



Principal's News

Dear Parents/Carers

This week marked a big milestone for the school returning to normal as we were able to welcome parents/carers back onto the school site. Of course, we had to keep some restrictions in place, but when everyone knew where they needed to go, it worked very nicely and was lovely to see. Thank you so much to all of our families for adhering to our guidance and being so flexible as we adjusted our procedures. Hopefully this is the first step in a succession of steps easing Covid-19 measures. In the meantime, it is of paramount importance that we continue to follow all government guidance outside of school, especially regarding the mixing of households.

After the fun of World Book Day a couple of weeks ago and last week's Early Years virtual Mother's Day Assembly, this week we have enjoyed Science Day. The classrooms have been buzzing with scientific discoveries; my favourite being from Year 4 where we learnt that you can walk on custard! One to try at home in the bath! [Watch our slideshow here.](#)



On Friday this week we will all be wearing something bright that makes us happy for Red Nose Day, and even Covid-19 won't stop us holding our Easter Bonnet Parade this year! Unfortunately, we cannot invite you on site to enjoy it but we will make sure you get the chance to see your child strut their stuff in their bonnet... it makes no sense, but it is our most popular event of the year and makes us all smile, and that is important right now!

I hope you all have a lovely week,

Alex Pearson

Executive Principal

Music Lessons



We've been delighted to be able to resume music lessons in school this term! Lessons are provided in partnership with the Oxfordshire County Council Music Service. Currently we have children learning guitar, flute and violin. Our children have loved developing their musical skills. Our youngest learner is in Nursery!

Further information about the Oxfordshire Music Service is available here www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/music

Easter Bonnet Parade



On Thursday 1st April we will be holding our Easter Bonnet Parade in our classes.

Please send your child in with their Easter Bonnet so that they can join in with the fun. We will film it and upload for you to enjoy at home! There will be a prize for whoever is judged to have the best hat design and a small egg for everyone!



Getting outdoors

We have made some exciting changes and additions to the nursery garden and the children have certainly enjoyed playing on their new climbing frame and stage area.



We have also had a canopy installed outside Year 1 to enhance our outdoor provision.



Join our Little Ducklings

3 and 4 year olds are entitled to 15 or 30 hours of free childcare and early education a week, for up to 38 weeks a year. We are delighted to offer both 15 and 30 hour funded places, and currently have a limited number of places remaining for September 2021. Please contact the office if you have younger siblings or know families who are looking for nursery provision.

For more information, see

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-30-hours-free-childcare> or our [Nursery pages](#) on our website.

We've got talent!

The Harriers Got Virtual Talent Final has been voted on and the winners declared! From the 362 votes cast, Maisie in Year 4, with her original roller hockey act, was our runner-up. The overall winner was Freddie in Year 1 for his wonderful singing. Congratulations to all who took part, it was an exceptional effort by all of you!

Things that make us happy!

We joined in the fun of Red Nose Day on Friday 19th March with lots of exciting activities.



Our theme this year was 'things that make us happy'! Donations were voluntary for this non-uniform day but we hope, when we have totalled up the money, our fundraiser will help this wonderful charity.

Look out for photos of some great costumes in the next newsletter and on our website and Facebook pages.

No Nuts

A reminder that we are a Nut Free School. Please do not send children with any foods containing nuts or nut traces. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter

Please help yourselves!

Harriers Community Cupboard is well stocked thanks to many kind donations from parents, staff, families and friends. We have also had lots of new books donated so please come and help yourselves. Opening times between 8:30 am and 3:30 pm on weekdays.

Science Week at Harriers

We have always known that science is fun and that was evident this week when the whole school took part in experiments and investigations based around the topic of space.



Start and finish times

Each class has their own times with specific entrance and exit points.

Drop Off & Collection Arrangements from Monday 15th March 2021

Year	Class	Entrance Gate	Exit Gate	Drop off/Collection point	Drop off time	Pick up time (Mon - Thur)	Pick up time (Friday**)
Nursery	Ducklings	Office	Main	Nursery gate	8:30am*	3:00pm	3:00pm
Reception	Wrens	Office	Main	EYU entrance	8:45am	2:55pm	1:55pm
Reception	Robins	Office	Main	EYU entrance	8:45am	2:55pm	1:55pm
Year 1	Swallows	Field	Main	Entrance to Y1 outdoor area	8:40 - 9:00am	3:00pm	2:00pm
Year 1	Swifts	Field	Main	Entrance to Y1 outdoor area	8:40 - 9:00am	3:00pm	2:00pm
Year 2	Doves	Field	Main	Classroom door	8:40 - 9:00am	3:00 - 3:10pm	2:00 - 2:10pm
Year 2	Woodpeckers	Field	Main	Classroom door	8:40 - 9:00am	3:00 - 3:10pm	2:00 - 2:10pm
Year 3	Kingfishers	Field	Main	Classroom door	8:40 - 9:00am	3:05 - 3:15pm	2:05 - 2:15pm
Year 3	Toucans	Office	Main	Classroom door (Bloxham Rd side of school)	8:40 - 9:00am	3:05 - 3:15pm	2:05 - 2:15pm
Year 4	Red Kites	Field	Main	Middle playground door	8:40 - 9:00am	3:05 - 3:15pm	2:05 - 2:15pm
Year 4	Parrots	Office	Main	Classroom door (Bloxham Rd side of school)	8:40 - 9:00am	3:05 - 3:15pm	2:05 - 2:15pm
Year 5	Flamingos	Office	Main	Foyer door (front of school)	8:40 - 9:00am	3:10pm	2:05 - 2:15pm
Year 5	Pelicans	Office	Main	Foyer door (front of school)	8:40 - 9:00am	3:10pm	2:05 - 2:15pm
Year 6	Owls	Office	Main	Hall double doors	8:40 - 9:00am	3:15pm	2:05 - 2:15pm
Year 6	Eagles	Field	Main	Top playground door	8:40 - 9:00am	3:15pm	2:05 - 2:15pm

*For Morning/Whole Day sessions. Afternoon Session drop off at 12:00pm.

