



Principal's News

Dear Parents/Carers

We have recently conducted a review of parking in and around the school site. We are obviously concerned and dismayed when we see or hear about the poor or even dangerous parking by a minority of our parents. Unfortunately, our powers are limited and we encourage all illegal parking to be reported to the police through the 101 phone number. In turn we have a few plans, some old some new, to promote safe and healthy travel to school. What we can control is the parking on our own site and we have made a series of improvements to security, safety and capacity this year. In line with this we have decided to leave the parking spaces in front of the kitchen/canteen free until 8:25am so they can be used by parents for Breakfast Club drop off. Please use these spaces to make our car park safer during a busy part of the day.

It was lovely to have some sunshine last week. As the temperatures rise in school we do announce 'shirt sleeve order', which means the children are not expected to wear their blazers or ties. We decide this on a day by day basis so that all pupils must arrive at school in full uniform. We will also send them out of school in full uniform so that no ties or blazers are lost.



We are always amazed by how much lost property we collect on a weekly, let alone a termly basis. More than we can cope with! Please make sure all possessions and clothing are clearly named so we can reunite them with their owner. I would like to thank Miss Maycock and Mrs Cashmore for organising and washing all of the lost property so we can reuse it around the school. Any lost property that cannot be used will be donated to charity.

This term our condition for learning is Spirit of Adventure, meaning 'Your ability to take on positive, healthy challenges at school and at home, with family and with friends'. We would therefore like pictures and a brief description of our pupils challenging themselves or trying something new when they are not in school. These will be part of a Spirit of Adventure display in school. All photos can be emailed to office@harriers-aspirations.org.



Have a great week.

Kind regards,
Alex Pearson, Executive Principal

Meeting the animals



Year 2 children had an absolutely AMAZING day at the Cotswold Wildlife Park. They met lots of animals, enjoyed the sunny weather and had a lovely time exploring the grounds.

Mrs Roberts goes to CERN

Spirit of Adventure in CERN, Switzerland

Birmingham Airport, then arrival in Geneva. I felt quite nervous and excited! I had to find the shuttle bus to CERN – I remembered that it could be found at quai 4 on exiting the airport. I was so relieved to find it and, as luck would have it, there was another UK primary teacher sitting on board waiting. It was so good to arrive at CERN with someone else!



We arrived at our hotel, dropped suitcases off in our rooms and headed over to the restaurant where we found a group of friendly (but also tired!) teachers. It was such a lovely atmosphere from the outset. The rest of our colleagues arrived. We were 18.



Our group with Professor Samuel Ting who won the Nobel Prize for developing this detector.

During the four days that I was in Switzerland, I met and saw some amazing people: scientists (even original founders of CERN who are now in their '90s!), doctors, engineers, PhD students, chefs, teachers and many more..... We even met a Nobel Prize winner!

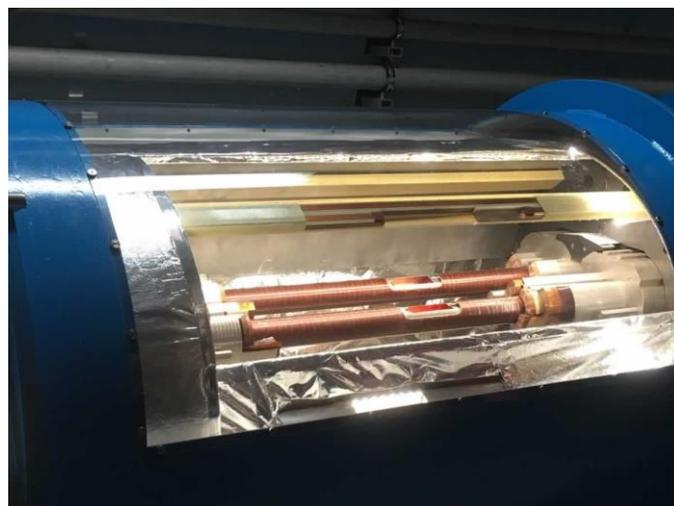
I attended lectures on the history of CERN, particle physics, antimatter, how physics is used in medical applications and how we can

use research to inform others. I made a cloud chamber.

