



Christopher Rawlins CE Primary School

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

Newsletter Spring Term

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Dear Parents and Carers

I have enjoyed working with Miss Arthur this week, our Maths Leader, looking at how Maths is taught across the school. We have been into each class and seen Maths teaching, we have been able to look at children's books and talk to children about their work, and what they find easy and harder in Maths. This feedback is really important to us as a school, as we work together as a staff team to focus on learning. It helps us to plan our next steps for whole school development. I look forward to spending more time in classes over the coming week, and getting a complete picture of learning in our school.

Have a restful weekend.

Mrs Murrey and the Christopher Rawlins team

Key Stage One Learning News



On Thursday this week, KS1 were looking at what has been going on in the news this week. We reflected on the question 'Do we throw things away too easily?' and the children gave some really thoughtful ideas around upcycling, repairing and reusing. The children were given the challenge of finding new ways of giving old things a new lease of life for us or others to use such as old tyres or plastic water bottles.

Year 5/6 swimming gala

The swimming gala took place on Wednesday 18th January, it was lots of fun for those who went and a very exciting competition. Out of the 6 teams (4 schools) that participated, the Year 5/6 girls came 4th and the Year 5/6 boys came 3rd overall. Our great girls team included Rachel, Lauren, Ava, rose, Jess and Mollie. Our brilliant boys team included Noah, Simon, Ollie and Stiern. All of our teams were incredibly grateful for the experience and did amazing in their individual and relay races. By Rachel and Lauren

Lunchtimes

This week we have altered our lunchtime break so that we can make sure our learning time is more focused in the afternoon. EYFS eat their lunch in the Hall from 11:30, then KS1 and KS2 have staggered times in the Hall and outside. Lunchtime is from 12:00 - 1:00 and this means we are able to ensure that it is well staffed, and breaktimes are a positive time for all. Our next step in developing our lunchtimes is to work with our School Council to hear their suggestions for developing our lunchtimes and breaktimes.

PTFA update

Firstly, we wanted to say a huge and sincere THANK YOU to everyone who supported the events over the festive season. We are conscious it is always a very busy time of year, with so much to think about and remember - so thank you for your support, it really is appreciated.

So far this academic year, we have managed to raise = **£3,700** = which is a fantastic achievement!

We have already started discussions with Mrs Murrey around how we can best spend some of the monies so far raised; to benefit the school and all the children. We hope to get started as soon as possible and more details will follow in due course!

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

Oleh for being a superstar in his first week at CRPS.

Olivia for settling well into the Aviary and making lots of new friends.

Penguins

Sefora for being so kind and helpful to her friends and teachers this week.

Lilliana for having good focus and care when writing her letter sounds in Phonics.

Flamingos

Atticus for a fantastic start at Christopher Rawlins and being determined to make new friends.

Daria for being courageous this week and trying her best to complete her work to a high standard.

Peacocks

Clemmie for fantastic understanding and great ideas about the 5 senses in Science this week.

Harley for answering questions and showing great understanding in Science this week.

Woodpeckers

Jackson for being really focused and working really hard. You are showing great determination at the moment, keep it up.

Aris for being an amazing superstar learner. You used amazing adjectives in your writing and I have been impressed with your Maths too, well done.

Hummingbirds

Oliver D for developing his confidence to participate in class discussions.

Norah C for showing enthusiasm to share her thoughts and ideas in guided reading.

Toucans

Amelie C for some inspired chocolate inventing this week.

Zach for really great work in Maths on our multiplication.

Parrots

Molly B for having a positive attitude to Maths when learning multiplication methods.

Beau for having a 'have a go' attitude when multiplying in Maths.

Hérons

Matilda for being ambitious with her writing inspired by our WW2 topic.

Noah for great creativity and a brilliant homework model of an Anderson shelter.

Kingfishers

Isla for fantastic writing in English this week.

Isabella for her hard work in every lesson and being a great role model for the school.

Diary dates

26th January Year 5/6 Sports Hall Athletics

2nd February Year 5/6 Sports Hall Athletics

Term dates

Spring 1 January 5th -10th February

Spring 2 February 20th - 31st March

Summer 1 April 17th - 26th May

Summer 2 June 6th - 20th July

INSET days Monday 5th June

Friday 21st July