



Christopher Rawlins CE Primary School

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Friday 2nd May

Dear Parents,

What a fantastic start to the term we have had. Lunchtimes are a hive of activity with volleyball and tennis nets set up, basketball action and rounders games organised on a Friday. The Sports Council have made a decision that football will not be part of lunchtimes for this term, as there is a wealth of other Summer sports to enjoy. We have also purchased a Giant Connect 4, building blocks and bowling sets for the children to enjoy.

I had the pleasure of accompanying Year 4 on their residential this week. We were so proud of the Year 4s and all they achieved. They demonstrated courage and determination in taking on new challenges and showed real resilience adapting to new learning and sleep patterns!

Wishing you a relaxing Bank holiday weekend.

Lauren Murrey and the Christopher Rawlins team

Year 3 and 4 Curriculum Update

This term we have started reading our new book for the term, 'The Abominables' by Eva Ibbotson. We will continue to apply our VIPERS reading skills, with particular focus on inference and use of vocabulary. In Literacy lessons, we have been inspired by the Himalayan setting and the description of yetis to create our own character and setting descriptions. Later this term, we will be creating our own set of instructions for 'How to look after a yeti'. In Science, we have started our topic, exploring plants, in which we will observe changes in plants over time and identify the parts and functions of a plant. Our new Geography topic this term is Climate Change, where we will look at the causes and effects of Climate Change and the impact this has on the Earth. In PE lessons we are focusing on fielding and striking skills, in cricket.

Blue sports tops

As you may be aware we have P.E. tops that the children are able to wear when they attend a school festival or represent the school in a sports competition. The tops are all numbered and we log them out to the children. Please can the tops be washed before the children return them to the School Office ready for them to be logged back in and loaned out to the next child. If you do have any at home please can you return them. Many thanks for your support with this.

Y6 Junior Citizens

Year 6 visited Rewley Road fire station yesterday to take part in their Junior Citizen training. This involved the children experiencing different scenarios and working out what to do in each setting. All the children enjoyed the visit and learnt some valuable lessons along the way about safety and what to do in an emergency. Staff at the fire station praised all of the children for their behaviour and how knowledgeable they were in keeping themselves safe. Well done Year 6.

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Y5 Benchball

A group of Year 5 children took part in a new sport at the Warriner last Thursday– Benchball. The Value for the event was DETERMINATION. The children picked up the rules quickly and by the end of the session were using good tactics as they worked out the best way to win a game. One pupil told their parent it was the best festival ever! Other pupils showed great courage to learn a new sport and step outside their comfort zone. There were some very rosy cheeks at the end and lots of great examples of respect and teamwork! This was a good opportunity to meet other year 5 pupils before going to the open evening. They also got to meet some lovely Warriner pupils who worked as leaders. The children are keen to play benchball back at our school which is super.



Blandford Flies

Please be aware it is the season when these start to appear. If your child is particularly prone to being bitten please consider long sleeves/trousers and applying insect repellent in the morning.

Uniform donations

We are collecting donations of school logo uniform that is in good condition for our pre loved uniform sale. If you have any sweatshirts or fleeces that are in good condition and no longer fit your children then please bring them to the school office. We aim to collect uniform with the aim of selling used uniform back to parents at a greatly reduced cost. All money raised from the sale of uniform will be invested back into school resources. We will e-mail soon regarding a date for our next sale.

Door Changes

We have made some changes to our security at school. Please note when you arrive at Reception you will need to buzz the intercom to the right of the door to enter the building. Please sign in as usual when inside the building. When leaving the school you will need a member of staff to use their fob for the first door and then press the green exit button to open the main door.

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High Flyers

This week, we've been making the most of the fabulous weather with plenty of outdoor fun. Our days have been filled with exciting group games. One of the highlights being Martian Rocks, a thrilling hunt for hidden items while trying to avoid getting caught by aliens. It was a big hit, full of laughter and excitement! Continuing with our space theme, children have been busy salt painting planets, creating alien masks, and building fantastic junk model rockets. We've also enjoyed lots of lovely picnics in the sunshine. High Flyer of the Week goes to Solly, who receives this week's certificate for being super helpful and always having a positive attitude. Well done, Solly!

Bookings are now open for our fantastic summer holiday clubs. Don't miss out!

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.

Diary dates

May 6th	Portrait and Whole Class Photos
May 12th-16th	Y6 SATs Week
May 22nd	PTFA School Disco (see e-mail)
May 23rd	Non Uniform Day
May 23rd	Parent drop in for Arts Week (0830-0900AM)
June 11th	Y5 Paccar Outdoor Learning Day
June 12th	Reception Trip Oxford Museum
June 13th	PTFA Father's Day Gift Shop
June 18th	EYFS Sports Day 1:30PM
June 19th	Y1-6 Sports Day 9AM-12PM
June 20th	KS1 Outdoor Learning Day

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Learning Certificates

Owls

Oscar R for settling well into Nursery, you have been a brave superstar- well done!

Penguins

Iria for super recognition of her phonics sounds this week and great improvement blending sounds.

Gus for great listening skills at group and carpet times and improved focus- well done!

Flamingos

Isla for her outstanding effort and creativity in English when creating an enormous animal.

Lillian for her consistent effort and determination in Maths. Keep up the amazing effort.

Woodpeckers

Oscar for working hard to develop his writing, using the correct pencil grip and using his phonics to support spelling.

Solly for improving his sentence structure and thinking carefully about his choice of vocabulary.

Hummingbirds

Elliot for showing an enthusiasm towards your learning, frequently sharing your ideas in Maths and Literacy lessons this week.

Eli for showing kindness towards others and being very helpful when in Parrots class this week.

Parrots

Mabel for consistently demonstrating the school values and being a great role-model to others.

James for working hard to improve his handwriting and completing all tasks with enthusiasm.

Egrets

Oliver for working very well on his independent learning project; especially demonstrating the compassion to helping others.

Rafe for working well on his independent learning project; overcoming hurdles and collecting the information needed.

Hérons

Amelie for some great contributions during Junior citizen visit

Riley for showing great resilience and a positive attitude whilst coming into school with a broken leg

Kingfishers

Freddie for great ambition in his Alma writing with high quality vocabulary and sentence structures

Caleb for great participation and thoughtful questions at Junior Citizens

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