



Christopher Rawlins CE Primary School

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Friday 7th March

Dear Parents,

A glimpse of some sunshine makes a huge difference as we move through the Spring term, and it has certainly helped to start the term. The term started positively with our "Kindness Week" which was so well led by Miss Holland and the School Council. The children engaged with real thought about the activities they took part in, and shared some positive ideas with each other and their classes. There have been some good 'leftovers' from the week including a termly kindness lucky dip where children can be nominated and celebrated for their acts of kindness and the "Caught Being Kind Cards".

Hopefully you will have seen the PTFA advertising our Ground Day on Saturday 15th March from 10:00 - 4:00, we would be delighted to see families for however much time they can spare on the day - all help would be hugely appreciated. We have sheds to clear out, a skip to fill, beds to weed and fill, bike sheds to pressure wash and fences to paint- something for everyone!

Lauren Murrey and the Christopher Rawlins team

Yr 3/4 Curriculum Update

This term we have started reading our new book, The Butterfly Lion and we have applied our VIPERS reading skills in Guided Reading lessons, inferring, predicting, explaining, retrieving and exploring vocabulary. In Science, we have continued our learning about Animals including Humans, in which we are learning how to keep our teeth healthy and how we digest food. We have a very egg-citing experiment coming up, where we investigate which drinks cause the most decay to the outer shell of an egg (similar to the enamel on our teeth).



Thank you

We wanted to say a huge thank you to Steve Hobbs for his hard work installing shelving in our new PE shed. We are really appreciative of the time spent on behalf of the school. Ms Sambrook is delighted with being able to store and organise her PE equipment so efficiently.

RSHE Policy

We have revised and updated our RSE (Relationships and Sex Education) policy as we are required to do in line with statutory requirements. We continue to follow the SCARF scheme for delivering lessons and the policy gives an overview of this, as well as the content from the RSE curriculum. The draft policy can be viewed on our website under policies [here](#). If you would like to provide any feedback about the policy to us, please complete this [google form](#) by Monday 17th March. Many thanks Miss Arthur.

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KS1 Banbury Museum Visit

Last Thursday, KS1 were visited by Banbury Museum for an ‘All about Banbury’ outreach session linking to their ‘Significant People’ topic in History. The children learned all about the history of Banbury Cross, Banbury's huge Castle (demolished in the 17th century) and Banbury Cake, plus things the town was once famous for like plush cloth and clocks. They also learned about the Fine Lady (Banbury Cross) and Charles I (the castle). Many thanks to the PFTA’s KS1 budget for funding this visit.



Internet Matters

According to Ofcom, the online safety regulator, a significant majority of children are watching online videos regularly and browsing the internet. As parents it is really important to review what your child is watching, set age appropriate restrictions and monitor screen time. Spending too long online can lead to tiredness, reduced focus and impact emotional well-being. Some ideas to establish a healthier balance are; device free meals and bedtime routines (lead by example), set a daily limit for streaming and browsing and use timers to take a break from screens. Please see [here](#) for further ideas and information.

Comic Relief

On Friday 21st of March it is Comic Relief Day. We would like the children to come to school with ‘Wacky Hair’ following the theme of doing something funny for charity. There are no rules to how silly the hairstyle is, the sillier the better. A voluntary payment of £1 will be added to School Money next week and donated to Comic Relief.

Hockey Festival

Mrs Loveridge and I had the pleasure of taking some of our Year 5 and 6 pupils to a hockey festival at Bloxham School. All of the children showed really great teamwork and determination. They competed in two different competitions and all were a credit to the school. We really enjoyed seeing them compete and use the skills we had been teaching in PE this term. Mrs Ostler

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High Flyers

What a fantastic week! The children have been full of energy and enthusiasm, making every day a delight. This week, we celebrated Pancake Day with lots of excitement. The children had a wonderful time making pancakes and decorating them with a variety of delicious toppings. In arts and crafts, the children enjoyed making caterpillars out of paper plates. They also tried their hand at printing daffodils, creating vibrant and beautiful floral designs that brightened up our room. With the lovely weather, we made the most of outdoor play. The children had some brilliant football matches, exciting badminton games, and lots of lively skipping. They also worked together to build amazing dens using a range of materials, sparking imaginative adventures and teamwork. A huge congratulations to Timothy, who is this week's High Flyer! Timothy is always enthusiastic, brings a fantastic smile to every activity, and brightens everyone's day.

Join us for our Easter Holiday Club at Christopher Rawlins on April 7th and 8th, from 9:00AM to 4:00PM. It's set to be a fantastic couple of days packed with fun, games, and amazing activities for the children to enjoy!

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

Diary dates

March 10th Monday	Yr 4 Parent Residential Meeting 3:30PM (Egrets classroom)
March 13th Thursday	World Book Day (dress up day)
March 18th and 19th	Parent Consultations
March 21st Friday	Comic Relief (Wacky Hair Day)
March 22nd Saturday	PTFA Quiz Night (The Bell)
March 24th-28th	SEN Reviews
March 25th Tuesday	Easter Service Y5/6 St Mary's Church 10:30AM (parents invited)
March 27th Thursday	PTFA Mother's Day Gift Shop
April 7-21st	Easter Holiday

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Learning Certificates

Owls

Percy for showing great imagination with his construction building and being kind to others in his play.

Penguins

Penelope for being kind and helpful in class this week. She has offered to help in lots of ways including helping her friends and tidying the cloakroom.

Sidney for trying his best to join in and focus well at group times, and he has been super at getting himself ready at home time.

Flamingos

Eden for excellent participation in PE and supporting her team at all times.

Michael C for supporting his group in History this week when doing news reports.

Woodpeckers

Ella for continuously showing the value of compassion to everyone, being kind and always offering a helpful hand.

Darcie for showing courage and determination to improve her spelling knowledge.

Hummingbirds

Evie for being so kind to others in the class and always looking out for others.

Sophia for showing resilience and determination during assessment week, well done.

Parrots

Bob for working hard in all lessons, always doing your best and consistently demonstrating the school values.

Willow for demonstrating kindness and respect towards others in school and showing eagerness to share ideas with the class.

Egrets

Henry R for always having such an excellent attitude to his learning. He listens carefully in class and works hard to apply new learning.

Isaac D for making good improvements with his grammar knowledge and use this term.

Hérons

Ashton for some excellent literacy writing with our travel guides.

Michael for an really impressive design using cams for our DT project creating a moving model

Kingfishers

Isaac for thoughtful contributions to class discussions and engaging well with our class book.

Flossy for super effort and progress in Maths.

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