



Christopher Rawlins CE Primary School

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Friday 22nd November

Dear Parents,

"It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas ..." so the song goes and it is certainly starting to feel that way at school as children are practising songs for Christmas productions, costumes are coming in to school and the PTFA are busy collecting jars, ticketing bottles and making plans for the Christmas Fayre.

The snow was a fun addition to school life this week, and the children enjoyed a longer break outside playing in the snow, and fortunately it didn't cause too much disruption. For any future snow forecasts, if it was to impact on school opening we would let you know by 7:45am via email and Facebook.

Over the last couple of weeks I have dropped into classes and seen children working really hard developing their writing skills. Children are working hard writing at length, and writing for a clear purpose. Early in December we will be launching our "Dear Santa" writing competition. We will keep you updated.

Have a great weekend

Lauren Murrey and the Christopher Rawlins team

EYFS Curriculum Update

This term our learning is 'Books, Books Books'. The children will explore various different books and engage in listening to and acting out stories. This week we read the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears and made puppets and acted out the story. We will be learning about what an author is and will explore and read stories by the author Julia Donaldson. Later this term we will be taking the children on their first school trip to The Mill in Banbury to experience a familiar story in the theatre. One special story the children have begun to learn about is the Nativity, and the children are already looking forward to their first Nativity performance later this term.



Staffing Update

Mrs Street, our Higher Level Teaching Assistant, who works across the school leading intervention groups and covering classes will be leaving at the end of this term. Mrs Street has worked at the school for 9 years and is a hard working and valued member of the staff team. Mrs Street was a key choreographer and leader of our whole school dance for Sports Day each year! She will be missed by her colleagues, and we wish her every success for the future.

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Y5&6 Football Festival

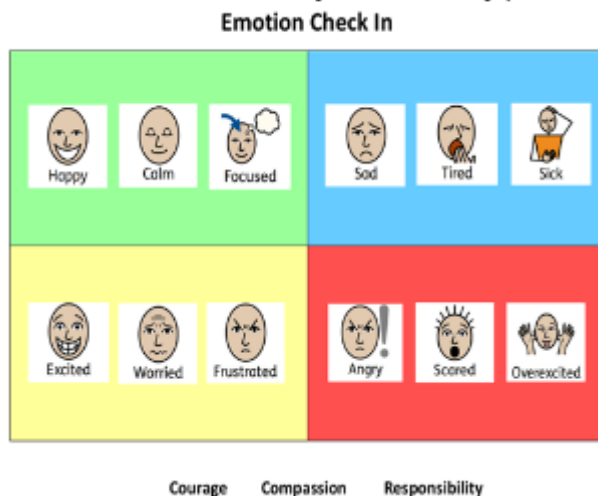
Mrs Humphries and I had the pleasure of taking 20 children to the Warriner Year 5/6 football festival last week. Both teams played really well and showed amazing team work and respect. It was lovely to see the children playing football against others teams and all the children represented the school well. The girls tournament result was incredibly close and we achieved a third place narrowly missing out on qualification to the next round. Well done all. Mrs Ostler.



Social and emotional learning

Social and emotional learning is important, we use it to help children improve their self-management of emotions, decision-making skills and interaction with others and their self. Much of this learning is done through our PSHE curriculum and through our day to day interactions. This term we have introduced a whole school emotion check in system that supports this. It enables children and staff to identify and talk about emotions, and how to effectively manage them. It forms part of our whole school daily routine.

Our emotion check in system clearly puts our emotions into four coloured zones.



Red is used to describe extremely heightened states of alertness and intense emotions. These might be trickier emotions to manage.

Yellow is used to describe a heightened state of alertness and elevated emotions. These we have some control over.

Green is used to describe a calm state of alertness. This is the zone where optimal learning occurs.

Blue is used to describe low states of alertness and down feelings.

