



Harriers Banbury Academy Newsletter

an Aspirations Academy

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Principal's News

Dear Parents/Carers

This is our first newsletter since lockdown began, about 4000 days ago! We wanted to take the opportunity to share some news with you and celebrate what we have all been doing over the past few days, weeks and months.

Firstly, we have been so proud of all of our pupils (and families) for how they have coped with the lockdown, it has been lovely to stay in touch and see all the hard work you have been doing at home. It has also been fantastic to see how teachers have embraced and utilised technology to engage and communicate with their classes. The staff have been fabulous throughout and we are so lucky to have such a hard working, conscientious team at Harriers.

Harriers has been open to key worker's children and vulnerable pupils throughout the lockdown, including school holidays. It has been a long time for all of us that have been running and organising the provision, and I would like to say a special thank you to Mr Tibbetts, our caretaker, and Monika and Lydia, our cleaners, who have been onsite every day that the school has been open in order to make sure it is clean and safe for the pupils.



We conducted a wider reopening for Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 from 2 June. It has been wonderful to welcome more children onto the site as they make it feel like Harriers! We were all nervous about this wider reopening, despite extensive planning and preparation, as it was a new way of running the school in unprecedented circumstances. From day 1, however, it has felt like the right thing to do and made totally worthwhile when we see the pupils' happy faces in classrooms or at the start and end of the day. We have followed

government guidelines throughout, we have increased our cleaning standards beyond government expectations and we have created a safe, welcoming environment. The children and staff have loved being back in school, as evidenced in the photos in this newsletter.

We have had 6 suspected cases since we returned to school, but we are pleased to confirm that all tests have been returned negative. This includes the case that led to a pod being briefly sent home on Friday 12 June. This action was taken upon an incorrect instruction from the NHS via 111; Public Health England have since confirmed this was incorrect and confirmed that the school's guidelines are accurate and that we have acted correctly throughout.



We haven't forgotten about those children that are still working at home and we continue to be wow'd by your hard work and positive attitudes. After our successful wider reopening and the go ahead from the government,

we are very keen to now give all of our other year groups to come into school for a keeping in touch (KIT) day. Any further wider reopening is very difficult under the current government guidelines as social distancing limits group sizes, and therefore room and staff availability. We have come up with a plan, however, that will give every pupil in Years 2, 3, 4 and 5 the opportunity to attend school for 1 day before the end of term, if they wish to do so. More details on this will follow in the next day or two.

We have been continually planning over the past four months; for lockdown, home learning, key workers/vulnerable, wider reopening & wider reopening. We are now turning our



attention to September and hopefully the exit from lockdown. We have no further information than what is already in the public domain, we hear the government guidance to schools at the same time as everyone else! Therefore we are planning for hopefully a normal return to school in September, whilst being fully prepared to adjust our plans to meet whatever measures the government say we must have in place. We may not know what school will look like for next year until the middle of August. So we hope for the best, and plan for whatever else! Our normal procedures for end of year and start of next year are going ahead and we will release information through our usual channels.

One of the first things to confirm is staff class placements. Please see below which members of staff will be in which year group. You will find out which class your child is in very soon, the lists have already been confirmed so please do not contact the school to make requests.

Phase	Year	Class	Teacher	Support Staff
Early Years	N	Ducklings	Mrs Bell	Mrs Cambray Mrs Ahmed Mrs Lawrence Mrs Buzzard Mrs Grant
	R	Robins	Miss M Pamplin	
	R	Wrens	Mr Sherington	
Lower Phase	1	Swifts	Miss Thewlis	Miss Jones Mrs Etheridge Mrs Byrne Mrs Lyons Miss Sabin Mrs Chester
	1	Swallows	Mrs Taylor/Mrs Ross	
	2	Woodpeckers	Miss Gayer	
	2	Doves	Mrs Coghlan	
	3	Kingfishers	Miss Wayte	
	3	Toucans	Mrs East/Mrs Agate	
Upper Phase	4	Red Kites	Mrs Goulding	Miss Maycock Mrs Aguado Mr Woodward Mrs Kidman Mrs Stephens Mr Simms
	4	Parrots	Mrs Jones	
	5	Pelicans	Mrs M Roberts	
	5	Flamingos	Miss S Pamplin/ Mrs J Roberts	
	6	Eagles	Mr Connor	
	6	Owls	Mr Bee	

It is also the time of year that we must sadly confirm that some staff will be leaving the Harriers team this summer. We are sadly saying goodbye to Mrs Cashmore, who is leaving to spend more time with her family, Mr Tibbetts, who is leaving for a career change, and Miss Butler, Mrs Sweeney and Miss Howard who are all relocating. Each of them have been wonderful and popular members of the Harriers team and we will sorely miss them all.

