



## **NEWSLETTER 8 – 21<sup>st</sup> October 2021**

*A quote: "We have a single mission: to protect and hand on the planet to the next generation."*

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was lovely to see lot of children in green today as part of the PTFA Go Green mufti day. This links to the COP26 Convention and the work being done to work together for our planet. For over half-term I have made a suggested sheet of activities your child or you as family might like to explore (as an attachment and on google classroom). They are only suggestions but any work you can share and bring in would be fabulous. We shall be looking at this a little more in the first week back after half term too.

On Tuesday and Wednesday night we held Virtual Parents evening. Lots of great conversations have been had between parents and teachers. If you did not manage to access the appointment, then please do email class teachers who will arrange a mutually convenient time to meet you to discuss progress in Autumn Term 1.

This week we were due to have the Y3/4 Bible service where Year 3 are presented with a Bible to use at school in KS2. Unfortunately, the Bibles did not arrive as they were held up so this is rearranged for the 2<sup>nd</sup> November. If any child in KS2 has a Bible that they have had presented previously it would be brilliant to have it returned to school so they can use them specifically in RE lessons but at other times too.

This week in Collective Worship we concluded our work on Compassion and thought about two stories of coming to the rescue. We also reflected on how we have demonstrated compassion this term and how this can continue and what we more we can do.

After half term we will be marking Remembrance in school with KS2 attending a service at Church and KS1/EYFS having one in school. Poppies and items will be on sale after half term. I have attached the dates for Term 2 again today – with everything we are aware of happening – there may well be more! This includes a couple of PTFA events too.

We have had a number of children being tested for Covid at this time. Whilst we are still extremely lucky that we have had very few cases it is also important to remember that currently guidance states that if there are NO symptoms then children can be at school until a Positive PCR is received. If symptomatic on the other hand, they cannot return unless a negative PCR has come through. It is also now not a school's responsibility to say who should or should not be tested. That is down to Track and Trace and also you as parents who know whether your child has had close contact with a positive case. This of course may well change and as I mentioned at the start of the year additional measures may well need to return too.

**I hope you all have a wonderful half term,**

*Mrs Smith, Headteacher*

### **Diary Week: 25<sup>th</sup> Oct**

*Half term*

### **Diary Week: 1<sup>st</sup> Nov**

Mon

Tues Rearranged Bible  
Service

Wed Y5/6 Swim Gala –  
2-3.30pm

Thurs

Fri Toucans Swim 1  
Herons Swim 1  
Open Door After  
school 20 minutes

Sat Spruce Up School  
pm

### **Attendance this week:**

**NO NUT PRODUCTS IN SCHOOL** Please could you ensure that no items that contain nuts are sent into school due to the fact we have children with serious nut allergies – this includes peanut butter, nuts as a snack and some breads may contain nuts too.

### **Autumn Spruce up School Event** - *message from Ian Bailey Chair of Governors,*

After a hiatus, the school is re-starting our annual autumn "spring clean" of the grounds on November 6th, from 1pm. We will be cleaning the beds, tidying up the children's play areas and even re-discovering a long-lost pond. The tidy up will not only enhance the school's appearance and safety, but it will also provide additional learning opportunities, which we will fold into the ongoing curriculum. If you are handy in the garden, or even if you're like me, please come by and help us tidy up. Please bring along gloves, as well as any forks, spades rakes and trugs. We will also need a wheelbarrow or two if anyone lives very nearby. In particular, part of the work will involve replacement of broken decking. If you have any skills or experience in this, please give me a shout at [ibailey@christopher-rawlins.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:ibailey@christopher-rawlins.oxon.sch.uk).

## Growth Mindset Certificates:

<b>Owls</b>	<b>Kitty H</b> for being very independent when exploring in school <b>Orson W</b> for sharing his 'WOW' maths in our games and activities with his peers
<b>Puffins</b>	<b>Emma S</b> for lovely imaginative play and showing great focus during lessons and learning. <b>Evie T</b> for being a really kind friend to everyone, especially the younger children.
<b>Penguins</b>	<b>Charlie M</b> for putting huge amounts of effort into all of his learning this term. <b>Harley T</b> for trying incredibly hard in her phonics learning this week!
<b>Flamingos</b>	<b>Ale G</b> for being inspired by a challenge and being a super role model for behaviour. <b>Brooke W</b> for being a kind and helpful member of the class and joining in with class discussions.
<b>Peacocks</b>	<b>Ethan E</b> for great determination and courage when tackling his work and being a great role model as our school councillor <b>Eden C</b> for great enthusiasm and determination in all her work this term
<b>Woodpeckers</b>	<b>Rhys H</b> for amazing independent writing this week (inspiration) <b>Alfie W-S</b> for being determined to make progress in phonics
<b>Hummingbirds</b>	<b>Arthur R</b> for being determined during our netball matches. He worked so hard to include all his teammates. <b>Reuben B</b> for showing resilience through the term. He's encountered many challenging learning tasks and has been developing his resilience by not giving up.
<b>Parrots</b>	<b>Ashton L</b> for the fantastic effort he has put into joining his handwriting and for writing a great school council application. <b>Seren W</b> for using the knowledge she has gained to help others in her class.
<b>Toucans</b>	<b>Alfie J</b> For being determined in his Maths this week and demonstrating his knowledge. <b>Sophie B</b> for being a role model in Toucans this week and consistently focusing on her work.
<b>Hérons</b>	<b>Aiden WE</b> for having a really positive attitude towards Maths this week and trying hard with formal methods. <b>Riley T</b> for showing good determination in Maths this week when learning tricky new formal methods.
<b>Kingfishers</b>	<b>Vinnie H</b> for some excellent presentation in his Longtown leaflet.- use of persuasive language and good vocabulary <b>Chloe H</b> for excellent work on a non chronological report on explorers
<b>Headteacher Value Awards</b>	<b>Olvie P, Isla C, Holly H, Olivia J, William A, Dylan M</b>

HOUSE POINTS: **Birch 193** **Maple 135** **Oak 190** **Mulberry 167**

## Out of school achievements- Shout out and well done to:

**Oscar OH** for his football medal presented to him at the weekend.



Messy Church is a way of being church for families and others. It is Christ-centred, for all ages, based on creativity, hospitality and celebration.

### **St Marys Adderbury**

Sat 6th Nov 3pm

We will explore a bible story together, with crafts, activities, games. The afternoon will end with worship together, and tea.

Bring your mums and dads, grandparents, aunts and uncles.....

Questions?  
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### Halloween Spooky Holiday Club At High Flyers

**TUESDAY 26 & WEDNESDAY 27 OCTOBER**

Come and join us for a day of spooky potion making, spider cakes, den building, arts & crafts, dancing and messy play at Christopher Rawlins School Come in fancy dress (horrible prize for the winner) £29.00 9.00am until 4pm

To book: <https://highflyersoxfordlimited.schoolipal.co.uk/home>

### Applying for Secondary School

Parents of children born between 1 September 2010 and 31 August 2011 (inclusive) need to apply for a secondary school place for September 2022. From 3 September 2021, you can apply online for a secondary school place. A link to the Portal is [here](#).

**Closing date for applications - 31 October 2021**

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