



# Harriers Banbury Academy Newsletter

an Aspirations Academy

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We are very pleased to welcome prospective pupils and their parents to our

# OPEN MORNING

## 30<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2017

### 9.30AM - 12 NOON

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## Principal's News

### Dear Parents/Carers

You will see above that we are holding our Open Morning next Thursday morning. Please spread the word if you know of any parents who are looking for reception or nursery places for September 2018. We also warmly welcome any existing parents who would like to visit and see the school in action during the day. If you have a child who is due to start school in September 2018 then you must apply for a place by 15th January 2018. This is still the case even if your child is in Nursery at Harriers or if they have a sibling already at the school.

Those of you who regularly visit the site will have seen that it has been busy term at school. The works on the car park are now complete and the refurbishment of our old IT suite is nearing completion. You will see below that our new library bus has finally arrived on site. The children were so excited and we are now looking forward to completing the installation and officially opening it on 30th November at 2:30pm.

We had a fantastic Inset day last week, working with our colleagues from Dashwood Banbury Academy, Banbury Academy and Space Studio Banbury. The focus of the day was on planning challenging lessons that engage learners through tiered questioning.

The teachers worked hard all day creating some fascinating schemes of work ready for Term 3. Our pupils will reap the rewards as they learn about interesting topics in fun, innovative and creative ways.

As a school our first priority is to keep your children safe, as such we take our safeguarding duty extremely seriously. Each year we report to our Governors and the Local Authority about our safeguarding processes, which are inspected by a representative from our Academy Trust. We had one of these visits last week and I'm delighted to confirm that we continue to meet all requirements.

**Alex Pearson** Executive Principal



### Children in Need

We raised a magnificent £336.70 from our fundraising efforts for Children in Need this year. Pupils paid £1 to take part in a non-uniform day, with lots of children coming in spotty outfits, and various games and activities throughout the day.



## Our Library Bus has arrived!



The wait is over and our new library bus is finally here – it was quite a journey! The children (and adults) were so excited to see it make its way very carefully into the playground and can't wait to use it once all the books are in and it is officially open!



We are appealing for donations of cushion inserts that we can re-cover for the library bus. If you have any that we could use please leave at reception.

## The Story Museum



Year 6 had lots of fun at The Story Museum in Oxford.

## Library Bus Launch



Our Library Bus launch day is on the **30th November at 2.30pm**. Come along to this community event and see our exciting new library.



*The Library Bus in position with new decking being installed.*

## Lest We Forget



The head boy and girl from Harriers joined with their counterparts at Dashwood to proudly represent the Aspirations' academies at the Banbury Remembrance Day parade on Sunday, 12th November.



## No Parking PLEASE

We have been contacted by residents of Harriers View and Bloxham Road to say that once again they have been unable to access their drives due to inconsiderate parking and vehicles being parked on the pavement.

Please can we reiterate that there is no space in Harriers View, there is no room to turn and you must not block residents' driveways. Equally Bloxham Road is always very busy, both with pedestrians that need to walk unhampered on the pavements and with parked and moving cars. If you do park here please be respectful of the needs of residents and pedestrians and park safely for all.

We would like to remind you that if you park at the Horton Tennis Club and walk the short distance to school you will be keeping our pupils safe and our neighbours happy!



## Inspirational Assembly



Huge thanks to Richard Munday from the British Antarctic Survey (BAS) for an excellent assembly for Key Stage 2 on his experiences with the BAS in the Antarctic and his expedition up Mount Everest. An insightful and a truly inspirational assembly on how we can aim to have any job or experience we want if we work hard enough for it.

**Craft STALLS**

# CHRISTMAS

*..... Night Market .....*

**Free ENTRY**

**November 23**  
6 - 8 PM

**BAR - RAFFLE - GIFT SHOPPING - REFRESHMENTS**

**HARRIERS BANBURY ACADEMY HARRIERS VIEW BANBURY**

### Dates for your Diary

**Friday 24 November:** Year 4-6 Big Bang Fair at Space Studio Banbury.

**Thursday 30 November:** Nursery and Early Years Open Morning; Library Bus Launch, 2.30pm.

**Wednesday 6 December:** Year 5 at Space Studio. EYU Nativity am\*.

**Thursday 7 December:** Year 6 visit The Story Museum; EYU Nativity pm\*.

**Friday 8 December:** Carol Service rehearsal at St Mary's, 9am-12; Year 5/6 to The Mill, Wind in the Willows; PTFA Christmas Bazaar.

**Tuesday 12 December:** Year 3 Tudor Day; PTFA Children's Only Room.

**Wednesday 13 December:** Carol Service at St Mary's, 1pm.

**Thursday 14 December:** KS1 Nativity am\*; Christmas Dinner; Year 1/2 to The Mill, Wind in the Willows.

**Friday 15 December:** KS1 Nativity pm\*; Year 3/4 to The Mill, Wind in the Willows.

**Tuesday 19 December:** Xmas Jumper and Party, 1.30pm finish.

\*Nativity tickets are available from the office.