



## Principal's News

### Dear Parents/Carers

Since we have returned to school we have had a huge focus on the wellbeing of our pupils. As part of their weekly timetables, to support mental health, the children now have regular wellbeing and calm time sessions as well as time set aside for the social interactions they missed so much during lockdown.

Whilst this is set to continue, we are also turning our attention to our pupils' physical health, as this also supports good mental health. We have ensured all pupils have 2 hours of PE per week, we are ensuring outdoor play takes place in (almost) all weather and we are encouraging as much outdoor learning as possible, especially in the Forest School. We also have a healthy snack/lunch rule, and all the school dinners provided are as healthy as possible and nutritionally balanced. Whilst we cannot compete in our normal inter-school competitions, we are entering the pupils into virtual events and will be re-launching our house point competitions.

We need your support in our next two targets in promoting good physical health:

- Healthy lunch boxes - we have noticed recently that some of our pupils' lunchboxes or snacks are overloaded with items that are high in fats (e.g. crisps) or sugar (e.g. chocolate based). Please provide your child with a healthy snack (e.g. fruit, cereal bar under 100 calories) and a nutritionally balanced lunch.
- Street Tag - we have entered the Oxfordshire Street Tag competition against other Cherwell schools. Hopefully you have seen my letter about this. Please sign up to get physically active with your child and earn points for Team Harriers!

For a few years now, we have recognised that in order to offer a brilliant education for our pupils we need happy, energised, relaxed members of staff. This has become even more important during and post lockdown. Therefore we take our staff's wellbeing very seriously, and we have tried to make adjustments to our working practices that will reduce stress and find a work-life balance. Soon we will all be partaking in a BUPA educators wellbeing webinar that will support all staff in achieving peak wellbeing and therefore put us in the best place to support your child's needs. We will also be encouraged to register with Street Tag and help boost the school's points total!

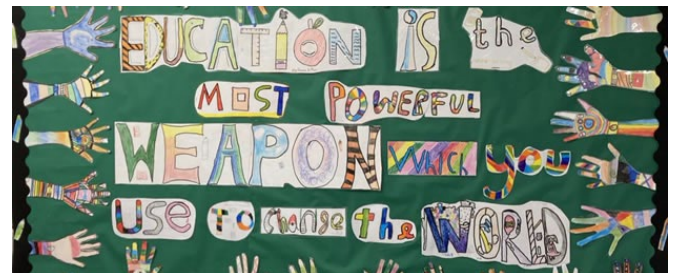
Have a great week,

**Alex Pearson**, Principal

### Please remember:

- Social distance from other households
- Keep your children near you whilst waiting for siblings
- Only one adult on site to collect

### Follow Year 6 on Twitter



Year 6 now have their own Twitter page to keep you up to date on all the interesting stuff they have been up to! [HarriersYear6](#)

## Why we belong



The children in Year 5 have created a lovely 'belonging tree' to share their reasons for being glad to be back at school.

## Harvest Festival

Unfortunately we are not able to have our harvest festival this year (which was provisionally booked for October 15th) due to covid restrictions. But please look on your children's Seesaw or Tapestry during that week to see some of their harvest work. Also we are unable to collect in goods for donation so please can we encourage you to donate to your local food bank instead (either directly or via collection points in most supermarkets). Please do send us in any photos of your children donating. Thank you, **Joanna Agate**

## Learning Spanish the fun way!



How do you teach Spanish and make it fun and engaging? Mrs Maxine Roberts has the answer – conversation time in Spanish with puppets! The children in her Year 5 class loved talking to their friends using phrases they have learnt in their language lessons.

## Walk to School Week

Pupils and grown-ups around the UK united for one week of walking to school this week. This five-day walking challenge was a fun and engaging week-long activity, raising awareness and celebrating walking for all.



Pupils were well on their way to reaching their recommended 60 minutes minimum of physical activity per day before even reaching the school gates! Not only will it set them up for a positive day in the classroom, it will also help create healthy habits for life. As a school, we now have a travel tracker in which children can earn monthly badges for walking to school 3+ times a week! Let's start becoming a more active school!

(Park and walk is also an option for children and we have an arrangement that you can park at Horton Tennis grounds and then walk through the park).

## Model Volcanoes



This week in Eagle Class we have started to make our model volcanoes as part of our Natural Disaster project. When finished, we will be creating electrical circuits to create a natural disaster warning system and a sales pitch for the products.



## TEAM HARRIERS NEEDS YOU!!!!



We are delighted to announce that Harriers will be participating in the **Street Tag Oxfordshire Schools Games Season 1 from 5th Oct 2020 to 28th Dec 2020**. It is a new and exciting competition where families can earn points by getting out and about by walking, running or cycling. All points go towards the school total and will help Harriers rise up the leader board against other local schools. The new season started on Monday 5th October so don't hesitate in joining Team Harriers, we've got lost time to make up for!!!

[Read the letter to parents and carers here](#)

## Their very own Race for Life

*Angela sent this news about her family's amazing 20 mile hike for charity.*

'David was disappointed he wasn't getting to do Race for Life at school this year so we did it ourselves. We all wore the T shirts and I added a last minute donate button for Cancer Research on my proud parent post later and unbelievably this resulted in £300 of donations to Cancer Research! A lot more than we expected.'



What an achievement. Well done to you all!

## Wraparound Care & Friday Homework Club

**Homework Club:** We will continue to finish earlier on a Friday, for deep cleaning and teacher continuity.

**Wraparound care:** We will continue to provide Breakfast Club from 8:00am and Afterschool Club until 5:00pm, for all who have made advance bookings for the term.

Please email the office via [office@harriers-aspirations.org](mailto:office@harriers-aspirations.org) by noon on **Friday 9th October** if you require homework club OR wraparound sessions for your child/ren for term 2.

[For full details please read the letter to parents](#)



## Eco Warriors!

Lilly and Georgia collected 2 bags of rubbish today over their break times. Please can you remind your children to respect the environment and put rubbish into the bin.



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

## Dates for your Diary

**Term 1:** Thursday 3 September – Friday 23 October 2020.

**Holiday:** Monday 26 October – Friday 30 October.

**Term 2:** Monday 2 November – Friday 18 December 2020.

**INSET day** (no children in school): Friday 20 November.

**Friday 18 December:** School finishes at 1.30pm. Nursery will also finish at 1.30pm. No wraparound care or homework club on this day.

Term dates for 2020-21 are available here: <https://www.harriers-aspirations.org/parents-information/term-dates-2020-2021/>

## Community Activities

### Just Camps October Half Term Activities

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## Half term just got a whole lot more fun!

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