



Christopher Rawlins CE Primary School

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Thursday 19th December

Dear Parents,

It has been a whirlwind of Christmas activity in school over the last two weeks. In the style of the 12 days of Christmas we have; decorated the Christmas tree, KS1 went to the Pantomime (oh no they didn't!), choir opened the Christmas Tree festival, had our Christmas Bazaar, staged two nativities - one in EYFS and one in KS1, made Christingles and attended the Christingle Service at St Mary's, EYFS went to see The Gruffalo, children chose gifts for their families from the PTFA Gift Shop, choir sang at Lake House, KS2 held their Christmas Concert, Christmas Dinner day, Santa Fun Run and to finish the term tomorrow we have a Polar Express Day.

I have to say a huge and heartfelt thank you to everyone involved in our school community that make all of the events happen in school, not only over the last few weeks, but every week. From Mrs Henderson and Mrs Watmore in the office who organise coaches, reconcile payments, send out emails and keep the staff on track, to our fantastic PTFA and their helpers who have worked tirelessly over the last few weeks raising money to benefit all of the children in the school, to the staff who have worked hard getting the best from the children over the last few weeks (and every week) and to the parents who have supported all of the events. Thank you!

I hope you all have a restful, calm and happy Christmas break. We look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

Lauren Murrey and the Christopher Rawlins team

Y3&4 Curriculum Update

Hummingbirds and Parrots have been working really hard in the run up to the Christmas holidays. In English, we wrote letters to Father Christmas as part of a competition by Cherwell District Council, to tell him all the ways we are going to recycle and reuse over Christmas. We all had excellent ideas including; recycling paper, cardboard boxes, and glass bottles, and some of us are going to reuse Christmas cards and turn them into gift tags.

In Geography, we are coming to the end of our unit of work on Polar Regions. The children have really enjoyed learning about the Arctic Circle and Antarctica. We have compared both regions with each other, learned about Svalbard and we compared the Polar Regions to the UK too.

In DT, children designed, created, and evaluated their own Christmas gift box, turning the nets into cubes was quite tricky but children had a great time making them bright and festive. Last week, children had a French afternoon, learning about French culture at Christmas time and learning a French Christmas Carol.



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Cross Country Finals

Following our Warriner Cluster event, five of our pupils qualified for the North Oxfordshire Cross Country Finals which took place last Friday at Sibford School. The children all tried their best and produced some excellent performances. We wait to hear if they progress to another event. Well done to Daria, Harry, Maddison and Aelan.

Music Lessons

On Tuesday afternoon I had a real treat when I attended an event laid on by Mr. Davies, our piano teacher. Isaac, Eve, Molly, Roopinder, Dolly and Ethan are all pupils of Mr. Davies and they put on a performance to share with their parent and carers. Each child performed individually and then we were treated to a wonderful group rendition of Silent Night which was in different parts. Well done to all who performed, I was very impressed with all of you. May I take this moment to thank all our visiting music teachers. We are very fortunate to have such experienced and dedicated staff. In the new year I will be sending out a poll to gauge interest in extending the range of instruments we offer in school. Mrs. MacLean

Choir

It has been a busy time for the choir and we have been in much demand! After our successful opening of the Christmas Tree Festival (complete with wonderful soloists) we enjoyed singing at the Christmas Bazaar.

On Monday morning you would be forgiven for thinking Santa had come early but it was just the jingling bells of the choir as we made our way to visit our neighbours at Lake House. We sang a range of Christmas carols and songs and it was lovely that many of the residents joined in. Afterwards, we chatted and shared a drink and biscuit. I am extremely proud of all of the children, both for their beautiful singing and the way they have conducted themselves at every event. Well done all! Mrs. MacLean



Santa Fun Run

Today all our children took part in the Santa Fun Run in aid of Katharine House Hospice. The children looked very festive and also scored points for their houses by completing laps of a course which had been designed and organised by our Sports Council. If you haven't yet donated to this cause it is not too late.



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Diary dates

January Monday 6th	First day back
January Thursday 16th	Y4 Parents Meeting for Multiplication Check
January Monday 27th	Y6 SATs Information Meeting 3:15PM
February Tuesday 4th	Bible Service Y3/4 at school 1:30PM
February Thursday 6th	Parent Book Look 3:15PM
February Tuesday 11th	Y3 Youlbury Outdoor Learning Day
February Thursday 13th	PTFA School Disco
	EYFS 13:45 - 14:30
	Yrs 1&2 14:30 - 15:30
	Yrs 3&4 15:30 - 16:30
	Yrs 5&6 16:30 - 17:30
February Tuesday 25th	Y1 Phonic Check Information Meeting 2:45PM

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