



Principal's News

Dear Parents/Carers

As we reach the end of Term 2 and 2017 as a whole we can reflect on what we have achieved at Harriers.

Firstly, on an academic note, we have seen pupils make great progress across the school, especially in Maths through Inspire Maths. The highlight was definitely the Year 6 SATs results, which were 15% above the national average and the highest of any school in Banbury. A fantastic result for the pupils and the whole school.

We have made developments to our site including the new library bus, which in turn provided a new teaching space inside the school, a redeveloped IT suite and our new car park and electric gates. These changes improve both the teaching provision and our site security, with a dose of fun and excitement.

We have worked behind the scenes in constantly developing our teaching and learning approaches. I firmly believe that this has improved across the school. We are very lucky to have a skilled and dedicated team of staff who provide exciting lessons that provide opportunities for pupils to lead and evaluate their learning. This is supported by an engaging curriculum that incorporates many trips and visitors.

We have a fantastic, active PTFA team who have held many events that entertain pupils and their families whilst raising valuable funds for the school.

Over the year we have received a lot of positive feedback, from pupils, parents, the community and professionals, which underlines

our growing reputation locally and even nationally.

I feel very lucky to be part of Harriers and I would like to thank all the staff, pupils, parents, Aspirations Academies Trust and our local community who all help make it the fantastic, special place it is.

I hope you all have a lovely Christmas and we look forward to seeing you in the new year.

Kind regards

Alex Pearson Executive Principal

Tudor Day



Children in Year 3 and 4 enjoyed a Tudor Day. They dressed in Tudor costumes and made food and traditional decorations and even learnt some Tudor dances and entertainments!



Christmas fun at Harriers



Key Stage 1 Nativity



Delicious Christmas biscuits



Christmas gingerbread



Christmas jumpers



**A VERY MERRY
CHRISTMAS AND
A HAPPY NEW YEAR
FROM ALL AT
HARRIERS BANBURY
ACADEMY**

Christmas crafts



Christmas parties



Early Years get ready for their Christmas Nativity

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 4 January 2018: Term 1 starts. NB Nursery children will have a staggered start and be given their dates directly.

Friday 9 February: Last day of Term 1.

Monday 12 – Friday 16 February: Holiday.

Monday 19 February: INSET day (no children in school).