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Friday 17th May 2024,

Dear Parents, Pupils, Staff, Governors and Friends of the school,
Well done to the Year 6's, the SATs are all over. Plus, the rest of the school were very accommodating by keeping quiet during test times. The Year 6s all did their best and that is all we ask for. They have been thoroughly spoiled with biscuits, cakes and chocolate! Back to the grindstone next week though kids!
Please remember – the school is closed on Wednesday 22nd May.
Have a great weekend!

Tamsin Smyth

<p>PARENTS OF YEAR 4 and 5 - WOULD YOU LIKE TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE WOODLANDS TRIP?</p>	<p>Come along to the Hall on Monday 20th May at 3.15pm, This will be a chance for you to hear more about the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for your child. Woodlands is a hugely rewarding experience, which is both educational and great fun, and we want to make sure that everyone signs up! Mrs Nash will be talking to the children in the assembly beforehand and this session can provide an opportunity for you and your child to ask any further questions about it.</p> <p>I hope that most of you can come along. If not, then I am more than happy to have an informal chat at the gates in the morning or at home-time. (Mrs Nash)</p>
<p>Puffins</p> 	<p>Puffins have had a great week! They started learning tennis as well as all about toys that their grandparents might have played with. Year 1s have learned how to make and read block graphs and have started to find out what makes a successful postcard. Reception have made great progress with their sounds this week and there's been a lot of investigating happening with how water travels in different ways.</p>
<p>Owls</p> 	<p>We have continued our measurement theme in maths by learning about weight. We have found out about the relationship between grams and kilograms and estimated and weighed classroom items. We used these skills when making Nigerian Pound Cake. It was delicious and we hope you enjoyed it too! We used features of a recipe to record our work. We have enjoyed learning about the Maasai people and their culture. We have worked hard to learn about Homophones and have a working wall to show all our examples. Thank you for all the wonderful homework cakes that have been sent in, the class enjoyed sharing their recipes with each other. We have been learning about and researching African animals this week in preparation for creating non-fiction booklets. In RE we have continued learning about Buddhism.</p>
<p>Doves</p> 	<p>A great week in Doves class! In reading comprehension, we learnt all about Fu Hao, a general in charge of the Shang dynasty armies. She was one of the greatest generals of any gender and was buried with 6 dogs and 16 human sacrifices (a bit grizzly I know). In maths year 4s have been really using their brains to find fractions of amounts, and year 3s teamed up with the year 4s to do some problem solving. On Wednesday we went to the allotment, planted some potatoes, and learnt about bamboo. On Friday we had our amazing trip to the natural history museum and held igneous, sedimentary and metamorphic rocks - and saw some amazing crystals. The main homework this week is designing a banner for our New Hinksey school street. For maths homework could year 3s practise the 2, 5, and 10 times tables - and could year 4s practise all tables up to 12. The year 4 times table test is likely to be in the first week after half term so we're really very close now. Over the holidays I'll be asking everyone to find a favourite poem to bring in for the first day back (extra points for memorisation) and most importantly... yes that's right, practise times tables!</p>

Living life in all its fullness.

Kingfishers



Well done to our resilient Year 6 children who have completed the SATS test this week with a calm and positive attitude. Meanwhile, Year 5s have been fantastic at keeping quiet and getting on with independent work. We are proud of all our Kingfishers for taking responsibility to help each other get through this week. We have announced our summer play – Robin Hood and we all look forward to exploring this further in the coming weeks. In science we explored levers and were introduced to the word fulcrum or pivot. Please remember to check the homework online this week. Some of you will be finishing your fantastic ‘street safe’ banner artwork at home. The deadline for the competition is Tuesday 21st May.

A well-deserved session of Kahoots was enjoyed (even though it was French!) by all as a reward for everyone’s contribution to making this week go smoothly.

Dates for your diary	Event
Wednesday 22 nd May 2024	INSET day – school closed

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School Streets Trial

From Tuesday 4 June, Vicarage Road will be closed to traffic at these times:

8am to 9am & 2.30pm to 3.30pm.

After School Club and Morning Club bills

These are due to be paid by today. Thank you.