



Christopher Rawlins CE Primary School

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Friday 26th January

Dear Parents,

It has been a really busy couple of weeks in school. The Year 6 enjoyed a great residential in Yenworthy, and they worked hard, tested their resilience and had a really positive week away from school. The staff were brimming with praise for the Year 6s on their return for their conduct, strength and hard work during the week away.

This week our focus for collective worship was about caring for living creatures, and we discussed how this linked to our value of compassion. The children enthusiastically told me about how they care for their pets at home, and living creatures in their garden, keep up the hard work!

Over the last two weeks we have been focussing on evaluating the quality of our Maths teaching and the teaching of writing across the school. Mrs Duffy our Vice Chair of Governors joined us in this work, and we were able to share with her the progress we have made, and the work we are doing on developing writing across the school.

Lauren Murrey and the Christopher Rawlins team

Staffing update

Mr Green will be leaving Christopher Rawlins at the end of the Spring term. Mr Green is planning to continue his career closer to home, and we wish him every success for the future. Mr Green will be missed by staff and pupils alike. For the Summer term Mrs Sambrook will work full time in Parrots Class and Mrs MacLean will be teaching 3 days a week in Toucans, we are advertising for a 2 day a week teacher to work alongside Mrs MacLean.

Children's Mental Health Week

From 5-11 February 2024, schools, families and communities across the UK will take part in Children's Mental Health Week. This year's theme is My Voice Matters. The School Council will be leading an assembly and the week will culminate with a dress up day. The theme of this will be 'Express Yourself' with the idea children dress up in a way that expresses themselves. We are asking for a £1 donation which will go to the Children's Mental Health Week charity. This will be payable on SchoolMoney. Thank you for your support.

Parking

Please can I remind all parents about parking responsibly around the school and surrounding area. This week we have received a complaint from a resident of Keytes Close whose driveway is regularly blocked at the end of the day meaning they are unable to access their property. As a school community we have the values of Courage, Responsibility and Compassion, I ask all parents consider this when parking at drop off or pick up.

Just a reminder that the car parks at the rear and front of school are for staff use only. A handful of parents and carers have permission to park in the car park, please can I ask all other parents to park responsibly away from the school. Thank you for your support with this.

Swimming Gala

Last Monday 10 Year 5/6 pupils represented the school in the swimming gala at Sibford. They all performed well in their races and achieved an overall 2nd place for the girls and joint 1st place for the boys. It was a real pleasure to take them and I was impressed the way they cheered each other on and supported each other during the event. The teaching staff and swimming coaches at the event were extremely impressed with their behavior and attitude. Well done!

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Parent Support

The School Child Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) in Oxfordshire are holding several webinars for parents over the coming year. These awareness sessions contain useful information about how to support your child with some of the commonly seen emotional and mental health concerns. The two most valuable for parents are around Promoting Resilience in April and Understanding anxiety in June. Follow this link to book: <https://www.oxfordhealth.nhs.uk/camhs/oxon/sir/webinars/>

Blue sports tops

As you may be aware we now have smart new P.E. tops that the children are able to wear when they attend a school festival or represent the school in a sports competition. The tops are all numbered and we log them out to the children. Please can we remind you that the tops must be washed before the children return them to the School Office ready for them to be logged back in and loaned out to the next child. If you do have any still at home if you could return then asap it would be much appreciated. Many thanks for your support with this.

Junior Park Run now at Spiceball Park.

Are you looking for a **NEW YEAR** regular physical activity that is free for your 4 - 14 yr olds? After massive NATIONAL and LOCAL success of **PARKRUN** Saturday am in Spiceball. **PARKRUN JUNIOR** is now taking off in our local park of Spiceball (and other venues Nationwide) every Sunday at 9 am. Register for **FREE - GET A BAR CODE SENT TO YOU** and then just turn up and run. Help the young people in your family create personal best times and start getting fit. Here's the link for our Facebook page and website. <https://www.facebook.com/spiceballcountryparkjuniors>

High Flyers Breakfast and After School Club

This week, Beau is our 'High Flyer' of the Week! Beau's enthusiasm and creativity shone brightly during our slime-making session last week. Her encouraging spirit was a beacon, inspiring many children to dive into the joy of slime creation with gusto. We also made creative paintings, and the football sessions were a hit, filled with energy, teamwork, and healthy competition. These activities are not just about fun; they are stepping stones for learning, growth, and character development. Each brush stroke, each goal scored, and each batch of slime mixed adds to the rich tapestry of experiences that foster our children's development. As we move forward, we remain committed to creating an environment where every child feels valued, inspired, and eager to explore their potential.

We invite you to book your child's place in our upcoming holiday club.

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

Monday 29th January

Y1 phonics check meeting for parents at 2.45pm in the hall

Thursday 1st February

Local Governing Body meeting at 7pm

Wednesday 7th February

Bible Service Yr 3&4 at school at 1pm

Friday 9th February

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"Love one another. As I have loved you" John 13:34-35

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Learning Certificates

Owls

Timothy K for joining in with our Arctic theme this week, sharing his ideas and showing good concentration.

Penguins

Emily H for her motivation and increased confidence in phonics this week.

Frankie W-M for being keen to share his ideas and comments with staff and peers this week especially in maths!

Flamingos

Joshua for a fantastic week at school; listening to instructions, trying his best with his writing and being sensible when doing experiments in Science.

Damaris for trying her best in Maths this week when working with coins and adding amounts.

Peacocks

Alex for great concentration and effort in Maths

Flynn for showing a strong work ethic this week and good reflections in History

Woodpeckers

Harper for having a super start to the year, for showing responsibility in her learning and for getting on with tasks and being determined to get to the next challenge.

Fraser for showing courage to practice handwriting skills and writing super sentences.

Hummingbirds

Albie W for showing amazing resilience in our maths this week and being really focused with your learning.

James for excellent contributions in our Whole Class Reading sessions. You have answered retrieval questions and made inferences on a text. Keep it up the good work!

Toucans

Shae for growing his confidence, having a go and being determined to succeed.

Victoria for being a superstar in Maths and being the class teacher using excellent vocabulary.

Parrots

Brooke W for having such a positive attitude this week when using the compact method for multiplying. She loved it!

Rhys H for his enthusiasm for learning and being keen to take his learning further especially in maths.

Hérons

Laz for some really knowledgeable answers during our Junior citizen visit

Luke some excellent drriptide work in English with our Kraken poems

Kingfishers

Alfie for your hard work and determination this week.

Ted for your fantastic typography alphabet art.

Our Collective Worship focus is **Responsibility**

"Arise, for it is your task, and we are with you; be strong and do it." Ezra 10:4