



# Christopher Rawlins CE Primary School

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## Friday 21st June

Dear Parents,

There has been a hubbub of excitement across the school as we have opened our new play equipment this week. The children have been very excited to climb! We are hugely grateful to the PTFA for all of their hard work fundraising to purchase this equipment. We all know how hard the PTFA have worked and we are thankful to parents - both past and present - who have contributed to fundraising events over the year.

We have been successful with a recent Opening Schools Funding bid to purchase equipment and resources to develop Sensory Circuits across the school. Mr Pemble has been a key driver of our funding bid and we are really grateful for his time and commitment to the project.

The sun is shining (at last!) please could I ask that children arrive at school each day with a sun hat and a water bottle. Please also apply sunscreen at home in the morning. Have a great weekend and enjoy some sunshine.

Lauren Murrey and the Christopher Rawlins team

## Tesco Stronger Starts - In Store Vote

Adderbury Feoffee Charity are supporting the High Flyers Breakfast Club in the Tesco's Stronger Starts voting. If successful, the funding will help to support the provision of a breakfast for children who attend Christopher Rawlins CE Primary School whose parents struggle to provide for the start of their day.

To vote, you will need to make a purchase within store of any value between July and August. You will receive one token per transaction and it's not necessary to purchase a carrier bag to receive a token. At the end of the voting period, the votes will be counted, and grants awarded in October. We will keep you updated of the outcome. Thank you for your support for our local families.

## Staffing

Mr Coaker will be leaving us at the end of next week. Mr Coaker has worked with us as a Teaching Assistant since September, he has run Coding Club for the children and made a great contribution to our school in the short time he has worked at Christopher Rawlins. Mr Coaker is leaving to take up a new role with 123ICT who are an IT education support company. We wish him every success for the future.

We have appointed two new Teaching Assistants to work with us in school. Ms Sims will be working mornings in Year 3 and 4 and starts next week. Miss Ward will start in September and will work full time as a Teaching Assistant, we are very much looking forward to welcoming our new staff to the team.

## Road safety - pelican crossing

Please can I ask that all parents demonstrate our school value of responsibility when using the pelican crossing outside of school, this means only crossing the road when the green man is lit. Every person who uses the pelican crossing has a duty of care to set a good example to all other users, especially children who are often yet to be fully aware of the dangers.

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## Curriculum Update Years 5 and 6

Year 5 and 6 have had a busy start to their final term, including a trip to Cadbury world in which we got to find out more about Ancient Maya and how they made chocolate from the cocoa bean. In English we have been exploring 'the story of Baelbrow' and the children wrote some fantastic ghost stories, building up the suspense and anticipation in their writing. Next week we will be focusing on the power of stories. Our play rehearsals are in full swing and we are looking forward to performing it later in the term.



## Health and wellbeing week

This week in school the children have been thinking about their health and wellbeing. We have tried a range of activities across the school, some that develop their resilience and others that help children to focus on what is important and feel relaxed.

KS1 and FS had a visit from a Warriner PE teacher Ms Brown to do some Yoga.

KS2 had an assembly about staying safe near water.

Year 5 and 6 had a Mini Medics workshop to learn more about basic first aid.

Year 3 and 4 children did a mindful craft activity with Mr Pemble.

The children have commented on how some of our activities have helped them to feel calm and that they have enjoyed them.



## Gaming with strangers

Please click [here](#) for a link with more information.

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## Quad Kids

38 children took part in the Warriner Quad Kids event. They had to compete in 4 events. A sprint, long distance run, vortex throw and long jump. The sporting value for this event was determination and the children really took this on board trying their best in each event. Our A teams both came third and Rose W did superbly well to achieve second place as an individual athlete and will be invited to progress through to the next phase. Well Done to Rose.



## High Flyers Breakfast and After School Club

The children have been making the most of the fantastic weather and enjoying some new equipment, especially the new balls. The Euros has certainly sparked football fever! As usual, the children have been making amazing arts and crafts, and some fantastic Lego creations. Hopefully this beautiful weather continues so that more ice pops (which the children love) and fun in the sun can be enjoyed.

High Flyer of the week is Harper Hayes for being super smiley and a ray of sunshine!

Booking: This is a busy term. Parents book our breakfast and afterschool sessions for various reasons, some for some much needed playtime, so our sessions are filling up until the end of term. For those who need us for work commitments, we strongly recommend booking as far in advance as possible.

Vouchers: For those working over 16 hours, you can take advantage of the 'Government Choices Scheme' to save 20%.

Check out our website for our fabulous holiday clubs! A great, fun club for the children to take part in amazing, themed activities where they can have fun, play outside and make new friends!

You can book through our website <https://www.highflyers.org.uk> or on our booking platform <https://highflyersoxfordlimited.ipalbookings.com/>

## Diary dates

Wednesday 26th June	EYFS Sports Day 1.30pm
Thursday 27th June	Yr 1-6 Sports Day 9.00-12.00
Friday 5th July	PTFA Summer Festival
Tuesday 9th July	Whole school transition day
Thursday 11th July	Yr 1-6 Sports Day (back up rain date)
July 17th-19th	Yr 4 Residential

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## Learning Certificates

### Owls

Sidney for playing well with others and joining in with activities so sensibly this week.

### Penguins

Frankie for doing a great job at improving his writing, forming letters and using finger spaces.

Leo F for working hard on his letter formation and writing this week when creating his space book.

### Flamingos

Olivia for being inspired by her learning in Geography and producing a lovely homework piece explaining her journey to school!

Joshua for great participation in English recently, showing off his knowledge of stories and using this in his work.

### Peacocks

Harvey for super effort and attention to detail in Art- drawing insects with oil pastels.

Rafferty for enthusiasm and great effort drawing food chains in Science

### Woodpeckers

Jacob for always trying his best in and outside the classroom. Working hard, supporting friends and making super choices.

Orson for working hard and producing wonderful work in maths.

### Hummingbirds

Christian for being a kind friend and always demonstrating kindness to others around you.

Ethen for improved comprehension skills, you have worked hard. I have been very impressed, well done.

### Toucans

Hunter for the excellent progress he has made with his reading this year - well done Hunter!

Callum for excellent engagement in all lessons - you set a great example to others - keep it up!

### Parrots

Brooke W for using her learning across all subjects to super effect.

Eve D for a lovely piece of writing that included personification and many other writing strategies to great effect.

### Hérons

Luke for showing excellent leadership skills in sports day practice

Aelan for your creativity in English

### Kingfishers

Brooke for your resilience in English this week and writing a great non-chronological report.

Oscar for your hard work in English this week, well done.

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