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





Nothing has warmed my heart as much as the pure joy felt throughout the school this week. Wow what a Wednesday! The children are so grateful for their trips. Massive thank you to all of you who helped make it happen. I must say a particular thank you to the staff. Taking children off site is always a big responsibility and to take them into big cities is mentally exhausting. Then, you don't get to go home until late and have to get up early to do it all again the next day! I am so proud of the staff here; they truly have your children's happiness at the heart of all they do. So please join me in thanking them for their efforts. These trips were possible due to the hard work of the School Association and the money you donate to the events. Huge thank you to the volunteers that give up their time to make things like this happen. Everyone can play a part, even if it is donating prizes, cakes or a direct debit – it all helps.

Enjoy your weekend,
Tamsin Smyth

<p>Christmas Fete: 15th December 3.15-4.45</p>	<p>The fete is next Friday! As you've seen from the wonderful theatre trips this week, New Hinksey School Association raises money to help provide amazing experiences for all children at our school.</p> <p>Please support the fete by doing the following: Items to be dropped off at the school gates every morning next week:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - lucky dip prizes (small toys/items in good condition) - chocolate for chocolate tombola - used, good quality Christmas jumpers <p>Please drop cakes, mince pies and other sweet treats for the cafe on the morning of 15th December</p> <p>The wreath workshop is happening on Thursday at 7.30-9.30pm - please email newhinkseysa@outlook.com if you'd like to join.</p> <p>We could also do with a few more helpers for stalls etc, please email the above address if you're able to help out.</p> <p>Finally, please support the raffle by buying tickets and sharing the link with others. There's some wonderful prizes up for grabs!</p> <p>https://localgiving.org/charity/newhinkseyschoolassociation/project/NHSAchristmasraffle23/</p> <p>Thank you!</p>
<p>Administration Assistant</p>	<p>We are looking for an enthusiastic, dedicated person to join our team. You will be the first point of contact for all our visitors, staff, parents & carers and we are looking for someone with initiative, excellent inter-personal skills, who can represent our School, our ethos and our values. https://oxfordshire.education-jobs.org.uk/Vacancy/Details/114420/L1ZhY2FuY3kvU2VhcmNoUmVzdWx0cz9yZXRYaWV2ZUZpbHRlcj10cnVl</p>

Living life in all its fullness.

Welcome to Emma Clarke	<p>I am delighted to announce that we have the very talented Emma Clarke joining us from January as our SENDCO. She is also a drama and music specialist and will be enriching our provision of those vital subjects. Emma is a qualified SENDCO with years of experience with different ages; she'll be a real asset and I hope you'll welcome her as you did me. Emma will work on Thursdays and Fridays, more details to follow.</p>
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<p>Puffins</p> 	<p>What a great week for the Puffins. It was an absolute joy watching all the children's faces as they watched Jack and the Beanstalk. They had a fantastic time and were a pleasure to take. On Thursday they wrote some lovely letters talking about their favourite part of the day. The children have been working so hard at rehearsing for their Nativity Performance next Wednesday. We do hope that you will all be able to come along to watch at 9.30. To keep the children warm and safe this term leading up to the holidays please do send your child into school with a waterproof and warm clothing. It can be rainy play sometimes and this help keep your child warm and dry outside.</p>
<p>Owls</p> 	<p>What a wonderful trip we all had to see the pantomime of Jack and the Beanstalk! We all enjoyed the story, songs and costumes and have enjoyed writing reviews and designing posters and thank you to all the adults who kindly came to help. The children all behaved brilliantly. Thank you also to Philippa, Gregory's Mum, who came in to talk to us about Christain symbols. We all learnt a great deal and had lots of questions to ask. In maths we have worked hard to count in 2s,5s and 10s and have used coins to make up tricky amounts. Thank you for the AMAZING houses you have made for homework which we showed to the rest of the school in our Celebration Assembly.</p>
<p>Doves</p> 	<p>In English this week we wrote recounts of our trip to Christ Church Cathedral, making sure to use paragraphs and correctly punctuated speech marks. In Maths year 4s have been mastering methods of addition and subtraction with 4-digit numbers, and year 3s have continued adding 2-digit numbers using partitioning. In music we've been practising songs for our Christmas concert with the Owls on Tuesday 19th December, 2.15 am at the church, see you there! Wednesday this week was of course a highlight of our whole year, with our phenomenal trip to the Lion King! Every child absolutely loved it - it is an incredible production and I think they'll remember it forever. Thanks so much to all the staff and adult volunteers who helped make it happen.</p>
<p>Kingfishers</p> 	<p>We worked hard to write and edit a biography of Floella Benjamin using our detailed research notes and a clear plan. In Science, we drew electrical circuit diagrams to show and explain the components of our festive castle ideas. Next week we will make a prototype. In Maths, we compared different written methods to multiply larger numbers, and all agreed that times table knowledge and efficiency was the key to success! We have been singing The Twelve Days of Christmas with the Doves in our build up to the Christmas holidays. All of us who went to London to see the Lion King thought it was an absolutely amazing experience. In class now, we are doing a follow-up writing activity about our fantastic trip; recounting our visit as well as making a poster.</p>

Dates for your diary	Event
Wednesday 13 th December 9.30	Puffins Nativity Performance
Thursday 14 th December	Christmas Lunch
Friday 15 th December	Christmas Fete and raffle
Wednesday 20 December	School finishes at 1.15pm
Monday 8 th January	Start of term

Advance Notice

Due to staff training, there will be no ASC on Monday 15 January 2024.

ASC and MC bills

These went home last week. Please pay by Friday 15 December. Thank you.

Christmas lunch is taking place on Thursday 14 December. There will be no roast lunch on Wednesday but instead the options will be Chicken and Sweetcorn Pie or Jacket Potato with Baked Beans.



Dear Parents,

E-Scooters Christmas warning

We would like to wish all those looking to celebrate Christmas this year a happy festive season. With a view to ensure everyone's safety and wellbeing, I do have to point out an issue that is growing in concern in many communities around our local areas. This issue is the use of illegal e-scooters.

E-scooters and powered transporters seem like a great Christmas present, but are you aware of the legislation? There are NO circumstances in which personal e-scooters can be used on roads, pavements, cycle ways and any other public place.

At the moment e-scooters are covered by the same legislation as motor vehicles and are subject to all the same legal requirements – MOT, tax, licensing and specific construction regulations. A privately owned e-scooter can only be legally used on private land and with the permission of the land owner. Rental e-scooters run by the council and operated by Voi in Oxfordshire are permitted on the road as they are registered, taxed, and insured.

If you are asked by your child or family member to purchase an e-scooter, please consider that the person riding the scooter is liable for prosecution for offences such as driving without a valid licence and driving without insurance. The Police will be dealing with offences robustly, and the e-scooter could be seized and scrapped.

Please don't waste your money purchasing an e-scooter unless you have private land to use it.

Further information can be found on: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/powered-transporters/information-sheet-guidance-on-powered-transporters>

Yours sincerely,

Inspector James Pither
Oxford Neighbourhood Policing Team



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