



Christopher Rawlins CE Primary School

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Friday 7th June

Dear Parents,

It has been a really positive return to school and children have started the term with enthusiasm and a positive attitude to their learning. This final term in school is always incredibly busy, do please keep an eye on newsletters and the end of week emails where we regularly post dates and updates about what is coming up in school.

I was really lucky this week to accompany Year 5 to PACAAR scout camp for their outdoor learning day. The children were an absolute pleasure to be with, they demonstrated our school values in all that they did and it was great to see them showing resilience, challenging themselves and supporting each other as a group. Thank you to all the staff who contributed to this on the day and organising the trip.

Lauren Murrey and the Christopher Rawlins team

Consultation on Behaviour Policy

During this year we have been reviewing our behaviour policy and the actions that we take in response to the many different behaviours that we see in school. We have worked with the children to identify expected behaviours at different times of the school day. In September staff shared that they wanted clear systems of support for behaviour, where everyone was clear on their roles. We have tried to incorporate this into our behaviour policy and we now wish to offer this out to all parents as a consultation and invite your comments and views. The draft policy is attached to this newsletter and can also be found on our website [here](#)

Please could you reply to the consultation by following this [link](#), there are just three short questions asking for your feedback, it should take less than 5 minutes to complete. We really value your feedback.

The Big Sing

On Tuesday 21st May the children in the choir took part in the Big Summer Sing organised by Oxfordshire Music Service. I was so proud of how well the children did. They worked extremely hard to learn lots of words and were great ambassadors for the school. A particular well done to Ted, Rose and Violet who all sang solo lines and to Isabella who introduced a song. Mrs. MacLean



Nominate our school

Our next PTFA fundraising project is going to be focussed on developing our library space. Our school library is in need of new books to engage and excite the children in reading and learning. Please support the start of this fundraising journey by nominating our school [here](#)

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Staffing Update

We are delighted to let you know that Miss Kennedy has been appointed to cover for Mrs White while she is on maternity leave. Miss Kennedy will be joining us for our transition days in July and will spend time getting to know the school and its routines during the Summer term.

Meg Zeyfert, who has been working with children at Christopher Rawlins for 2 and a half years, will be leaving her role at the end of June. Meg has worked as a one to one Teaching Assistant focussing on nurture, and social and emotional development with children. Meg is broadening her experience of working in schools, and will be exploring developing her career in secondary education. Meg has been a huge asset to our staff and I know will be sorely missed by children, staff and parents alike.

Year 3/4 Curriculum Update

LKS2 are enjoying learning more about the Romans this term. We have used maps to see how far the empire expanded and why they wanted to invade Britain. We are continuing to learn about states of matter in science. We used chocolate to see what happens to solids when heated. In English we really enjoyed a book called 'Inside the Villains' and 'The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs' we used this to write character descriptions and a biography. It also inspired our artwork. We have made clay models of fairytale villains such as wolves and witches. We are in the process of painting them. It is proving very tricky, but we have shown determination.

Playground Equipment

You will have seen that our new playground equipment, which has been generously funded by the PTFA, is in the process of being installed. Early next week the grounds work and installation of astro turf under and around the equipment is taking place. We are hopeful that children will be able to use the equipment towards the end of next week. Thank you to all the families that have given to the PTFA, over the years, that enables them to support school with this project.

Reception Fairytale Farm Trip

Reception had a wonderful trip to Fairytale Farm at the end of last term to consolidate our learning on Animal Homes. The children got to walk alpacas, feed pigs and hold rabbits and guinea pigs as well as learn about some of the other animals they saw. The children loved the sensory trail especially the dinosaur dig and the plesiosaur that squirted water! The children demonstrated our school values throughout the whole trip and staff there commented on how observant and interested our children were. We were very proud of their exemplary behaviour on the trip.



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PTFA End of Year Summer Festival

Please save the date for the PTFA Summer Festival planned for Friday the 5th of July held here at the school. This is sure to be a fun evening out. More details to follow soon!



High Flyers Breakfast and After School Club

The children have really enjoyed their time outdoors, taking part in lots of great activities especially football and some exciting matches. This week the children have enjoyed making some beautiful jewellery out of loom bands, Lego, arts and crafts and some fantastic chalk artwork. High Flyer of the week goes to Gabriel for being super helpful, volunteering to do all sorts of jobs to help the team. Well done Gabriel.

Looking ahead our holiday clubs in July and August are now open for booking. If you would like your children to enjoy a fun-filled summer, don't miss out. It's a great fun club for the children to take part in some amazing activities, have fun playing outdoors, making new friends and some exciting themed events.

Booking - This is a busy term! Parents book breakfast and after school sessions for various reasons- some much needed playtime, so our sessions are filling up until the end of term. For those who need us for work commitments, we strongly recommend booking as far in advance as possible.

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 no booking fee.

You can book through our website.

<https://www.highflyers.org.uk> or on our booking platform <https://highflyersoxfordlimited.bookings.com>

We look forward to hearing from you.

Diary dates

10th - 14th June	Yr 4 Multiplication Check
10th - 14th June	Y1 Phonics check
10th - 14th June	Assessment week Years 1-6 including Year 2 SATs
Wednesday 26th June	EYFS Sports Day 1.30pm
Thursday 27th June	Yr 1-6 Sports Day 9.00-12.00
Friday 5th July	PTFA Summer Festival
Tuesday 9th July	Whole school transition day

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Learning Certificates

Owls

Toby for his super ideas and comments when talking about space and rockets this week.

Penguins

Damian for his writing this week, he is using phonics sounds to write words and it has been great to see his progress.
Skyler for her motivational and inspired attitude to her learning and group tasks this week she has been so eager to learn and carry out tasks independently which has been lovely to see.

Flamingos

Emma for being inspired in English and writing a fantastic recount about her half term!
Jacob for fantastic participation in PE this week when learning the Sports Day dance!

Peacocks

Myles for consistently trying his best and participating well across his lessons.
Evie for showing great compassion helping a peer in Art

Woodpeckers

Logan for having a super start to the term and using his voice.
Sophie for working hard to construct sentences about her half term.

Hummingbirds

Charlie P for making excellent contributions in our English lessons and for being focused with your work, well done.
Holly for making good choices and following instructions, you have been focused with your work too. Well done!

Toucans

Phoebe for working so hard to produce some beautiful handwriting this week and super responses in literacy.
Bella C for the fantastic effort she has put into her handwriting this week with excellent results- well done!

Parrots

Oliver D-K for a positive start to term 6, demonstrating a good attitude to learning and always putting his hand up to offer his ideas.
Andrej S-L for some lovely artwork inspired by the story of David and Goliath.

Hérons

Talia for giving your best in maths and being determined to understand coordinates.
Jess D for your hard work and determination this week, well done.

Kingfishers

Finley for being kind, respectful and responsible. Well done for a good first week back.
Huw for your fantastic ideas, descriptions and atmosphere in English

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