



NEWSLETTER 19 – 28th JANUARY 2022

Quote: "Some people look for a beautiful place. Others make a place beautiful."

Diary Week: 31.1.22

Mon
Tues 2.15pm Parent Forum

6pm Maths Curriculum Evening

Wed
Thurs
Fri Swimming 5 Kingfishers and Hummingbirds

Attendance this week: 89.5%

RSPB Birdwatch -

Big Garden Birdwatch long weekend is here! There's still time to sign-up and take part. Just spend one hour between Fri 28 and Sun 30 January counting the birds, and help monitor how birds are faring. It's free, fun, and a great way to keep an eye on your local wildlife. Wherever you are, whatever you see, it counts! Click [here](#) to take part!

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of January it feels like the children are well settled in their learning and as I walk around school some great work is being seen in all classes. In EYFS they have been doing lots of learning about the Three Little Pigs – stories, rhymes and are busy constructing lots! Children in Year 1 and 2 are really working hard on their phonics and stamina in writing looking at traditional tales, whilst in Year 3 and 4 they have been studying a fascinating picture book called the Flood and have had some excellent work produced as a result. In Year 5 and 6 children have used a film clip called Taddeo Jones to inspire their writing. Hopefully some of you got to see the work today after school as part of our book look. Of course, we are still facing some disruption in school with Covid absences although comparatively, I think we are doing well. Whilst nationally masks are no longer required with the cases that we still have in the school community it is still strongly advised that these are worn around the site as one of our protective control measures.

We have continued to explore the value of Service and thought about doing things for others and not expecting anything back in return – I asked the children if they could serve someone else this week with this in mind. Reverend Liz also attended this week and spoke about Jesus' early life and what he did when he first began his job of spreading God's good news message. As part of class/phase worship children explored the question: Should everyone learn sign language? I attach the Take home sheet for you to further discuss at home.

As previously advertised on Tuesday next week we have a Maths Curriculum evening led by Miss Arthur. A sign-up flyer has been sent home today – please let us know if you can attend. I also have the parent forum meeting on Tuesday at 2:15 – any further parents are welcome to join – please do let the office know if you can join us. Next week we are also going to start some key work on Healthy lifestyles and Healthy eating including the launch of the Eat them to Defeat them campaign. This week Ms Sambrook and I attended a conference all about different aspects within this field and were presented with some concerning figures regarding exercise, diet and lifestyle choices, particularly through the pandemic. Look out for more information next week! There are many great lunchboxes made up for children at Christopher Rawlins although lately we have noticed an increase in chocolate in lunchboxes – please can I remind you that this is not permitted.

Have a lovely weekend, take care

Mrs Smith, Headteacher

NO NUT PRODUCTS IN SCHOOL

Please could you ensure that no items that contain nuts are sent into school due to the fact we have children with serious nut allergies – this includes peanut butter, nuts as a snack and some breads may contain nuts too.

Online #Wakeupwednesday-

This is an information page produced by National Online Safety about key reminders for parents relating to online safety.

This weeks theme:

You Tube

Second hand uniform

shop is available through the PTFA. Please contact Faye regarding any items needed - fayecheesman@hotmail.com or 07970185058

Science week is the **14th-18th March** and the theme this year is growth. We are interpreting this in a variety of ways including natural growth (plants and animal life cycles), man-made growth and personal growth. We'd love to have parents who work in a STEM-related field to support us in any capacity they can during this week. If you are willing to give a short talk and Q&A session about your job or offer other opportunities, we'd love to hear from you. We would also like to create a list of parental contacts to support in our other Science topics across the year, so if you are unavailable during Science Week but happy to help at other times please contact me at jar3453@christopher-rawlins.oxon.sch.uk or get in touch directly with the relevant class teacher.

Growth Mindset Certificates:

Penguins	Reuben B for being determined with his phonics and using his brilliant blending skills to read words. Ellie-May S for using her good listening ears and good looking eyes in class to be helpful and kind to others. Mollie H for being courageous at climbing across the A-frame outside and learning to get across safely and independently.
Puffins	Rafferty M-K for making huge progress in his reading, especially with spotting digraphs and tricky words! Phoebe T for working really hard on her sounding out and blending Lillian C for making a lovely picture of her family
Flamingos	Victoria B for excellent focus in the classroom, ensuring her work is always completed and even helping others who are struggling. Mylo O'H for being determined in Maths and not giving up when the questions were tricky. Reuben T for being inspired by the Picture News each week and using his reflections to ask complex questions.
Peacocks	Clemmie H for working hard on improving her handwriting. Making such a great difference to showing her ideas in writing! Jacob N for fantastic ideas for his writing, choosing great words to add detail.
Woodpeckers	Oliver DK for determination to do well and being super helpful. Rhys H for working hard on reading, writing and phonics and making good progress
Hummingbirds	Liam for his resilience during our writing unit. He's been working hard at using the ideas we generate to write a unique sentence and his writing yesterday was superb. Florence for her creative and determined thinking while making circuits in Science. She even found a new way to make one that was different than what everyone else did.
Parrots	Rudy K for some super writing this week. He is trying really hard to include more adventurous word choices in his sentences. Alex M for having an inquisitive and enquiring attitude in science trying out different circuits and thinking carefully about what would or wouldn't work.
Toucans	Luke T for being inspired by our new book "The Flood" and creating deep and powerful sentence to set the scene. Ryan B for making good choices this week and having a positive week in school
Heron	Lucian R for showing great determination with his work, participating really well in class and having a super attitude. Eliza T being inspired with our writing unit and contributing really well in class
Kingfishers	Maisie Bleu W & Rachel D for making a really amazing Egyptian timeline for homework -really creative and well researched.
Headteacher's Value Awards	Elliott L, Iris B, Oscar T, Albie W, Huw O, Eleanor E, Arthur W. Aris AB
House Points:	Birch: 116 Oak: 121 Maple: 121 Mulberry: 120

The next **Messy Church** will be **Saturday 29th Jan 3-4.30pm** in St Marys church.

Children of all ages, with parents or grandparents, and anyone else, welcome!

There will be some activities using coins, which will be given to a charity afterwards, so if you have any pennies and 2ps you'd like to give away, please bring them.

Out of School Shout Outs and Well done to:

Lilly H for receiving an 'All-rounder' trophy for her senior dancing in Ballet Modern and Tap as well as passing auditions to dance on stage in Disneyland Paris later this year, representing England.

Lauren W for her Junior Acro Dance Award

Eben S for achieving his level 5 Kick n Splash swimming award

Harry P for achieving his Stage 1 Swimming certificate and for being player of the week at Tag Rugby.

Rose W for her cross country medal

High Flyers, our on-site wrap around care provider, have a fantastic holiday club planned for the children **this February Half term**. So, if you need childcare or if they just want to have a great time, it's easy to book online at:

<https://highflyersoxfordlimited.schoolipal.co.uk/home>

Tuesday 22 Feb - Art Day 9-4pm (painting, drawing, crafts and play)

Wednesday 23 Feb - Encanto Disney Day 9-4pm (Colombia, crafts, animals, play)

Thursday 24 Feb - Games Day 9-4pm (to include sport, dancing, games, play).

!New! Facebook page for Christopher Rawlins CE Primary School. This is run and managed by school staff and will share pictures and information/reminders of school life here: <https://www.facebook.com/CRPS2022>