



Christopher Rawlins CE Primary School

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Friday 8th September

Welcome back to the new school year! I hope you all had a good Summer break and enjoyed some time away from the normal routines. We have had a really positive start to the new school year, the children have started back with a great attitude towards their learning, and have settled quickly in to their new classes.

I have included some general reminders and updates below for the start of the school year. If you have any questions please speak to your child's class teacher at pick up and drop off, or email the school office reception@christopher-rawlins.oxon.sch.uk and your queries will be sent on to your child's class teacher.

Mrs Murrey and the Christopher Rawlins team

Staffing

We have three new members of staff starting this term—Mrs O'Hagan has joined our Teaching Assistant team, Mrs Henderson who has joined the school office team as our Receptionist and Office Administrator and Mrs Watmore will be starting as our School Business Manager in October.

Mrs Glover retired at the end of the Summer term, and she will be hugely missed as part of our School Office team – however, she is still a regular visitor to the school supporting Mrs Henderson in her new role.

Parent drop in

There will be an opportunity for you to drop in to school to meet your child's class teacher, see the classroom and have a look at the work they have started this term on **Wednesday 13th September** from 3:15 - 3:45. This is a great opportunity for you to ask any questions about the curriculum, learning and day to day routines you might have.

Curriculum letters

You will receive today a letter from your child's class teacher about the curriculum, and routines of the day. There is a link to the school website and the curriculum map showing which learning the children are focusing on each term. Please take time to look at this, and see how you can support at home. In our recent parent survey, parents commented that they were keen to know more about what their children were learning in school—and this is one way we share this information with you.

Communication

If you would like to speak to your child's class teacher to pass on a message or have a question please see them in the mornings at drop off, or pick up in the afternoons. Teachers are available from 8:40—8:50 in the mornings. You can also email them through the school office reception@christopher-rawlins.oxon.sch.uk and your email will be passed on. Teachers will respond to your emails within normal working hours.

Timings of the school day

In the morning the gates will be opened at 8:30. The classroom doors are opened at 8:40. Children are expected to arrive at school no later than 8:50. Any children arriving any later than 8:50 are marked as Late in the register. The school gates will be locked at 8:55 to ensure the school site is safe. In the afternoons the gates will be unlocked at 3:00.

Uniform and earrings

Everyone is looking incredibly smart in their school uniform this term. Please please please label all of your uniform. If it has a name in it, it can be returned to your child. Just a reminder please for all long hair to be tied back, and that ONLY stud earring can be worn to school. All earrings have to be removed for swimming and PE.

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Collection from school

All children in Early Years, Key Stage One and Year 3 and 4 must be collected by an adult from school. If there is a change in collection arrangements please email the school office, or let your child's class teacher know.

Term dates and Really Useful Card

On the final page of the newsletter there is a dates list with term dates and INSET days on. Next week we will send out the Really Useful Card which maps out our key dates for school events for the academic year.

Learning Certificates

Owls

Reuben C for his excellent counting when joining in with number rhymes

Penguins

Florence B for fantastic sharing, turn taking and showing kindness to others

Arthur for his super listening in our group time sessions this week

Flamingos

Harry for an exceptional start to the term and for showing great courage and determination.

Olivia for approaching new learning with positivity and asking for help when needed

Peacocks

Flynn for fantastic participation in class. Great attitude to learning and a really positive start, well done!

Myles for showing a mature and responsible attitude to his learning, and trying his hardest all of the time

Woodpeckers

Tristian for being brave and sharing his ideas so clearly in English

Freddy for a brilliant start to the year. You have had a good at everything and supported your friends.

Hummingbirds

Trixie for making a fantastic start to Year 4. You are always ready to learn and have excellent ideas to share with the class

Lexie for making such a positive start to Year 3 and having an excellent attitude to your learning.

Toucans

Hunter for settling into Toucan class and making a great contribution to our class discussions

Imogen for being a superstar this week, helping and supporting her friends in class

Parrots

Jasper for making a very positive start to Year 3 and for super work in Science this week. He made careful observations of his rocks.

Daria for making a great start to Year 3 and for her hard work in writing this week. She used adjective to good effect.

Hérons

Kian for making such a positive start to the year. You have worked hard in Maths

Alfie for super work when writing your Harvest letter. You have shown a great attitude to learning this week

Kingfishers

Alfie for a great first week back at school. You have made a great start—keep up the hard work.

Ted for being an excellent role model to others throughout the school, and working hard this week.

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Diary dates

13th September Parent drop in to classes
27th September Year 3/4 to lead Harvest Service at St Mary's Church 11:00

Term dates

2023-24

Autumn 1 Tuesday 5th September - Friday 20th October
Autumn 2 Tuesday 31st October - Wednesday 20th December
Spring 1 Tuesday 9th January - Friday 9th February
Spring 2 Monday 19th February - Thursday 28th March
Summer 1 Monday 15th April - Friday 24th May
Summer 2 Tuesday 4th June - Wednesday 24th July

INSET Days

Friday 1st September
Monday 4th September
Monday 30th October
Monday 8th January
Monday 3rd June

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