



# Christopher Rawlins CE Primary School

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**Friday 31st January**

Dear Parents,

I was delighted to have such positive feedback from both pupils and staff about the values, positive behaviour and team spirit our children demonstrated when they took part in sports hall athletics over the last few weeks.

The school site and mud continues to be challenging, but (fingers crossed) is showing some signs of drying out. Please continue to use the pathways and avoid short cuts across the grass. Thanks for your continued help with this.

This week Rhys Owens, our safeguarding Governor, visited school and worked with a group of children to hear their 'voice' about areas such as how we keep safe in school, where safe places are and how they learn best about keeping safe. The children gave really thoughtful and considered answers and Rhys will be sharing his feedback with the Local Governing Body at their next meeting.

We have 2 events related to safeguarding coming up this spring term; Safer Internet Week and Kindness Week. Look out for more details and updates about these in future newsletters.

Lauren Murrey and the Christopher Rawlins team

## **EYFS Curriculum Update**

The children in Early Years have had a successful start to the spring term and we are well into our theme of houses and homes. Over the last few weeks, we have been exploring the Polar Regions and finding out the answer to our big question 'Who Lives in an Igloo?'. The children learnt about the North and South Poles, Inuit people, and where polar bears and penguins live. They have enjoyed exploring ice and thinking about signs of winter in our own environment. This week we have explored China and the celebration of Chinese New Year. It is the Year of the Snake, and we have explored measuring length linked to this. Over the next few weeks, we will be finding out more about our own homes and types of houses we see in our local area. We will read the traditional tale The Three Little Pigs and explore different materials. The children are also looking forward to the disco and we look forward to dancing the afternoon away near the end of term!



## **SMART Watches**

Children are not allowed to wear SMART watches in school. A watch that counts steps only is acceptable. Any watch or device that is able to send/receive calls or messages, or take photographs is treated the same as a mobile phone and are not allowed to be used on site.

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## Digital Dilemma: Keeping Children Safe Online

With Safer Internet Day approaching, and this year's theme focusing on protecting yourself from online scams, Police Cyber Protect teams from the South East are running their free webinar for parents/carers several times in the coming weeks.

The webinar covers social media, mobile phones, gaming and emails, and aims to help parents and carers understand some of the risks young people face online, including how to spot phishing emails, texts and more. Attendees will be provided with advice and resources to help them better protect themselves and their family from falling victim to cybercriminal behaviours. Tickets to the webinars are available by clicking [here](#).

## Lateness

There has been a noticeable increase in the number of children arriving late. A reminder our gates and doors open at 8:30AM in time for an 8:45AM registration. If you arrive after this time your child will be marked as late. Teaching starts at 8:45AM so any child arriving after this time is missing learning time. Between 8:45AM and 9:15AM is also the busiest time in the office and each late arrival impacts this. Please ensure your child arrives on time and ready to learn each day.

## Indoor Athletics

Last Thursday, Mrs Humphries and myself had the pleasure of taking a group of Year 5 and 6 children to the Warriner school for their indoor athletics. The value was determination and the children all showed great determination when completing their events. They were incredibly supportive of their team mates and cheered everyone on in their races. The children were a real credit to the school and I was really proud of all the team for their efforts. Mrs Ostler.



## Worship Team

This week I interviewed Elena, Molly, Iris, Huw, Ethan, Alicia, Remi and Olivia who are all members of The Worship Team. I asked them about their role in leading worship in school. They talked about their enjoyment of leading prayers in assemblies and contributing to church services. All the children said they particularly appreciated the opportunity to speak in front of peers and take on responsibilities. Currently, they are planning an assembly for the World Day of Prayer. A copy of the full interview can be seen on the worship display board in our school library.

## PE Kits

A reminder that children need to have their PE kits in school every day. We have had lots of children this week who haven't had their PE kits in school lessons.

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## Chickenpox

We wanted to make parents aware that we have a few confirmed cases of chicken pox within school. These are mostly amongst our oldest children in Key Stage Two.

Chicken pox is most common in children under the age of 10 and is contagious. The incubation period is approximately 21 days and the person is contagious from 1 to 2 days before the spots appear. The person stops being contagious when the spots have crusted over (usually 5-6 days after the spots appear). If your child has chicken pox, it is important to keep them at home while they are contagious. Further information is available here: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/chickenpox/>

## High Flyers

We've been having an amazing time at the club, filled with fun and excitement! This week, we've enjoyed celebrating Chinese New Year with a range of fantastic activities. The children have painted vibrant paper plate snakes, created beautiful paper lanterns, and even tried their hand at making delicious baked apples in the kitchen. We've been making the most of the weather by spending lots of time outdoors. From ball games to skipping and plenty of running around, the children have been full of energy and enthusiasm.

A huge congratulations to Iris, our High Flyer of the week. She is always positive and enthusiastic, and her kindness and caring nature in looking after the younger children has truly stood out. Well done, Iris!

Don't forget about our February Holiday Club, running at school on Monday 17th and Tuesday 18th from 9:00AM to 4:00PM. This time, we're bringing you a fun-filled and exciting two-day event with the amazing theme of Walt Disney's MOANA and Science! There will be lots of amazing activities planned to keep the children entertained, engaged and learning through play.

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

February Tuesday 4th	Bible Service Y3 at school 1:30PM (Y3 parents invited)
February Thursday 6th	Parent Book Look 3:15PM
February Tuesday 11th	Y3 Youlbury Outdoor Learning Day
February Thursday 13th	PTFA School Disco EYFS 13:45 - 14:30 Yrs 1&2 14:30 - 15:30 Yrs 3&4 15:30 - 16:30 Yrs 5&6 16:30 - 17:30
February Tuesday 25th	Y1 Phonic Check Information Meeting 2:45PM

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## Learning Certificates

### Owls

Alyssa S for settling in brilliantly at Nursery, making new friends, joining in with group times, especially our movement sessions which she has thoroughly enjoyed taking part in.

### Penguins

Max for his motivation and independence in our writing task this week, writing a sentence to go with his drawing of the rat from the Chinese Zodiac.

Iria for her kind, helpful and positive attitude to her play and learning this week. She has been keen to try her best and have a go and has shown a kind and helpful attitude to her friends and teachers.

### Flamingos

Leo H for his determination when writing a letter of application to become a detective!

Ruby for using the sound mats when writing to support her learning.

Reggie T for amazing effort when learning different sounds! Keep it up!

### Woodpeckers

Fraser for working hard to slow down and focus on his letter formation making sure his ascenders and descenders sit properly on the line.

Sophie for slowing down in her writing and recognising sounds within words to support her spelling.

### Hummingbirds

Ellie-Rose for settling in so well into her new class at Christopher Rawlins, you have had an amazing first two days.

Sophia for trying really hard to add description to your writing, well done.

### Parrots

Aris for challenging himself in Literacy lessons this week and showing an enthusiasm for his learning.

Maddison for demonstrating responsibility for her learning and independently editing her Literacy work to uplevel her sentences.

### Egrets

Iris F for having such a positive attitude to her learning, she is always keen to improve her work. She is a responsible member of the worship team and has been an asset in music lessons this week.

Zac R for working hard this week especially in maths. He has learned to use long multiplication with 4-digit numbers and applied this to some challenging problems.

### Hérons

Gus for some exceptional writing this week on writing a persuasive piece to advertise a new smart watch. Really super vocabulary and use of persuasion.

Aelan for her imaginative and creative Zine in Art. Really great use of collage and some super ideas.

### Kingfishers

Grace for showing great compassion and being a supportive friend.

Jacob H for perseverance and resilience in practising 4 x 2 digit multiplication.

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