



Santa's Grotto,
Raffle (fantastic
prizes!),
Tombolas,
Games,
Craft Stalls,
Glitter Tattoos
and lots more...



Refreshments available from
3pm in the school canteen

Harriers Banbury Academy P.T.F.A

Christmas Bazaar

Friday 8th December

3:30pm - Official opening

(Santa's Grotto opens at 3pm for Early years!!)



Principal's News

Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you to the many of you who completed our Parents Survey when we pounced on you when you tried to leave Parents Evening. We are delighted that we have improved on the already fantastic feedback we received last year. The results showed that over 98% of our parents/carers believe their child enjoys school, that the school keeps their child safe and would recommend Harriers to other parents. We really appreciate all feedback we receive as we do act upon it and work to continuously improve our provision. You can always contact the school via email (office@harriers-aspirations.org) if you would like to tell us about something that we are doing well or something that can be done even better.

Every person who completed the survey was entered into a prize draw. The lucky winner was Kristina Czobor (mum of Patrik in Red Kites) who has won a voucher.

If you would really like to have an impact on change at the school then you can become a school governor. We are recruiting governors now, as you may have seen from the recent letter. It only requires a commitment to 4-6 two hour meetings a year, in a friendly environment, but can have a huge impact on your child's education. Please contact one of

our governors, Tracey Owen (chair@harriers-aspirations.org), if you or someone you know (including non-parents/carers) would like more information.



You will hopefully now be aware that our Library Bus is now open. The children and staff have loved their first experiences of spending time on the bus, it is a lovely environment and one that is sure to light a fire in our pupils' love of reading. The additional benefit of the Library Bus is that it frees up valuable space in our school building. The old library space is currently being converted into a teaching space for phonics and KS1 groups. This will allow our KS1 pupils to access more learning opportunities in the KS1 corridor, which will build on the teaching methods and learning they thrived on in Early Years. Once the

environments are completed we will welcome you in for a look around.

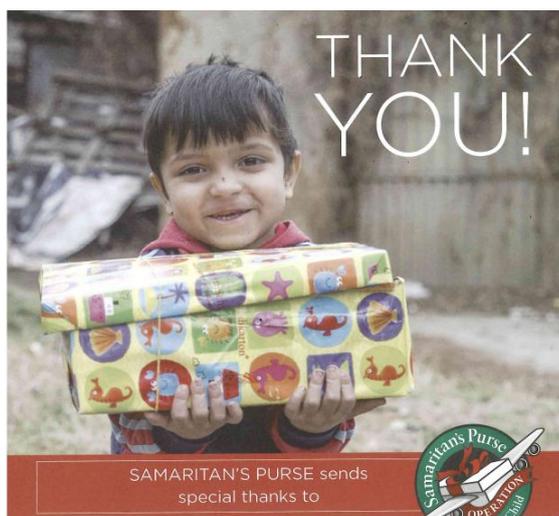
Have a great week.

Kind regards

Alex Pearson Executive Principal

THANK YOU

We would like to thank all our parents, carers and families who are so kind and supportive of our fundraising for the school and charities. Recently we have had donations of money, books, toys and cushions for the new bus.



HARRIERS BANBURY ACADEMY

for sharing love and joy in the form of a simple shoebox gift through Operation Christmas Child.

Nick Cole

Nick Cole, Director of OCC UK

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Visit samaritans-purse.org.uk/occ

 Helping to Jesus' Name!

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We must also acknowledge the role of the PTFA and its members: for the dedication, hard work and inspiration that they bring to all the activities they tirelessly organise and host to raise funds for our school.

Their most recent event, the Christmas Night Market was great success.



A huge THANK YOU to you all!

The Big Bang



The Big Bang event at Space Studio Banbury was amazing with so many different stands to go to, shows and workshops. Atomic Tom's show had the children engaged from start to finish. The exotic zoo was very entertaining!



Thank you to Space Studio Banbury for hosting and organising and a huge thank you to all the amazing parents who came and supported/helped us while we were there.

Playground plans



You will have noticed our wonderful new Library Bus and deck. We are also investing in outdoor resources and playground relining, to make our space exciting and fun for our pupils. All of this work has been significantly helped by generous support from the National Lottery's recent award (£9,900), a grant from Banbury Charities (£1,500), ongoing PTFA events and activities which have raised £10,000. We are also delighted we will be supported by the Co-op, who has made us their local cause (more details to follow soon).

IMPS at the Horton



Year 6 went to the Horton Hospital to take part in the IMPS programme for schools. The children had a short tour around A&E, practised CPR and using the recovery position as well as having a finger put in a plaster cast.



Parent Pay

Most of you are using Parent Pay to book dinners, trips and Afterschool Club sessions. We hope you find it convenient, as you can pay any time (and even in your pjs!). We will be using Parent Pay for even more in future, so it is really vital that you have activated your account and use it regularly. If you are unsure or would like help, please let the office staff know.

A very busy Open Morning!

We had a fabulous turnout of parents and prospective pupils at our open morning last week. We must thank all who came along and those that helped on the day but also our current parents and children who have been sharing with friends our great reputation of being such a brilliant place to come to school.

Residential Trip

A reminder that the non-refundable deposit of £40 for the residential trip to PGL, Liddington next year needs to be made by Wednesday 13th December (current year 5). Other payments can be managed by smaller monthly payments or lump sums to suit you.

Dates for your Diary

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.