



Christopher Rawlins CE Primary School

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Friday 3rd May

Dear Parents,

It has been a whirlwind returning to school after the Easter break! We have had our Year 3 and 4 production of 'Hansel and Gretel' the children did so well singing solos, learning their lines and performing during the day. It is always a pleasure to see how children's confidence grows during their performance.

This week in Collective Worship we discussed our value of 'Courage' in relation to taking part in competitive sports - in particular we thought about how we react when we win, when someone else wins or is better than us - how do we model our school values during these times? The children gave me some very honest answers about how difficult it can be and reflected on this thoughtfully.

Enjoy a long weekend, and we look forward to seeing you on Tuesday.

Lauren Murrey and the Christopher Rawlins team

Governor Update from Zoe Ludford, Foundation Governor

Mrs Murrey's opening words as part of the first newsletter of this term shared the school value of Courage and how the value was introduced to the children as part of Collective Worship. Shortly before the Easter break, I had the pleasure of visiting school to speak with a number of children from Key Stage One through to Year 6 to learn more about their understanding of the school values and the vision of the school. All year groups had a good knowledge of the school values and the children shared some excellent examples of how they could show that they were following the values both in school and at home; such as of acts of kindness, helping others and showing courage through continuing to try with work. As part of the visit the children also discussed their knowledge of the vision of the school and identified areas that would help develop their understanding.

As a Governing Body, it is important that we hear the voice of the children and give the children the opportunity to share what may help them during their time in school. The children offered excellent ideas of what may help them to further understand both the values and the vision of the school and these suggestions have been shared with the Governing Body, and Mrs Murrey, to take forward.

Tag Rugby Event

Last Thursday 18 Year 5/6 children attended the postponed tag rugby festival. This highly anticipated event was hosted by the Warriner school. We had two teams playing and both won their groups very convincingly. The theme was teamwork and all the children worked together, encouraging each other and participating well. The children were a credit to the school and myself and Mrs Humphries were very impressed by their teamwork, skills and the enjoyment they showed during the afternoon.

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Year 3 trip to Youlbury

To support their P.E. curriculum all children in year 3 took part in an outdoor adventure day at Youlbury Scout Camp. The children enjoyed a range of team building activities, crate stacking and the zip wire. During the team building the children developed their problem solving skills: they had to work together, communicate effectively and persevere when ideas didn't work the first time. With the zip wire and crate stacking some children had to overcome their fears but all children had a go with the encouragement of their friends. The children said they had really enjoyed their day in the woods and the coach was certainly very quiet on the way home!



Blandford Flies

Please be aware it is the season when these start to appear. If your child is particularly prone to being bitten please consider long sleeves/trousers and applying insect repellent in the morning.

Reception September 24 Welcome Letter

All prospective Reception 2024 parents were sent a welcome letter this week with key dates and lots of useful information. If you haven't received this e-mail please contact the school office.

ODST Music Event

On Tuesday 23rd April a group of children from the choir set off to take part in a music event with other schools from ODST. It was a wonderful opportunity to come together and sing in the beautiful venue of Christchurch Cathedral. The children were a real credit to the school and not only did we enjoy singing and performing but we also got to explore the Cathedral. The Harry Potter fans amongst us enjoyed seeing some of the places where it was filmed!

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EYFS Curriculum Update

This term we have welcomed new children and families to Nursery, and it has been lovely to see how current children have helped new children settle in and feel welcome. Our theme this term is 'Animal Homes'. We shall explore and find out about different animals and their habitats such as minibeasts, farm animals and wild animals. Our big question is 'Why does a snail have a shell?' This led us to think about the homes of different minibeasts. This week children in Reception have been drawing bugs and writing about them and they had a great time exploring our secret garden area using magnifiers and bug collecting equipment to identify and count the different bugs they found. They also created a bug hotel using wood and other materials we found. Children in Nursery enjoyed the story of Superworm this week and have been naming different bugs and thinking about where we find them and how they move.



High Flyers

We've had a truly fantastic week here at High Flyers. The children have been enjoying plenty of outdoor play. From imaginative fort building to engaging in a variety of sports, their energy and enthusiasm have been contagious. A special shoutout to Oscar our High Flyer of the week, who has been a superstar this week. Also, a warm welcome to Leo, who has settled in wonderfully and already made many friends.

Holiday clubs for July and August are now open for bookings through our online booking system. We have some fantastic, themed days planned.

We offer breakfast and after-school service for children to play Monday – Friday, within school.

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

Diary dates

Thursday 9th May	Local Governing Body Meeting
Monday 13th May	Year 6 SATs week
Friday 24th May	Parent Book Look (Art Week) 8.30am—9.00am
3-7 June	Yr 4 Multiplication Check
Thursday June 6th	Yr 5 PACAAR Outdoor Day
Friday June 7th	Yr 5&6 Cadbury World Trip

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Learning Certificates

Owls

Bella for great work in our phonics session and taking a real interest in our theme of minibeasts sharing her knowledge.

Penguins

Finn for his enthusiasm in all areas of learning this week. He has been inspired by our theme of minibeasts and enjoyed reading and sharing books in class.

Eden for her huge effort with writing this week and being determined to form letters in her name correctly.

Flamingos

Eli for adopting a very mature attitude towards his learning and always seeking new ways to challenge himself.

Mollie for her amazing participation in dance this week – showing great listening skills to her group and giving considerate feedback.

Peacocks

Noah for making excellent inferences in English

Alex for collecting great facts about wolves in English

Woodpeckers

James for participating in class discussions, putting his hand up and sharing his wonderful ideas!

Harper for managing her emotions and participating well in afternoon lessons.

Hummingbirds

Clemmie for working really hard in Maths this week. Well done.

Flo for excellent reasoning in Maths this week, you have made good progress with your mathematical explanations. Well done

Toucans

Callum B for having his hand up and making some great contributions to class discussions this week.

Alicia W for all the effort she has been putting into her work, especially when working on fractions this week.

Parrots

Eva D for showing courage and honesty during our dodgeball festival at the Warriner.

Matthew P for showing determination and courage at the dodgeball festival at the Warriner.

Hérons

Talia for really trying hard with her presentation and punctuation in literacy this week.

Luke some fantastic contributions to Literacy this week creating his own story.

Kingfishers

Sophie for always modelling our schools values in everything that you do.

Sam for your hard work and determination in maths this week. Well done!

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