Try some of these ideas to start talking about emotions and checking in at home; identify your own feelings using emotion check in colours and language in front of your child (e.g. I'm feeling frustrated), check-in with your child, ask them how they are feeling and what zone they are in and discuss feelings and zones in relation to a character in a book or a film

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Choir Event

On Tuesday 12th November the children from the school choir sang at the annual "Children Singing for Children" event at St. Mary's Church in Banbury. The children performed beautifully and were an absolute credit to the school. We started with 'Sailing' in which Lily sang a beautiful solo and finished with a rousing version of 'Octopus's Garden.' It was lovely to come together with other schools to participate in a grand finale. I was so proud of all the children who demonstrated our school values in abundance, particularly that of courage! Well done all. Mrs. MacLean

Choir is open to all children in Key Stage Two and we always enjoy welcoming new members. We meet on Tuesday lunchtime at 12.15pm in Egrets classroom.

PTFA Raffle Tickets

Thank-you to everyone that has already returned their raffle ticket money to the office. Could we please ask for all tickets and money to be returned by Friday the 29th of November. We have a few extra raffle tickets in Reception if anyone requires more. Thank you for your continued support.

High Flyers After School and Breakfast Club

As we embrace the changing seasons High Flyers Club has been bustling with excitement! Over the last couple of weeks, we have participated in a range of meaningful activities from Remembrance Day activities to Children in Need.

This week has been filled with fun and creativity! We've enjoyed making Christmas decorations and exploring our artistic skills for the upcoming Christmas tree decorating competition at Adderbury church. It's been a wonderful mix of indoor creativity and outdoor fun as we head into the holiday season. High Flyers certificates are awarded to Ada and Eadie as new members they have settled in brilliantly, welcome aboard.

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

Vouchers - 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 there is no booking fee. We also offer 10% off for siblings attending the club.

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Diary dates

December Wednesday 4th	KS1 Pantomime
December Friday 6th	PTFA Christmas Fayre 5PM-7PM
December Tuesday 10th	EYFS Performance 9:45AM and 1:30PM
December Wednesday 11th	KS1 Performance 1:30PM
December Thursday 12th	KS1 Performance 1:30PM
December Thursday 12th	Christingle Service at St Mary's Church 6:00PM
December Thursday 12th	EYFS The Gruffalo at The Mill
December Tuesday 17th	KS2 Carol Concert 6:00PM
December Wednesday 18th	Christmas Dinner/Jumper Day
December Thursday 19th	Santa Fun Run
December Friday 20th	PTFA Polar Express Day (come dressed in your pyjamas)

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

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Learning Certificates

Owls

Maxwell for always coming in with a smile, taking part in all activities and being friendly to others.

Penguins

Orson for doing a brilliant job saying his lines clearly in our Nativity rehearsals.

Toby for his great listening in phonics and improved phonics skills.

Flamingos

Michael G for his amazing effort with his writing recently; using his Phonics carefully to apply to his spellings.

Sefora for always using the School's Values to model fantastic behaviour to her peers. Keep it up!

Woodpeckers

Reggie P for working hard on his letter formation to write super sentences about the Wise Men in R.E.

Henry for showing responsibility to practice his letter formation to write creative ideas in English.

Hummingbirds

Clemmie for working really hard with her learning and having excellent ideas for her story.

Harley for working really hard with her writing and by listening to sounds in words when she spells them.

Parrots

Rudy for always showing eagerness to share ideas and always being ready for a challenge.

Emma for writing an excellent adventure story with powerful adjectives, fronted adverbials and a range of conjunctions.

Egrets

Rafe H for some amazing work in dance where he demonstrated amazing quality of movement and was an excellent role model to others.

Isaac D for fantastic ideas in literacy when investigating Blurbs from a range of books.

Hérons

Christian for some lovely work on his fantasy world this week in English

Kenzie for writing some really effective descriptions in his literacy this week.

Kingfishers

Lily for showing good participation and effort across all subjects this week

Flossy for consistently positively participating in reading and writing lessons

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