Handling dry ice in the cloud experiment!



I had some brilliant tours around CERN, seeing the first particle accelerator (now extinct), the antimatter factory, a NASA space experiment with live feed from space, the Atlas particle detector (linked to the LHC), the control room for all LHC (Large Hadron Collider) experiments, the permanent exhibitions and displays and the library. And yes, we did also have a fun evening out in Geneva eating cheese fondue!



At the AMS Centre in CERN. The Alpha Magnetic Spectrometer (AMS-02) is a particle-physics detector that looks for dark matter, antimatter and missing matter from a module attached to the outside of the International Space Station (ISS). It also performs precision measurements of cosmic rays.

I learnt so many new and amazing facts about science, especially particle physics! I now even partially understand what antimatter is! Did you know the World Wide Web was invented at CERN?

I was so impressed with the ethos of CERN. Since 1954, it has existed to provide a collaboration of scientific research between European countries (this, has of course changed and CERN is associated with countries world-wide) with an open policy to share all research and make it available for others to use, except for military purposes. Everyone at CERN works together. Scientists from all over the world collaborate on projects. Many languages are spoken at CERN; scientists and engineers have to speak at least French or English fluently, and then they have to know the languages spoken by their colleagues. It is very impressive, and shows the absolute importance of knowing and understanding other languages. Something that we continue to promote strongly at Harriers.



I feel honoured to have been able to visit CERN. It is an amazing, peaceful place with incredible scientific research being carried out for the potential in future medical use, looking for those particles in the universe that may or may not exist and for the promotion of learning in science. This is resilience, an attribute that our children need to develop and learn to apply in all areas of their learning.

Mrs. Roberts, Year 4 teacher and Science Coordinator.



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

Attendance Week



We will be holding an 'Attendance Week' starting on Monday 11 June 2018, focussing on attendance and Punctuality in school. During the week we shall be handing out tickets to all children that arrive in school on time and these tickets will go into a draw for a prize.

We hope you will support us with ensuring that your child is in school every day and on time, not just in 'Attendance Week' but every day of the academic year.

Safeguarding Children in Banbury



Safeguarding Children in Banbury has produced a video, brilliantly performed by children from local schools (including Harriers). It depicts the different types of bullying and what you should do if you are a victim.

Watch it here: [SCIB Cyber Bullying Video](#)

Free School Meals

Healthy school food has obvious health benefits and can help pupils establish healthy habits for life. Healthy school food can also help to improve pupils' readiness to learn.

Families who receive certain benefits may be eligible for free school meals. [Find out more and download an application form here.](#)

Free breaks for families

YHA are offering a free two-night stay with meals in their Youth Hostels in England and Wales to families struggling with financial hardship, disability, long-term illness, bereavement, homelessness or other challenging circumstances, to enable them to have some quality family time.

[Find out more here.](#) Bookings reopen in May.

Family Festival of the Arts

On Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th May, The Great Barn in Great Coxwell is hosting a family friendly Festival of the Arts, offering a wide range of separately ticketed events covering all aspects of the Arts.



Many of the events are relevant to KS1 and KS2 and are closely linked to the National Curriculum. See the [Programme of Events](#) for details and how to book.

Helping students to visit NASA

Space studio Banbury and Banbury Academy students have the chance to visit NASA in the USA. We are happy to help them - some of whom were once Harriers' students - in their efforts to raise £10,000 toward a trip of a lifetime. It's an ambitious goal. We have a collection pot in reception; all donations will be very welcome.

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 3 May: Year 4 Holdenby House.

Monday 7 May: May Day Holiday.

Thursday 10 May: Year 3 Oxford Botanic Gardens and Pitt Rivers Museum, Oxford.

Thursday 24 May: Year 6 Aladdin and Pineapple Studios, London.

Friday 25 May: Last day of Term 5.

Monday 28 May – Friday 1 June: Holiday.

Monday 4 June: INSET day (no children in school).

Monday 11 June – Friday 15 June: Attendance Week.



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