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Friday 7th June,

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


Our final half term is jam packed with activities! Huge welcome to Claire, who joins us in the office in the mornings. She has already made a brilliant start. The New Hinksey School Association have organised some fantastic events for the children, see below. Please do help out if you can.

Have a lovely weekend,

Tamsin Smyth

<p>Summer Disco Friday 14th June</p>	<p>Puffins and Owls Disco: 4.30-5.30pm Doves and Kingfishers Disco: 6-7.30pm Please buy tickets in advance online by scanning the QR code on the flyer or following this link: https://new-hinksey-school-association.sumupstore.com/product/school-disco-ticket. Tickets will be available on the door too (this will take longer!) We still need more parent helpers - a link to sign up has been sent round on class Whatsapp groups - please fill it in or contact Suz on newhinkseysa@outlook.com</p>
<p>Summer Fete: Saturday 6th July 12-2.30pm</p>	<p>Please put this date in your diaries! We have secured sponsorship from estate agent Scottfraser. Next week we'll be asking for households to have advertising boards outside their homes so please look out for that on the class Whatsapp groups.</p>
<p>Puffins </p>	<p>Puffins have been learning more about the toys we used to play with in the past. A new set of tennis balls made it easier to practise their skills this week, and they are so bright you can see them easily when you drop them! Year 1s are starting to look at how to write information texts and will be multiplying and dividing in maths. The reception children have been counting accurately and writing diaries. They've all had expert help from Amy, getting ready for the dance festival.</p>
<p>Owls </p>	<p>Owls have settled back into the new term brilliantly. We have been learning about adverbs in english and have used them in our own writing. We have started a topic on Fractions in maths and have worked hard on halves and quarters. We have begun to make Masai huts in DT. We have made roofs using straw. Next week we will be beginning a new topic about 'Growing Up' in science. We will be learning the scientific names for parts of the body, how we are all unique and about different types of families so your child may have questions for you. We enjoyed picking the radishes we planted at the allotment.</p>
<p>Doves </p>	<p>A brilliant first week back in Doves: in English we read poems about monsters and wrote our own poems with amazing imagery. In maths we started our new white rose maths and looked at fractions. In Geography we spoke about the differences between the Northern and Southern hemispheres and researched some countries in the Northern hemisphere. In PSHE we spoke about some scientific facts and information about growing up. This is the LAST weekend to practise times tables ahead of the check (for the most of the Year 4s,</p>

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	who are taking it.) If you're a year 4 parent, after next week you'll never have to help with this again, but if you can do any final practice this weekend that would be appreciated. I'd also like to screen 'The Iron Giant' for the children - as it's based on The Iron Man, and I'd like the children to write film reviews of it. It is however a PG so can you tell me if you would prefer your child not to watch it.
Kingfishers 	The Robin Hood play rehearsals are underway, and we are all excited to take on our various roles. The performance is currently set for Tuesday 16 th July. In maths we are focusing on fractions using the new White Rose scheme of learning. For our evolution topic in science, we enjoyed designing a plant or animal with adaptations to suit an extreme environment. Please note that homework will continue to be set on Google classroom. We enjoyed an ice-cream (une glace) as a reward for excellent French sentence pronunciation. If your child hasn't yet brought in a 'special' object for our class poetry project please remind them.
Dates for your diary	Event
Bikeability final session	10 th June
SWIFT course for families part 1	10 th June 1pm
Kingfisher trip to Oxford University Museum of Natural History 9am – 12.30pm	11 th June
Summer Disco Friday	14 th June
SWIFT course for families part 2	17 th June 1pm
"Relax Me" taster sessions	18 th June
Summer Dance Festival (families welcome)	19 th June 2pm
Year 6 Fete	21 st June 3pm
School OPEN	28 th June
Summer Fete: Saturday	6 th July 12-2.30pm

After School Club and Morning Club bills

These were sent home before half-term and are due to be paid by 14 June. Thank you.

School Streets

Thank you to all those who have volunteered to man the barriers. Please do contact us if you feel you can help. We would like to remind you to park in Hinksey Park and walk to school from there rather than using the neighbouring roads. Thank you.