



Christopher Rawlins CE Primary School

"Stand firm and be deeply rooted in love" Ephesians 3:17

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Friday 8th March

Dear Parents,

It has been a busy week buzzing with excitement across the school. KS1 have enjoyed a really successful trip to learn more about Castles as part of their Geography learning and a visit from the fire brigade this week linked to their PSHE learning.

This week in collective worship we focused on saying the right thing, and we thought about scenarios and what the right thing would be to say. We linked this back to forgiving others, and how we may not always say the right thing but sometimes we have to draw a line and move on.

The energy and enthusiasm shown by the children for our two dance days has been fantastic, Ricky is a great choreographer and the children worked so hard to learn their moves and routines so quickly. Well done to you all!

Lauren Murrey and the Christopher Rawlins team

Uniform donations

We would like to start collecting donations of school logo uniform that is in good condition to sell back to parents as used uniform. If you have any sweatshirts or fleeces that are in good condition and no longer fit your children then please bring them to the school office. We aim to collect uniform over the next half term with the aim of selling used uniform back to parents at a greatly reduced cost. All money raised from the sale of uniform will be invested back into school resources.

Staffing

We welcome Mrs Dawn Ross to our Teaching Assistant team, Mrs Ross is working in Year 3 and 4 classes. Mrs Rakela will be in school next Wednesday 13th March for the day, spending time in Toucans class and meeting with Mrs MacLean. Mrs Rakela will be available at the beginning and end of the day at the classroom door for Toucans parents to introduce themselves and say hello.

KS1 Curriculum Update

KS1 have already had a busy start to term. We have moved our focus from History to Geography and are now beginning to think about the function of castles and why they were built in those locations. We will soon be moving on to looking at aerial photographs and map skills. In Science, we continue to develop our understanding of the uses and properties of materials and have been investigating which shapes and materials make the strongest bridge. KS1 have really enjoyed our new art unit which has started with exploring watercolours and the works of Paul Klee and Emma Burleigh - we will build up to a final mixed media piece of textiles and paint!



KS1 Warwick Castle Trip

On Monday KS1 visited Warwick Castle and both adults and children had a great time. We watched a magnificent bird show, learned about the reason behind the design of a castle, walked a lot and enjoyed the glorious views in the sunshine. As a phase we look forward to putting what we have learned into our Geography lessons. Thanks to all the parent helpers that helped make the day a great success. The children were extremely well behaved and we're looking forward to our next trip to Science Oxford on Wednesday 27th of March.

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World Book Day Week

This week, the children celebrated World Book Week in numerous ways. In English, the children were exploring the ‘Little People Big Ideas’ series of books and enjoyed learning about different influential people. We have also been participating in a whole-school challenge of decorating the classroom doors linked to a text that they have studied this academic year. Flamingos got stuck in using their crafting skills to make different species of fish linked to ‘The Secret of Black Rock’. The week ended with a whole-school book share whereby the older children in the school shared their books and read to the younger children. The children have come away this week feeling extremely passionate about reading and we hope that they continue with this as a result. The children looked fabulous for World Book Day on Thursday so thank you for helping them to participate.



Comic Relief Day Friday 15th March

Just a reminder we will be having a non uniform day on Friday 15th of March. That week, a £1 donation will be loaded on to School Money to help raise money for the charity.

Parents Evening

These are due to take place on Tuesday 19th March and Wednesday 20th March. A letter has been sent home earlier this week with a link to book appointments. These appointments are face to face in school.

Ricky Dance Day

Last Friday and today we welcomed Ricky into our school for a day full of dance! Early Years and Key Stage One had a great day last Friday learning a dance and performing it to the whole school at the end of the day. Such great fun, energy and enthusiasm from all the children. KS2 had an equally fun day today getting to grips with a routine. Every child joined in and tried their best with a lot of enthusiasm which was fabulous to see. Children commented on how brilliant and fun was. One child asked “ Can Ricky please come again? Because he makes us smile” Another child mentioned “I cannot wait to show my new moves to my parents.”



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Safer Internet Week

Across the school this week, we have been looking at how to stay safe online in an ever-changing world. We investigated the new use of AI technology and how to stay savvy when dealing with fake news. Key Stage 1 had the opportunity to use Lego’s Build and Talk Resource, which you can access at home, to explore ways of staying safe and asking for help when needed. Key Stage 2 investigated the damage that AI poses to the news and learnt how to spot fake news. Staying safe online is now a big part of children’s lives and it is important to give children the opportunity to discuss their ideas and any issues that they have faced online. We encourage you to take part in your own discussions at home providing a safe space for your child to discuss when things go wrong online.



High Flyers Breakfast and After School Club

‘High Flyer of the Week’ is Harry G. Harry has truly embodied the Highflyers ethos, not only by ensuring he’s having a fantastic time but by extending kindness to all around him.

Looking ahead, our Easter Holiday Club is set to run on April 8th and 9th. This is an opportunity you won’t want to miss! The club is jam-packed with Easter-themed activities, games, and crafts. It’s always a highlight of our calendar, and the children absolutely love it. Spring is on its way.....Spaces are now open for booking, so be sure to secure your spot for a cracking good time!

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

Thursday 14th March	Multiplication Tables Check 3.30pm and 6.30pm (Year 4s only)
Friday 15th March	Comic Relief Non Uniform Day
Tuesday 19th March	Parent Consultations 3.30pm—5pm
Wednesday 20th March	Parent Consultations 4.00pm—7pm
Wednesday 20th March	Palm Sunday Service - Reception, Y1/2 at St Mary’s Church - 1.30pm
Wednesday 27th March	Easter Service— Y5/6 at St Mary’s Church - 10.30am

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Learning Certificates

Owls

Evelyn for joining in and sharing her thoughts and ideas at group times - especially show and tell.

Penguins

Damian for his super focus and effort in phonics this week.

Austin for being a thoughtful and helpful member of the class and giving his all to activities.

Flamingos

Eliza for great progress in Phonics recently; learning her sounds and applying it to reading. Keep it up!

Michael G for setting a good example on our school trip to Warwick Castle this week, following instructions and helping his peers.

Peacocks

Henry for great behaviour and engagement on our trip to Warwick Castle and helping with our World Book Day display

Charlie for an amazing homework model castle

Woodpeckers

The whole of Woodpecker class for having a super trip to Warwick castle! Listening to adults, helping each other and asking super questions.

Lilly for working hard on her writing, taking on feedback and improving her choice of vocabulary.

Hummingbirds

Trixie for having an excellent attitude to her learning and showing courage when facing any challenge.

Clemmie for growing in confidence in Maths and sharing ideas in class, well done.

Toucans

Millie for showing amazing enthusiasm, interest and effort this week in our Little People, Big Dreams focus

Roopinder for always being polite, helping her friends and being a good role model

Parrots

Shayla A for demonstrating super drama and emotion in her dance work this week.

Freddie S for some deep thinking in R.E. showing good understanding of Lenten customs.

Hérons

Teddy for being really focused with his learning this week in Literacy and Maths.

Nate for great contributions to literacy this week learning about Steve Jobs and designing a new invention.

Kingfishers

Finley for the respect and responsibility you have displayed this week.

Maisie for your determination in maths this week while finding equivalent fractions and decimals.

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