Kind regards,

Alex Pearson, Principal

LEARNING IN SCHOOL



Year 6 enjoyed weaving with natural materials.



Social distance learning



Classrooms are set up to allow 2 metres between pupils for the older year group.

Key Stage 1



Friends stick together

Sophia made a friendship stick for while she is not allowed to hold Bonnie's hand!

What a lovely idea!

Key Stage 1



Key stage 1 children have been enjoying their science experiments, getting messy with rainbow handprints and some exercise classes.



LEARNING OUT OF SCHOOL

What's on the website

<https://www.harriers-aspirations.org/>

There are lots and lots of useful resources on our website including:

Announcements



Important information from Mr Pearson concerning arrangements and guidelines for opening the school plus our 'Ready for wider reopening' video

which shows how classrooms and social distancing will work at Harriers.

Term 6 Home Learning

Resources and activities from our class teachers for home learning.

Year 6 Transition

Current Year 6 pupils are unlikely to be able to do the normal transition sessions into their secondary schools. To help the children get to know Wykham Park Academy, they are posting weekly tasks and videos from staff introducing themselves and their subjects.



Useful websites

Links to websites that we recommend to help with home learning plus tips to stay safe online.

Coronavirus advice

Fact sheets for staying safe and links for information and help for social and welfare issues.

Health and wellbeing



Lots of advice about reassuring children during this difficult time along with story books and

videos that that are designed to be shared with younger children.



[Read the School Health Nurse Newsletter here.](#)

How to order school uniform from Cross Embroidery

Cross Embroidery have launched their fitting appointment and click & collect services. All the relevant information is posted on their website with clear instructions on how to order school uniform from now onwards. The shop reopens on 17th June for new starter appointments only, with restrictions in place in accordance with government guidelines. Those who know their sizes can order via click and collect, they are strongly advising that customers book appointments and place orders as soon as they can to avoid a last minute surge in August, as this could result in unfulfilled orders.

They are also asking customers not to turn up without an appointment or collection instructions.

<https://www.crossembroidery.com/>

See their Coronavirus information for customers here:

<https://www.crossembroidery.com/covid>

Dr Bike is back!

To book your time slot see: [Dr Bike](#) or email healthypaceshaping@cherwell-dc.gov.uk



Bring your bike along for some *free TLC!

Dr Bike
Let your bike road ready

Banbury

*Brake cables, pads, gear cables and inner tubes are included in the service, along with labour time. Parts not included can be sourced at a charge.

Grimsbury Community Hall,
Burchester Place, OX16 3WT

Sat **30 May** 10am - 2pm

Sat **13 June** 10am - 2pm

Sat **27 June** 10am - 2pm

Hardwick Community Hall,
Ferriston OX16 1XE

Sat **6 June** 10am - 2pm

Sat **20 June** 10am - 2pm

Sat **4 July** 10am - 2pm

Booking necessary

See the Cherwell Facebook page for Booking details or email healthypaceshaping@cherwell-dc.gov.uk to book.

Our school needs you!



Help us win £5,000 of National Book Tokens for the school library - and get £100 for yourself! Enter the competition online, it only takes a minute:

<http://www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools>

Dates for your Diary

We regret that due to the updated coronavirus guidance all events are now **cancelled** until schools return to normal working.

Friday 26 June: INSET day (no children in school).

Friday 17 July: Last day of Term 6.

Monday 20 July: INSET day (no children in school).

Tuesday 1 September: INSET day (no children in school).

Term 1: Wednesday 2 September – Friday 23 October 2020.

NB Reception and Nursery pupils will start later in September – dates will be confirmed directly.