



NEWSLETTER 1 – 3rd September 2021

A quote to start with: Open doors and embrace new opportunities

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been wonderful to see everyone settle back in over the last two days and the school community enjoying a little more freedom than we have recently been experiencing. We have welcomed all our new families into Nursery and Reception this week as well as Toby and Reuben into Year 3 – they have all settled quickly and picked up our routines and expectations really well.

There are a few procedures to smooth out – lunch being one yesterday! With new staff in the kitchen as well as a return to 'normal' lunch and processes this was a little delayed, but I think today we made steps forward in this – I believe it is important to create a culture of good eating habits without rushing, enjoying food in a social environment.

Our collective worship, which was all together in the hall on both days explored two messages; the doors of opportunity and building on firm foundations. We discussed about making the most of every opportunity and stepping through the door even if we are unsure as well as exploring the importance of building our lives on firm foundations.

In class as well as the normal settling in work, getting to know you activities and routine sharing, children have been exploring the book *The Lost Words* by Robert Macfarlane. A variety of work has already been completed on this and more is planned for next week too! Do have a look at this link if you would like to know more:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iRsYApE0qCg>

The works on the school fence and gate has sped along and now they are creating an additional fence and gate outside the quadrant – all the work should be finished by Tuesday.

There are some key reminders of things overleaf about healthy food items, water, ordering lunches and uniform expectations. Overall, the children look very smart in their uniform – thank you all for your support in this.

Homework/Google Classroom – this will be first out next Thursday. Children will receive a mixture of work set on Google classroom and in Homework books. A Homework Guide is attached.

Next week I am hopeful that we will get a Club letter out to you but attached today is Rosie Clark's tennis for Years 1-6.

Class teachers and phases will share letters and curriculum maps next week too and we would like to hold an open door session on Friday until 3.30pm where you are welcome to come into the classroom to see the environment they are learning in and meet the teacher/staff available. A set of dates with what we know so far has come out today as well although hopefully more things will be added in the coming weeks.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend, take care,

Mrs Smith, Headteacher

Diary Week: 6th September

Mon KS1 Visit Nature
area across the road

Tues

Wed

Thurs Longtown meeting –
after school.

Fri Open Door 3.10-.330

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.

Staff Update - Miss F Holland is the Teaching Assistant supporting Peacocks and KS1 following Miss Vaughan deciding to move onto pastures

Parent Governor – The final deadline for applications for Parent Governor is Friday 10th September. Please email ibailey@christopher-rawlins.oxon.sch.uk

Certificates and out of school achievements will return next week – if you child has achieved something over the holidays – e.g. swimming certificate, karate grade or music exam then do let us know.

Teachers email addresses

Although we are hopeful we can continue to have more face to face interactions, the teachers emails are still a useful way to communicate. These are to be used when asking specific questions about your child in terms of their education. If more generic and not educational or related to class, then please still email the office who will deal with your query. Teachers will not be able to check / respond to emails through the day when they are teaching nor on days when, if part-time, they are not in. Teachers aim to respond to emails within 48 hours (of a working week). If an email is sent at a weekend there is no expectation that this will be responded to until Monday at the earliest. Emails may be forwarded to myself or a member of SLT by the teachers or may cc us in their response. I hope this will be used as a useful tool by you the parents to benefit ultimately the children without causing undue stress or pressure on the teachers.

Miss Arthur – Herons	jar3453@christopher-rawlins.oxon.sch.uk
Mrs Ostler – Kingfishers	TO3453@christopher-rawlins.oxon.sch.uk
Mrs MacLean – Parrots (M/T)	km3453@christopher-rawlins.oxon.sch.uk
Ms Sambrook – Parrots (W/T/F)	nsam1573@christopher-rawlins.oxon.sch.uk
Mr Green - Toucans	lgre3453@christopher-rawlins.oxon.sch.uk
Mrs Hoetmer - Hummingbirds	mho3453@christopher-rawlins.oxon.sch.uk
Mrs Gosling – Peacocks	ngos3453@christopher-rawlins.oxon.sch.uk
Miss Rea - Flamingos	area3453@christopher-rawlins.oxon.sch.uk
Mrs Hughes – Woodpeckers	rhu3453@christopher-rawlins.oxon.sch.uk
Mrs Battle - Reception	tba3453@christopher-rawlins.oxon.sch.uk
Mrs Heath – Reception (T/W/T)	nhea3453@christopher-rawlins.oxon.sch.uk
Mrs Lushey – Nursery / EYFS lead	slus2997@christopher-rawlins.oxon.sch.uk

Contacting School/Office

As a reminder you cannot reply to emails sent from teachers2parents. If you need to email the school, please use the following address: office.3453@christopher-rawlins.oxon.sch.uk

Also, the number to ring us on is: 01295 810497. (We may ring you on a slightly different number but request you always ring the number above).

Please make sure ALL absences go via the office as well as class teachers if you feel necessary.

Uniform

Please can children wear full school uniform at all times, and that this includes black shoes – black trainers are acceptable as long as they are fully black please with no additional colour stripes logos etc. This is a school where a smart appearance is expected please. Shirts are to be tucked in and if jumpers are not worn they need to go on pegs or in drawers not worn round their waist. The school asks that children do not have 'extreme' haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children neither are they permitted to have coloured hair. Hair accessories are to be kept to a minimum and plain in design. Additionally, please remember the policy on no nail varnish or jewellery including earrings to be worn. There will be no requirement for children to have indoor shoes unless in reception or Nursery.

Food/Drink

All children need to be sent in with a bottle for water – water is the only thing children are allowed to drink in the school day other than milk as part of our healthy school drive. Additionally, a piece of fruit is provided for FS and KS1 children and for KS2 it is suggested that you bring a piece of fruit in. No other snack item including things like fruit strings are to be provided. However dried fruit e.g. raisins, apricots can be given. If you have forgotten to order your child a meal from **Fresh Start** this can be done on the day up until 9.30am. This is a great facility but should only be used in an emergency! This should also avoid us having to chase you about meals too.

As you are hopefully aware **Adderbury Community Day** is being held on Saturday 18 September 2021. There will be the usual road closure in place in the village which needs to be manned from 10am to 7pm. This is broken down into one-hour slots, Adderbury Parish Council are requiring volunteers for this. If you are available, then please email Theresa Goss, Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer to Adderbury Parish Council. Email: adderburypc@hotmail.com

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