



Harriers Banbury Academy Newsletter

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Principal's News

Dear Parents/Carers

Happy New Year and welcome to term 3, our first term of 2017. This term we focus on religions across the school and are teaching pupils about different religions. They will then be able to compare similarities and differences across the religions but ultimately this supports our pupils to develop tolerance and respect.

The term has begun with some exciting events.



Last week year 4 had a visit from Science Oxford and had sound workshops and this week they visit the Gurdwara in Leamington. This week year 6 begin their visits to Junior Citizen in Oxford.



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 area around the school are less congested.

Punctuality

We take this opportunity to remind you that your child's attendance and punctuality is crucial for their education so please support them to get to school daily and on time.

Best Wishes,

Mrs Agate

Associate Principal



Please activate your ParentPay account

Thank you to all who have already activated their ParentPay accounts. If you haven't done so, **it is really important to activate your account** (even if your children receive free school meals). This ensures they will receive a school meal as dinners will not be provided if no meals are selected. If you are currently sending a packed lunch with your child, please activate your account as the system will soon be used for school trip bookings. Thank you for your support.

Goodbye and good luck, Mrs Prew

We said a sad goodbye to Mrs Prew at the end of last term. Pupils and staff presented her with gifts, drawings and cards to thank her and wish her well in her new adventures.



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.

Fantastic work!



Children received certificates for producing fantastic pieces of work that have been proudly on display in the entrance hall during term 2. Well done to you all.

Good luck, Mrs Roberts



Mrs Roberts has started her maternity leave. She was presented with lots of goodies and cards to mark the occasion. Good luck and we hope to see you and baby soon!

Poetry competition winners



Joseph, Amelie and Sami were the well-deserved winners of our poetry competition. They each received a writing set as their prize. Great work!

Science Oxford Workshop on Sound

Year 4 experienced a fun and exciting hands-on workshop. The children (and teachers) had a wonderful time experimenting with different ways to make sound with tuning forks, kazoos, rulers, rubber bands, wind chimes, glasses filled with water, drums and whirly things!

After this, the children created their own orchestral instruments using various resources – tubing, straws, plastic beakers, balloons etc. This culminated in an orchestral piece with the children playing in their instrumental groups.



In the afternoon, we were treated to a show by the science experts of the different ways to make sound and how vibrations travel. The absolute highlight of this, were the dancing flames as music played.



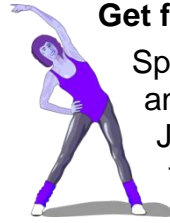
School Office Hours

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.



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

Get fit for 2017



Spiceball Leisure Centre are having an Open Weekend on 14th and 15th January, with lots of free activities for the whole family to enjoy (booking may be required where numbers are limited). Call Spiceball on 01295 257522 for more details.

Label it, don't lose it

Please label your children's clothes with their name so we can return any that are found. Lost property can also be reclaimed from the ICT room.



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.

Uniform

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

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 19 January: Year 5/6 Inclusion Athletics.

Friday 27 January: Chinese New Year Day.

Thursday 9 February: Year 5/6 Gifted & Talented Athletics.

Tuesday 7 March: Whole School Panto.

Term 3: Wednesday 4 January – Friday 10 February.

Holiday: Monday 13 February – Friday 17 February.