



## Principal's News

### Dear Parents/Carers

What a fantastic term it has been! We are very proud of how all of the pupils have progressed this term. They are working hard to challenge themselves and engage with all elements of the curriculum. Keep up the good work children!

The festive season is upon us and we have had the most fantastic Carol concert, EYU and KS1 Nativities over the past week. All of the children took part with enthusiasm and vigour! We have had some lovely feedback from all the families who attended so thank you for your ongoing support.

Thank you to the PTFA for more successful events, both the Christmas Bazaar, which raised a whopping £1172.73, and the 'Children only room' were well attended and end a very busy term for the PTFA. Thanks to them for all their hard work and dedication.



EYU and Reception Nativity



Father Christmas at the 'Children only room' event.

Our choir were a credit to us on Thursday when they performed at Morrisons and helped to raise money for charity. Well done to you all!



Key Stage 1 Nativity

### Plea!

Did you attend Harriers as a child? Or maybe even Grandparents? We are creating an aspiration display of past pupils and would love your help! Have you got a photo of you when you were here at school? Could you write a small caption about what you are doing now and any memories you have of Harriers? If you can help then please send this into the office or speak to Mrs Agate.



## Reminder Parking and Harriers View

Our STARS team will be in action in term 3 to promote safer parking and routes to school. Please can we again urge you to try to walk as much of your route to school as possible. We are very aware that parking around the school is limited. Harriers View can become extremely congested and dangerous so please do not enter the view or attempt to turn around/park as there is simply no room. Our children's safety is our main priority and we will continue to work with our community, neighbours and police to ensure the children's route into school is as safe as possible.

You can park at Horton Ground Tennis club before and after school safely and for free which ensures the areas around the school are less congested.

## ParentPay

Thank you to all who have activated ParentPay accounts. We recently introduced this cashless payment system to enable parents to select and pay for dinners, and over time we will use the service for school trips, clubs and activities. We need ALL parents to activate their account, even those receiving Free School Meals, to ensure you receive the full benefits of the system. Please take a few minutes over the holidays to complete your activation. Thank you for your support!

## Punctuality - Late arrival at school

Good attendance and punctuality are essential to help children achieve their best learning. Please ensure that your child arrives at school and is ready to enter on time with his or her class, not via reception. From January, we will trial a new register for late arrivals and parents will need to sign and provide an explanation if your child is late.

**SCHOOL STARTS AT 08.30 FOR NURSERY, 08.45 FOR EYU AND 8.50 FOR KS1 & KS2.**

## Staffing

We say goodbye to Mrs Prew and a huge thank you for all your dedication at Harriers over the years, Good luck with your new adventures. Mrs J Roberts begins her maternity leave at the beginning of January so watch this space for exciting news....!! We welcome Mr Wilcox who will be joining our team on Wednesdays and Fridays.

All that remains is to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy and healthy new year! We look forward to seeing you all in term 3.



Best Wishes,  
**Mrs Agate**  
Associate Principal

## Thank You to the Firemen



Nursery children were treated to a visit to the local fire station, where the firemen talked to them about safety and showed them their fire engine. The children made them a card to thank them for such an amazing trip. They were very happy!



## Christmas Jumper Day

Don't forget that Friday 16 December is non-uniform day. Children can wear their favourite Christmas jumper for a 50p donation to two good

causes: Hands off The Horton and the Motor Neurone Disease Association.

## Applying to Reception Class

Thank you to all the parents, carers and children (and our wonderful Year 6 guides!) that attended our recent Open Morning.

Just a reminder that the deadline is the 15th January for anyone wishing to apply to OCC for 2017/18 Reception places.



## High Flyers

Don't forget to look at our '[High Flyers](#)' and '[Sense of Accomplishment](#)' pages on the website for children and classes that have excelled that week.



## School Office Hours

The school office and reception is staffed between the hours of 8.30am and 4pm. Please try to time your visits and telephone calls during this period.

### Dates for your Diary

**Friday 16 December:** Christmas Jumper and Party day.

**Term 2: Monday 31 October – Friday 16 December** (school finishes at 1:30pm on the last day of Term 2).

**Tuesday 3 January:** INSET Day (school closed to pupils).

**Term 3: Wednesday 4 January – Friday 10 February.** NB Nursery children will have a staggered start and be given their dates directly.

**Wednesday 4 January:** Year 2 Swimming.

**Holiday:** Monday 13 February – Friday 17 February.

## Roman Art



Year 5 have been studying the Romans and have made a wonderful model of a Roman temple as well as some colourful mosaics.

## Uniform

Girls are now allowed to wear plain black boots (as per pupil request).



Another great way to see what we are doing at Harriers is to follow our [Facebook](#) page.