



Christopher Rawlins CE Primary School

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

Newsletter Spring Term

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Friday 10th February

Dear Parents and Carers

It is hard to believe quite how quickly this first term has flown by. It has been a pleasure getting to know all of the staff, children and parents and I am very much looking forward to being at Christopher Rawlins full time after February half term.

This week in school we have focused on Safer Internet Day with a week of short activities for the children. The theme of this has been "Making space for conversations about life online". We all know that our children spend a lot of time online, and this is an opportunity to ensure that children do it safely and know where to get help if something goes wrong. See below for further details about what the classes have been doing.

I hope you all have a restful half term break.
Mrs Murrey and the Christopher Rawlins team

Aviary News



This week in The Aviary the Early Years children were visited by two parents who work in the building trade; Mr Hobbs (Nursery children) and Mr Pratt (Reception children). The children loved seeing and learning about their tools and safety equipment. They learnt about different materials used and even had a go at building a wall! The children have been learning all about houses and homes this term and, along with our walk in the village this week to look at different types of houses, these visits have enhanced the children's experience and knowledge. A big thank you to Mr Hobbs and Mr Pratt for giving their time to come in.

Internet Safety Week

On assembly on Monday, as part of the national Safer Internet scheme, we learnt about what we can do when things go wrong on our electronic devices. We decided how to help our modernised fairy-tale friends solve their modern day online problems. Across the week, in our Key Stages, we have shared how we feel about being online and what we would change about it in the future, learnt how to stay safe online and discussed how we would solve issues that may happen when online. Being online is a part of all our lives and helping to educate children about being safe and seeking support when things go wrong is key to helping them develop. You can find out more about the scheme and further discuss with your child by following the link below:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2023>

Use of mobile phones on school site

Please can I ask all parents, wherever possible, to refrain from using their phones when on the school site. This is to safeguard children, parents and staff.

Attendance

Early next term we will be monitoring attendance of all children across the school. Department for Education guidance asks us to monitor attendance of all children who fall below 95%, working with parents to understand barriers to good attendance. If your child's attendance falls below 95% we will send you a letter after half term to make you aware of this. For those children below 90% we will monitor attendance for a period of time, and work with you to try and understand more about reasons for absence - offering support where we are able to.

What we know is that good school attendance - 95%+ - is essential for children to get the most out of their school experience, including their attainment, wellbeing, and wider life chances. Pupils with the highest attainment at the end of Year 6 and Year 11 have higher rates of attendance over the key stage compared to those with the lowest attainment.

If you have concerns about your child's attendance, please speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance.

Our value focus is CHARITY: "Don't forget to do good, and share with those in need." Hebrews 13:16



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Growth Mindset Certificates

Puffins

Joshua for being determined to follow instructions.

Reggie P for being determined to sit on the carpet during group times this week.

Penguins

Tyler for his increased confidence and independence since starting Nursery.

Orson for his super drawing of a house this week and for sticking to his PSHE pledge.

Flamingos

Reuben T for excellent sounding and blending work in phonics.

Emma for developing her confidence within the classroom and completing her work carefully.

Peacocks

Albie for a super recount about the village walk.

Maddison for her great positive mindset when creating an animal poem.

Woodpeckers

Rhys for excellent rhyming work in English.

Olivia for working really hard with your handwriting and sitting your letters on the line.

Hummingbirds

Flo for showing a clear understanding of the features of an advertisement.

Jacob Mi for working hard and perfecting his skills at being an excellent gymnast.

Toucans

Reuben for really inspired literacy writing this week on our adverts.

Ellie for working hard on her vocabulary in Literacy. Splendid slogans for her adverts.

Parrots

Freddie for his excellent attitude to learning and sharing his good understanding of Science with the class.

Ethan for being such a lovely member of our class and always trying his best.

Herons

Alfie for a fantastic homework model of an Anderson shelter.

Kian for his good effort and focus in Maths.

Kingfishers

Harry for excellent inferencing skills in guided reading.

Edith for your determination and resilience in Maths this week.

High Flyers

We are having another week of crafting and decorating for Valentine's Day but also we are trying to get as much vitamin D from the sunshine!

On Shrove Tuesday the 21st of February we are having our pancake breakfast and afternoon tea. There are still some spaces left for booking.

Due to lots of incoming factors (mainly the space we are using) High Flyers can only take children from Reception class upwards. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

High Flyer of the week is Adam L. for always playing nicely and using his imagination.

Diary dates

23rd February Yr 5 & 6 Hockey Event, Bloxham School, 1.00—4.00pm

23rd February Yr 3 & 4 Milton Keynes Theatre, 5.30—10.30pm

24th February PTFA Disco EYFS & KS1 4.45—6.00pm; KS2 6.15—7.30pm

28th February Children Singing for Children, St Mary's Church, Banbury 7.00pm

1st March World Book Day Dress Up Day, all Year groups

Out of School Achievements

Lilliana for her dance medal assessment certificate.