



Children and staff dressed up as characters from Myths and Legends for World Book Day

Principal's News

Dear Parents/Carers

We are exploring how we can further improve our communication between the school and our families. We have asked for feedback through our Parents' Evening survey (thank you to all that completed it) and from general feedback. One initial aspect we have clarified is that the vast majority of parents/carers prefer text as a form of communication and would like a link to the newsletter sent via text. So, you have hopefully received this newsletter via a text link!

I met Clare and Claire this week who are the new admins of the parents' Facebook page. They have some great plans to improve the organisation and service of the page. We must stress that the site has no link to the school; however we know it provides a useful service and we will be working with the new admins to ensure they have accurate information to share with those who need it.

Once we have fully analysed all the feedback we have collected we will look to develop our communication processes. We will then hold a parents' forum after the Easter holidays to evaluate the impact of these.

In recent weeks we have been shocked and alarmed by the foul and abusive language used by a very small minority of pupils in our school. We are very disappointed that this has become an issue and we want to work with our families to eradicate this from the school. Please monitor language that your child(ren) are exposed to at home and online. We will be working with the children in school to ensure they understand that the use of bad language is not acceptable.

Kind regards

Alex Pearson Executive Principal

Mindfulness Meeting for Parents

This year all the children in Years 6 and 5 will have a 6 week session of Mindfulness especially designed for children. The children in Early Years, KS1 and Years 3 and 4 will be shown mindful breathing techniques. This meeting is to give an overview of the course and an insight into Mindfulness. It will be held on Tuesday, 20th March, straight after school at 3.20pm in the old ICT suite.

We love Books!



Children and staff had such an amazing time dressing up and taking part in Myths and Legends activities on World Book Day. Thanks to everyone who made such an effort with their costumes and special thanks to Ms Pamplin who organised the day. We love books!



Bedtime and Biscuits



Children had such a fantastic time at our annual Bedtime and Biscuits event organised by our brilliant Ms Pamplin! The children loved hearing staff read stories in the hall, the forest area and on our lovely new library bus!



Mother's Day Assembly



On Thursday 8th March Early Years and Nursery performed their Mother's Day Assembly. They sang beautifully, performed a poem and gave lots of reasons why they love their mums so much. They had also decorated the hall with fantastic portraits of their mums and gave them each a flower. It was a lovely assembly, well done EYU!

Parking

Please can we remind you to park responsibly at all times. Please do not block driveways or park illegally. We have an agreement that you may park at Banbury Tennis Club on Horton View – please do use it.

Year 6 SATs

We hope you found the recent SATs presentation to parents informative. Here are the key dates:

Monday 14th May 2018

English grammar, punctuation and spelling
Paper 1: questions (45 mins)

English grammar, punctuation and spelling
Paper 2: spelling (20 mins)

Tuesday 15th May 2018

English reading (60 mins)

Wednesday 16th May 2018

Mathematics Paper 1: arithmetic (30 mins)
Mathematics Paper 2: reasoning (40 mins)

Thursday 17th May 2018

Mathematics paper 3: reasoning (40 mins)



Footsteps have produced a guide for parents explaining how to help your child learn how to cope as a pedestrian. It gives general advice on how to teach the basics of road safety to your children. Download their guide here:

[Footsteps Parent's Guide](#)

Mother's Day treat to Crufts



Charlotte from Wrens class took her mummy, who has a hearing dog called Zoe, to Crufts for the perfect Mother's Day treat. Charlotte had a wonderful time getting to stroke lots of dogs and learnt about other assistance guide dogs. She was very interested in the police dog show in the arena and how they work to catch criminals and she even got to go on stage with the other children to take part helping with the sniffer dogs!

Parents' Evening

Thank you to all who attended Parents' Evenings. It is a really important way to share information about your child's progress and discuss their future learning.



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 each week.



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

Snow Days and Closures



We really did appreciate your patience and understanding during the interesting time with the very cold weather. We try to communicate and provide information as soon as possible on a variety of platforms. Please make sure you check the school website, Facebook, Twitter, text messages and local radio if you think there may be a chance that the school will be closed.

Wolf Runners



Our Wolf Runners have been given their start time...1.40PM! If you would like to watch them get very muddy why not come along to cheer them on at Welsh Road Farm, near Leamington Spa on Saturday 7th April. If you can, please sponsor our run in aid of Katharine House Hospice.

[Harriers Wolf Runners Just Giving page](#)

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 22 March: Early Years Stay and Read, 9am-9.45am.

Friday 23 March: Sports Relief.

Wednesday 28 March: EYU and Nursery, Broughton Grounds Farm.

Monday 26 March: INSET day (no children in school).

Tuesday 27 March: PTFA Easter Bingo

Thursday 29 March: Last day of Term 4.

Friday 30 March – Friday 13 April: Holiday.