Navidad and lit the Christingles we made. We really enjoyed the Kingfishers sharing assembly this week, and we can't wait for The Lion King the week after this!</p>												
<p>Kingfishers</p> 	<p>In English we have been reading and discussing the inspiring childhood of Floella Benjamin who travelled from Trinidad to England with others, now known as the Windrush Generation. In maths we explored the properties of 3D shapes and worked on finding equivalent fractions to solve problems. The Year 6s enjoyed the I.M.P.S session held in school and became first aid experts! For homework, there is some reading to do in preparation for The Lion King show next week.</p>												
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Christmas Lunch

Christmas lunch will be on Thursday 14 December. Please book in on Parentpay as soon as possible so that Jackie can order enough food for everyone. It will say Chicken and Sweetcorn Pie or Baked Potato but please go ahead and book noting that Chicken will be replaced by Turkey and Baked Potato will be replaced by Veggie Christmas lunch. We will not be having roast on Wednesday 13 December but instead will have the Chicken and Sweetcorn Pie or Baked Potato. Any questions, please ask.

Morning and After School Bills

These were sent home today. Please pay promptly by Friday 15 December. Thank you.