



Christopher Rawlins CE Primary School

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Friday 6th December

Dear Parents,

This week we all came together in collective worship on Monday for the "Dressing of the Tree", children from the School Council, Sports Council, House Captains and Worship Council all put a decoration on the tree while we sang Christmas carols. The children enjoyed a countdown and we switched our Christmas tree lights on. The next event in our school Christmas calendar is our Christmas Bazaar today, we are looking forward to seeing families there.

We are continuing to monitor and check in on our curriculum learning, and Ms Martin has an update below about what the children told her about their Geography learning when she looked at books and spoke with children last week. We are really pleased with how positively children are applying their learning in the afternoon, and how much knowledge they have retained this term. Keep up the hard work!

Lauren Murrey and the Christopher Rawlins team

KS1 Curriculum Update

Over the past couple of weeks, Key Stage One have been extremely busy practising for their Nativity performance 'Prickly Hay'. We are extremely proud of how well the children have remembered their lines and wish them well for their performances! On Wednesday, the children went to The Creation Theatre in Oxford to watch Hansel and Gretel and thoroughly enjoyed their time. There were plenty of catchy songs, mystical spells and a touch of winter magic. They were very well-behaved and found it very exciting to see the actors up close. "It was one of the best trips I've been on!", "I really liked it because it's my favourite story!"

This term is always extremely busy, but also very exciting with Christmas approaching fast; from performances, Christmas dinners as well as a Polar Express Day where the children will be watching the film and drinking hot chocolate in their pyjamas!

Y3 & Y4 Dodgeball Event

Yesterday we took 20 children from Year 3/4 to take part in a dodgeball festival at the Warriner School. The children had a great time and really enjoyed working as a team. The value for the morning was honesty and children showed great honesty and sportsmanship, if they were out and encouraging their teammates. All children high fived the opposing teams after every match and they all left with big smiles, having enjoyed their morning.



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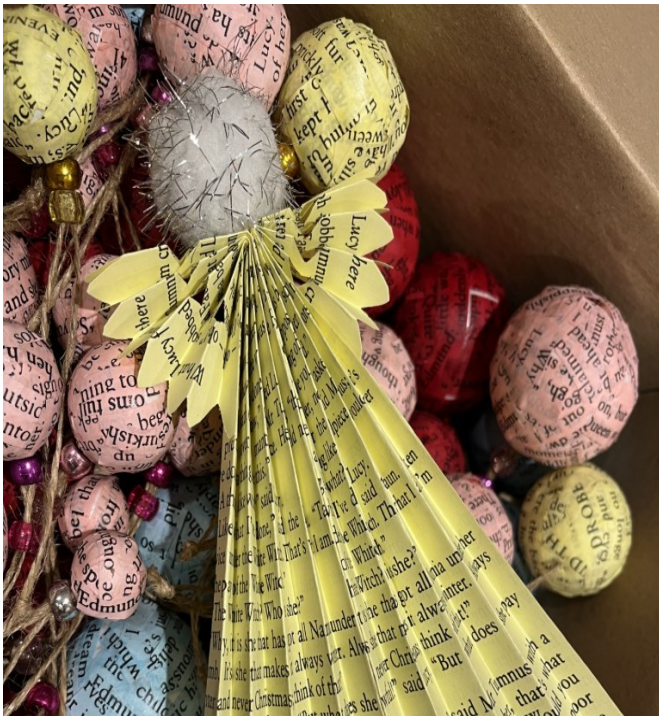
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Geography Update

Last week, I focused on Geography learning across the school. I spoke with the children; who displayed such enthusiasm. They really enjoy learning about the world around us. It was wonderful listening to their ideas. They could confidently talk about what they have learned and recall facts about the Polar Regions, and other units they had learnt previously. Children were able to talk about the geographical skills that are needed, we are working on this as a school, to enable all the children to talk more confidently about skills that geographers need. It would be really helpful if you could support with these conversations at home; ask your child what they have been learning and what key skills are needed to be a Geographer. Ms Martin, Geography Lead.

Adderbury Christmas Tree Festival

The Adderbury Christmas Tree Festival takes place from 6-8 December. Once again, St Mary's Church will be transformed into a glittering Christmas wonderland with many local organisations and community groups being celebrated. The Festival starts on Friday 2pm-8pm and continues on Saturday 10am-4pm and Sunday noon-4pm, concluding with a Family Carol Service at 4.30pm on Sunday. The display of 40 trees is sponsored by local organisations, businesses and groups and will be decorated in fun, creative and imaginative ways. Christopher Rawlins have decorated a tree, pictures below. Please do visit and vote for us!



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The Digital Dilemma - Keeping Your Kids Safe Online

Thames Valley Police Cyber Protect are running a free webinar to help parents and carers understand some of the risks young people face online, and how they can best protect themselves and their family from falling victim to cyber criminal behaviours. Covering social media, gaming and emails, this webinar will give you tips and tricks to help you protect them in today's online world. The webinar is running three times over the next few weeks, and tickets are available here:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/police-south-east-cyber-77121396093>

High Flyers After School and Breakfast Club

We've had a fantastic couple of weeks filled with festive fun and lots of energy! The children have been busy creating beautiful Christmas decorations, using a variety of craft materials. The children have painted beautiful Christmas pictures and created intricate snowflakes. Their creativity and attention to detail have been amazing, and it's wonderful to see their excitement as they bring their holiday artwork to life. Our room is looking extra festive thanks to all their hard work!

Outdoors, the children have been letting off steam with football matches and ball games. It's been great to see everyone working together, and having fun. This week, we're delighted to award the High Flyer certificates to Beau and Molly. Both have shown incredible kindness, going above and beyond by making beautiful Christmas cards for everyone in their class. Their thoughtfulness and creativity have brought so much joy to everyone around them. Well done, Beau and Molly- you've truly spread the holiday spirit. Keep up the fantastic work!

Looking ahead we're excited to announce that our Christmas party will take place on Thursday 19th December! This is always a highlight of the season, filled with fun party games, laughter and delicious food to enjoy. It's a wonderful opportunity for the children to celebrate together and get into the festive spirit.

We look forward to a fantastic time with everyone. You can book through our website, <https://www.highflyers.org.uk> or on our booking platform <https://highflyersoxfordlimited.ipalbookings.com/>

Vouchers - for those working over 16 hours, you can take advantage of the 'Government's Choices Scheme', to save 20% on childcare. Also, when booking through our system you can pay by bank payment, so there is no booking fee. We also offer 10% off for siblings attending the club.



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Diary dates

December Friday 6th	PTFA Christmas Fayre 5PM-7PM
December Tuesday 10th	EYFS Performance 9:45AM and 1:30PM
December Wednesday 11th	KS1 Performance 1:30PM
December Thursday 12th	KS1 Performance 1:30PM
December Thursday 12th	Christingle Service at St Mary's Church 6:00PM
December Thursday 12th	EYFS The Gruffalo at The Mill
December Tuesday 17th	KS2 Carol Concert 5:00PM (new time)
December Wednesday 18th	Christmas Dinner/Jumper Day
December Thursday 19th	Santa Fun Run (festive wear)
December Friday 20th	PTFA Polar Express Day (come dressed in your pyjamas)

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