



# Christopher Rawlins CE Primary School

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**Newsletter Spring Term**

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**Friday 31st March**

Dear Parents and Carers,

In Collective Worship this week we shared the story of The Last Supper, and reflected about what and who was important to us. We have focused this term on "being the change we want to see" and the children have made thoughtful and considered responses to this.

Last week in Celebration Assembly we had a "sneak preview" of the choir singing the songs they shared as part of the ODST Music Event this week. Mrs MacLean has, in partnership with another teacher in the Trust, led the organisation and creation of this event. I was delighted to receive the following email from ODSTs Principal Schools Advisor celebrating the work of Mrs MacLean;

**" Well done and thank you** for your hard work and commitment to making such a **wonderful** event happen for our schools. Sitting in the audience I was surrounded by smiling faces (and some emotional tears) . . . It would be hard not to feel moved by the performances of our schools today in that fabulous setting – they were **all** amazing and clearly loved every minute of it."

I hope you all have a relaxing Easter break, and we look forward to seeing you after Easter when hopefully the sun is shining a bit more!

Mrs Murrey and the Christopher Rawlins team

## **ODST Music Event**

On Monday, 15 members of the school choir represented the school at the first ever ODST singing event in Christchurch Cathedral, Oxford. It was a wonderful opportunity for all the children to come together and sing. It was a busy day of rehearsing, but we also managed to enjoy our trip on the Park and Ride as well as exploring the Cathedral and some of the places Harry Potter was filmed! The children were a real credit to the school, they behaved beautifully and sang well, with the highlight of the day being a massed finale with all the other schools. Many thanks to Mrs. Parker who was a star helping us out during the day. Mrs. MacLean

## **KS1 Warriner School Farm Visit**

On Wednesday afternoon, all of KS1 went on a school trip to the Warriner Farm. All the children had such an enjoyable, muddy time. We saw lots of animals including; cows, goats, sheep, pigs, donkeys and a horse. The children loved stroking the lambs and feeding the goats, and meeting Barney the sheep too! Thank goodness for the boot washers so we could clean our muddy boots before we got back on the bus!

## **Flora the Easter Bunny**

Flora has been installed in Tap Social inside Lock 29 as part of the Banbury BID Easter Trail. The trail will run from 1st—16th April.

## **Basketball news**

Christopher Rawlins basketball team remained undefeated to win their recent tournament. They beat Middleton Cheney Primary and Nicholas Hawksmoor Primary (Towcester) and drew against Queensway. They have qualified for the final which will take place after Easter.

Next term, there will just be one basketball session which will be after school on Mondays. Children who currently attend on Monday mornings will be able to attend the afternoon sessions. The basketball coach will be in touch with current parents about this.

**Our value focus is CHARITY: "Don't forget to do good, and share with those in need."** Hebrews 13:16



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### Update from Chair of Governors - Ian Bailey

Governors have met, as a Full Governing Body, as well as Curriculum and Finance committees, several times since January to review the work of the school. During this term, the Finance committee have had regular updates about the school finances, and have approved a budget to be submitted for next year. The Curriculum committee spent a morning in school and thoroughly enjoyed looking at children's books and talking to children about the progress they have made in writing. If you have any questions about how the Governing Body monitor the work of the school, please do get in contact via the School Office.

### PTFA

The PTFA would like to thank you all for your continued support!  
We hope the children enjoyed the Easter Raffle and the EYFS had fun on the Easter Egg Hunt. Next term plans are afoot for a school grounds 'Spring Clean' and the Big Summer Festival - further details to follow...  
Wishing you all an enjoyable Easter break ahead..!  
PTFA Committee

### High Flyers

Children that came to High Flyers this week have had an egg-citing time. They have been Easter crafting, egg decorating, making beautiful cards, had a fabulous party and even had time for some egg and spoon races. Next term, the children will start off by celebrating our King's Coronation.  
**High Flyer of the week: Ava** for: Event organising at High Flyers Easter Party.

Our Easter club is now fully booked. Dates are available for July Holiday clubs. You can book through our website: <https://www.highflyers.org.uk>  
Have a lovely Easter break everyone!

### Diary dates

17th April Term 5 begins  
24th April Colourbox Photography—class and group photographs  
1st May Bank Holiday  
8th May Bank Holiday Coronation of King Charles III

### Sports days

Advance notice:  
KS1 & KS2 – Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 9.30 – 11.30am (reserve date Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June)  
EYFS – Friday 2<sup>rd</sup> June 9.30 – 11.30am (reserve date Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June)

### Term dates

Summer 1 April 17th - 26th May  
Summer 2 June 6th - 20th July

Bank Holiday Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May

INSET days Monday 5th June  
Friday 21st July