



# Christopher Rawlins CE Primary School

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

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**Friday 1st December**

Dear Parents,

Today was our inaugural Decorating the Christmas Tree worship. We held a special celebration and we sang carols while each class put a bauble on the Christmas tree. Thank you to Val Scarff for providing the piano accompaniment to our carols.

As you will know we have a real issue with mud on the school site. We are working hard to manage this as best we can around the school site. If it helps, please send your child to school with an old top which they can put on over their uniform for breaktimes and lunchtimes. We are currently putting plans together to try and find some longer term solutions as I know how challenging this is each year.

Mrs Murrey and the Christopher Rawlins Staff Team

## **Yr 3 & 4 Stone Age Workshop**

You would be forgiven for thinking we had all travelled back in time, as Year 3 and 4 were replaced with a lot of children from the Stone Age! It was wonderful to see all the children arriving in fantastic costumes and excited ready for our Stone Age Day. We had lots of fun and lots of exciting learning took place throughout the day; we even got to hold woolly mammoth bones and teeth! The day included handling and drawing genuine Stone Age artefacts as well as quizzes, games and stories. Thank you to all the parents who helped by providing such wonderful costumes.

## **Recycling Truck Competition**

We had a very exciting day last week when our recycling truck designed by Ava and Mollie arrived at Christopher Rawlins accompanied by its mascot 'Binbo'. This was after we won a Cherwell District Council competition to celebrate 20 years of recycling.

All the children in the Aviary came to see the truck and thoroughly enjoyed pressing the buttons that moved the bin mechanism. Both Ava and Mollie in Year 6 were presented with a prize of a book token by a local Councillor. They had their photos taken and have appeared in the local press. Look out for our fabulously designed bin truck that will be collecting garden waste on Thursdays in the area.



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## Big Sing

On Monday the children from the school choir set off for Oxford to participate in the Big Christmas Sing. We picked up the choir from Deddington on the way and Mrs. Wearing and I enjoyed many renditions of The Twelve Days of Christmas all the way there!! The children worked extremely hard during the rehearsal and put on a fantastic performance in the evening. I was so proud of all the children who have been preparing hard over the last few weeks for this event. Thank you to Mrs. Wearing for her support. We are all well and truly in the Christmas spirit!

In other choir related news, we will be singing carols at 5pm on Friday at the Christmas Bazaar although all children are welcome to join us for this as we will have carol sheets. On Friday 8th December the choir will be opening the Christmas Tree Festival at St. Mary's Church in Adderbury. It is a busy time of year with lots of music making to look forward to.

## Inter House Cross Country

On Wednesday the children in KS1 and KS2 took part in our interhouse cross country competition. The event was led by our Sports Council from year 6. They led the warm ups, took on the role of hares and gave out the finish tokens. The runners all tried their best in classic cross-country conditions (fog, a muddy field and a definite nip in the air). We will be collating the results, and the winning house will be announced soon.



## Christmas Dinner Wednesday 13th December

You will have received a flyer advertising our Christmas Dinner provided by Fresh Start Catering. If you would like to book a Christmas Dinner, please book using Meal Manager in the normal way. If your child does not normally have a school meal, they can have a Christmas meal as a one off. Please email Helen Henderson in the School office reception and she can provide you with a log on to School Meal Manager to book a meal. Orders must be placed before midday on Thursday 7th of December.

## Christmas Jumper Day Wednesday 13th December

Children are invited to wear a Christmas Jumper this day to join in with the festivities.

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## High Flyers Breakfast and After School Club

We've been fully embracing the great outdoors, taking advantage of the pleasant weather with the children enthusiastically participating in a variety of games and fun building activities. Indoors, the festive spirit is already in the air as we've begun crafting Christmas decorations, filling the place with creativity and cheer.

Michael is our High Flyer of the week. He has settled into our crew remarkably well, quickly becoming a valued member of our team. His adaptability and positive contributions have really stood out. Matilda also has the High Flyer award this week for always being so smiley and positive.

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 no booking fee.

You can book through our website: <https://www.highflyers.org.uk> or on our booking platform: <https://highflyersoxfordlimited.ipalbookings.com/>

## Fresh Start Advert

Fresh Start are looking for a Head Cook for 22.5hrs to run our lovely kitchen at Christopher Rawlins school Adderbury. We pride ourselves in cooking from scratch with fresh local ingredients, and strive to give the children the best school lunches we possibly can. Duties would include cooking, serving, ordering and the day to day running of the kitchen. If you would like to join our wonderful team please apply to [nicola.cooper@freshstartcatering](mailto:nicola.cooper@freshstartcatering).

## Diary dates

Tuesday 5th December	EYFS Nativity (9.45am & 1.30pm)
Wednesday 6th December	KS1 Performance 1.30pm
Thursday 7th December	KS1 Performance 1.30pm
Tuesday 12th December	Christingle Service 4pm at St Mary's (all children & parents welcome)
Wednesday 13th December	Christmas Dinner and jumper day in school
Thursday 14th December	KS1 Pantomime

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## Learning Certificates

### Owls

Hunter for doing so well in our Nativity rehearsals singing and joining in with actions.

### Penguins

Finn S for doing so well at learning to recall his lines and say them clearly in our Nativity.

Emily H for her wonderful singing and actions in our Nativity rehearsals.

### Flamingos

Harry for being a fantastic role model for his classmates and always trying his best at what he does.

Pearl for good effort in Phonics this week, keep it up!

### Peacocks

Maisie for showing super determination and participation in Maths this week.

Sophia for determination to perfect her lines in the nativity.

### Woodpeckers

Freddy for showing resilience and determination in perfecting his sentence quality.

Sehr for showing courage and determination in working hard at her letter formation.

### Hummingbirds

Riley for working really hard with your handwriting, I have noticed a big improvement, well done.

Dolly for super determination when making Christmas decorations and not giving up when it got tricky, well done.

### Toucans

Lola for showing courage this week and being determined to find success in a variety of challenges she has faced.

Guinny for being a great sport during our Cross Country event, cheering on those around her and supporting peers to the finish line.

### Parrots

Bobbie F for her super effort during the interhouse cross country event and for making a good effort with her maths this week.

Jessie F for always showing our school values and for her amazing diary writing.

### Hérons

Ollie for some excellent work on fractions and his great explanations when solving problems

Ryan for showing responsibility with his role at lunchtime being really diligent and helpful

### Kingfishers

Leo for showing respect and kindness to others, thank you for being a great role model

Isaac for your kindness and showing responsibility, thank you for being a great role model

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