



Christopher Rawlins CE Primary School

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

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Friday 3rd November

Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a restful half term and break. The children have made a really positive start back to school, and have enjoyed the return to the routines of learning. Our Sports Council have made a great start planning and organising lunchtime rotas for football. They have shared these with all children during collective worship and will be reviewing these every three weeks based on feedback from their classes.

From this week we will be sharing a full newsletter two-weekly with parents. On the non-newsletter week parents will receive the achievement certificates for the week, and a reminder of key dates for the coming week.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Murrey and the Christopher Rawlins Staff Team

Curriculum & Learning update Nursery & reception update

It has been lovely to see all the children return to school after the half term. They have settled well, and all have shown enthusiasm in their learning and play this week.

We continued our theme of People Who Help Us with a visit from a local vet who spoke to the children about what a vet does. We met a pretend dog who wasn't well, and the children helped the vet carry out assessments to find out what was wrong. The children have had fun exploring and learning about things related to Autumn, such as leaves, pumpkins, hedgehogs and squirrels and we have talked together about what different animals do at this time of year to prepare for the winter season.

Attendance

During the next week we will be monitoring attendance. We know that children who attend school regularly are more likely to have better outcomes. This includes arriving at school on time. Please ensure your child is at school by 8:50 each morning. The gates are closed at this time, and any child arriving after 8:50 is marked as late.

It is also really important, if your child is unwell, that you provide a reason for this. For example, a high temperature, stomach bug etc. Mrs Henderson in the school office, who completes the attendance registers, will follow up and ask for a reason for absence if none is provided.

Christmas Tree decorations

This year we are going to hold a Dressing the Tree collective worship in school, where we will sing Christmas carols and each child will come and put a decoration on our Christmas tree. Unfortunately our stock of Christmas decorations is looking quite sad and empty. If anyone has any spare Christmas decorations that they would be willing to donate to school we would be hugely grateful. They can be dropped off at the school office. Thank you!

Poppy Appeal

Yr 6 will be selling poppys next week. They will be visiting the classrooms so please send your child in with a donation if they wish to purchase one. They will also be selling a limited number of the following

Zip Pulls 50p

Reflectors 50p

Wristbands £1

Snap Bands £1

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PTFA News

Christmas Jars and unwanted teddies!

With the Christmas Festival less than a month away (Friday 1st December- more information to follow next week), the PTFA are asking for parents support. If you would like to, you can help by either donating unwanted teddies (to be given a new home at the Christmas Festival) or by filling and wrapping jars with little gifts for the children's tombola at the Christmas Festival. For more information and for suggestions of what you could put in these jars, see attached posters.

If you would like to contribute to either of these stalls, please could they be left in the main reception area by Friday 17th November.

High Flyers News

This week we have been engaging in outdoor play, their laughter mingling with the crisp autumn air. As we celebrated Halloween, our little artists created some great spooky crafts.

We're thrilled to announce that Hayden is our Highflyer of the Week! His super helpful attitude has set a wonderful example for his peers, as he keeps striving higher.

You can book through our website

<https://www.highflyers.org.uk> or on our booking platform: <https://highflyersoxfordlimited.ipalbookings.com/>

Diary dates

Saturday 4th November	Open morning for prospective Nursery & Reception parents
Tuesday 7th November	Yenworthy parent meeting
Thursday 9th November	Cross Country KS2
Friday 10th November	Cross Country KS1
Tuesday 14th November	Nursery Parents Consultations
Thursday 16th November	Yr 3&4 Dodgeball
Thursday 23rd November	2:15pm parents invited in to school to look at their children's books.

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Learning Certificates

Owls

Lamisah- For becoming more independent putting on her coat by herself, being kind to her friends and joining in with activities.

Penguins

Reggie P for his enthusiasm and attention during group times this week.

Nene for using his words more and having a go mark making independently in the creative area.

Flamingos

Joshua for a fantastic week back after half term. Keep it up!

Damaris for always being a positive and happy member of the class.

Peacocks

Kitty for growing in confidence and participating well in class.

Bob for an all round fantastic attitude and good work ethic

Woodpeckers

Mabel for having a positive attitude towards her learning.

Solomon for showing courage in his learning behaviours. Especially in seeing his confidence grow in maths.

Hummingbirds

Rudy for making excellent contributions during whole class reading.

Christian for showing great determination and perseverance in Maths this week.

Toucans

Isaac for showing determination during a tricky week of Maths

Millie for being determined to succeed in Maths this week and not giving up

Parrots

Eva D for some fantastic and thoughtful contributions to class discussion particularly in guided reading.

Brooke W for very positive start to term 2, making good contributions to lessons, completing all tasks really well and being a helpful member of the class.

Hérons

Nate for some super contributions to his literacy work this week on newspapers

Micheal great enthusiasm and knowledge in our Egyptian topic when discussing King Tutankhamens tomb discovery.

Kingfishers

Isla for your hard work and determination in English

Isaac for a positive start to this term, keep up the great work!

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