



# Christopher Rawlins CE Primary School

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**Friday 8th November**

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the start of a new term. I hope you all had an enjoyable half term with your families. This term has so much to look forward to, and I know the children will enjoy participating in the activities that are happening whether it is Year 6 taking responsibility for running a stall at the Christmas Fayre, School Council organising activities for Children in Need, singing in the Nativity, being part of our choir or enjoying all of the activities planned for our Christmas Fayre - there really is something for everyone. For your children to make the most of all of these opportunities provided to them it is important that they are in school every day and on time, please work with us to ensure that happens.

Our INSET day on Monday was an excellent day of additional training for our staff with the focus being on Inclusion. The INSET day was led by ODST virtually and staff heard from well known author Amjad Ali about how we can make adaptations to teaching and learning, the 10 principles of Inclusion for all and we virtually visited three other ODST schools where they showed us their learning environments and projects they have been working on. In the afternoon staff were able to access two additional workshops focused on teaching and learning. It was a really positive day for everyone!

Have a great weekend

Lauren Murrey and the Christopher Rawlins team

## **Year 5 & 6 Curriculum Update**

Year 5 and 6 have settled in well to the new half term. The children are continuing to enjoy our learning on the polar regions, we are learning about indigenous communities and how natural resources are used. We were very fortunate to have a talk by Dr Emma Vogel about her experience as a whale researcher in the Arctic. In Science, the children have the opportunity over the next few weeks to research planets and aspects of the solar system that they are interested in in more depth and present their research in a creative way. We completed some beautiful group animal collages in Art just before half term which are now proudly displayed in the library. We are continuing to enjoy our class book, Sky Song, and practise our formal methods with the four operations in Maths. It is really important that your child is regularly practising their multiplication facts on Times Table Rockstars as homework as this has a huge impact on their arithmetic fluency and ability to access many other areas of Maths. We appreciate your support with this and please contact your child's teacher if you need a reminder of their login.



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## Year 2 Cross Country

On Thursday 24th October, Miss Rea took 20 of the Year 2 children to the annual Cross Country event at the Warriner School. The children were very excited and could not wait to get outside onto the track. As they had arrived early to the event, the children spent some time doing a continuous relay in their teams and developed their love for team sports and interval training. Once the children were warm, the race started, and all children gave it their best effort.

"It was the best trip ever!" – Joshua

"I beat my personal best!" – Darcie

"I'm so proud of myself!" – Alex

Well done to all the children who put their name forward and gave it a go.



## Y3&4 Football Festival

A big well done to the children who attended the Year 3/4 Football Festival at The Warriner School on Thursday afternoon. They played against other local primary schools and our school was represented by a Year 3/4 Boys team and a Year 3/4 Girls team. All the children had a thoroughly enjoyable time, they worked so well as a team, and it was wonderful to see how respectfully they cheered each other on. It is always nice to see how the children display our school values outside of the school setting, they demonstrated compassion for each other and their opponents too. Well done!



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## **PTFA Christmas Cards and Gifts**

You should have received your child's proof card this week of the Christmas design they created in school. Please remember the closing date for ordering is Friday November 15th. Any orders you make give the school a small commission cost which will go directly to the Christopher Rawlins PTFA. Many thanks for all your orders to date!

## **Data Reports**

Data reports will be sent home on Monday for all children in Years 1-6 to be discussed at the parent consultations next week. They will be sent from a new system called Insight. Please do let us know if you don't receive your child's report next week.

## **Extra helpers to support PTFA events**

The PTFA are keen to hear from those parents who may not be able to fully commit their time to the PTFA committee, however may be keen, willing and able to help out at events. This term that might involve running a stall for an hour at the Christmas Fayre, selling raffle tickets before the nativity performances or serving hot chocolate to the children as part of our Polar Express Day. You would be working as part of the PTFA team, and well supported by other parents and volunteers. If you would like to add your name to a What's App group of PTFA helpers please contact [ptfa@christopher-rawlins.co.uk](mailto:ptfa@christopher-rawlins.co.uk)

## **High Flyers After School and Breakfast Club**

What a fabulous first week back. The children have all come back refreshed and ready for the new term! This week, we have been learning about Diwali and making and decorating tea light pots - the children have created some fantastic work! Everyone has been coming up with some great ideas for the new display boards, we look forward to seeing all their amazing works of art. High Flyer of the week is awarded to Joshua for his amazing art knowledge and always offering to help out. Well done, Joshua! Have a lovely and relaxing weekend and best wishes from all the team.

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.

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## Diary dates

November Saturday 9th	Open morning for prospective Nursery and Reception parents
November Tuesday 12th	Parent consultations
November Wednesday 13th	Parent consultations
November Friday 15th	PTFA Hot Chocolate Friday and Children in Need
December Wednesday 4th	KS1 Pantomime
December Friday 6th	PTFA Christmas Fayre 5PM-7PM
December Tuesday 10th	EYFS Performance 9:45AM and 1:30PM
December Wednesday 11th	KS1 Performance 1:30PM
December Thursday 12th	KS1 Performance 1:30PM
December Thursday 12th	Christingle Service at St Mary's Church 6:00PM
December Thursday 12th	EYFS The Gruffalo at The Mill
December Tuesday 17th	KS2 Carol Concert 6:00PM
December Wednesday 18th	Christmas Dinner/Jumper Day
December Friday 20th	PTFA Polar Express Day (come dressed in your pyjamas)

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## Learning Certificates

### Owls

Diana for her independence and motivation to focus on an activity - she has enjoyed following lines and patterns on our Autumn pictures and has shown excellent fine motor skills.

### Penguins

Evelyn for her super listening skills in phonics and being motivated to read new words.

Ada for always being so eager to have a go at activities and showing her creativity when doing so.

### Flamingos

Ameera for a fantastic first week at Christopher Rawlins and settling into Flamingo Class really quickly!

Logan for a fantastic first week at Christopher Rawlins and settling into Flamingo Class really quickly!

### Woodpeckers

Orson for thinking about his letter formation and what needs to be in a super sentence.

Emilia for using the method modelled to her in maths to support her in independent tasks.

### Hummingbirds

Atticus for working really hard with his writing and listening to the sounds in words when you write them, well done.

Phoebe for sharing excellent ideas in our English lessons and working hard and trying your best every day, well done.

### Parrots

Noah for trying really hard to listen to instructions and improving his sentence structure and handwriting in Literacy lessons.

Jasper for contributing to lessons and showing determination when completing independent work.

### Egrets

Bella C-B for some lovely writing using powerful verbs.

Henry R for writing a super opening to a story using powerful verbs and excellent descriptive language.

Ariana for a fantastic first week at Christopher Rawlins and settling into class so well.

### Hérons

Jacob M for overcoming his fears during swimming and having a really positive mindset.

Reuben C for writing an exceptional setting description in Literacy

### Kingfishers

Eva for consistently trying her hardest and being a great learner and role model for her peers.

Albie for really challenging himself with his vocabulary and figurative language in English

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