**Home work club available on Fridays until 3:15pm, collection from the same place as in the table above. Bookings have closed for this term, but will reopen for Term 5.

Write a poem or draw a picture for our NHS Staff



In aid of

NHS CHARITIES TOGETHER

UK NATIONWIDE SCHOOL COMPETITION

WRITE A POEM OR DRAW A PICTURE FOR OUR NHS STAFF

To thank the NHS for their continuous hard work NHS Charities Together have partnered with BooksAboutWho.com to work with UK schools nationwide to raise money for a great cause, the COVID-19 Urgent Appeal.

PRIZES

- 250 Poems + 250 Drawings (500 winning entries) will be proudly published with the child's NAME, AGE and SCHOOL inside a hardback book titled "THANK YOU NHS!"
- THE BEST DRAWING ENTRY WILL BE ON THE BOOK COVER
- THE BEST POEM ENTRY WILL BE AWARDED £50 TO SPEND AT BOOKSABOUTWHO.COM
- THE SCHOOL SENDING IN THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF ENTRIES WILL RECEIVE £100 WORTH OF BOOK FUNDING.

Min Contribution: £1 per entry

The UK school with the highest total will be awarded school funding for books.

Money raised for NHS Charities Together Covid-19 appeal will help fund hospices, community healthcare, and social care, as well as help staff and volunteers, recover fully once the crisis has abated. (50% will be donated to NHS Charities Together whilst remaining will go towards funding the prizes, the publishing company, marketing materials and organizers)

YOUR SUPPORT WILL HELP PROVIDE VITAL SUPPORT FOR OUR NHS HEROES AND THEIR PATIENTS AND FAMILIES.

Please bring your entries and contribution to the school office and we will submit to the competition organisers.

Bikeability Instructors needed

Bikeability are seeking additional cycle instructors to enable them to reach more pupils in the local area? The role is ideal for individuals looking for flexible term-time work around school hours.



We're searching for new Cycle Instructors

Could you inspire the next generation of cyclists?

Outspoken Training are looking for confident communicators to enthuse school children to make more journeys by bicycle.

If you have loads of enthusiasm to share and are looking for rewarding work to deliver during school term time, we would love to hear from you.

Role: Freelance (self-employed)
Hourly Rate: £12

Cycle Training Programme: Bikeability
Training and Support: We provide full, free training and ongoing support including nationally recognised qualifications.

For more information, please contact Sean:
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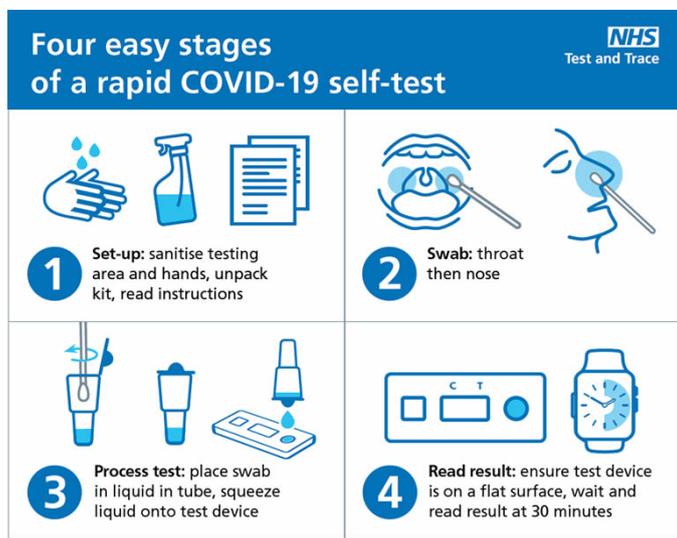
"The teaching is a joy and I have the flexibility to deliver a course that engages and empowers the children in a fun way."
an Outspoken cycle instructor

outspokentraining.co.uk/vacancies

Outspoken Training

Testing for COVID-19

If you are a member of a household, childcare bubble or support bubble of staff or a pupil, you can get a twice-weekly test. We urge all households to access these tests as this will help ensure all pupils coming in are free from COVID-19. Our staff are already testing themselves, using these kits, twice a week.



Four easy stages of a rapid COVID-19 self-test

1 Set-up: sanitise testing area and hands, unpack kit, read instructions

2 Swab: throat then nose

3 Process test: place swab in liquid in tube, squeeze liquid onto test device

4 Read result: ensure test device is on a flat surface, wait and read result at 30 minutes

NHS Test and Trace

Above is for adults only. Pupils are not expected to get tested unless they have symptoms.

[Read Mr Pearson's letter to parents here](#)

The [Government's Parent Guidance pages](#) on their website has essential information for spring term that parents may find helpful.

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 23rd March (3.30-7 pm) and **Thursday 25 March** (3.30-5 pm): Parents Evenings.

Parents have been contacted to make virtual appointments, and we look forward to discussing all of the progress the children are making.

Friday 19th March: Red Nose Day.

Thursday 1st April: Easter Bonnet Parade, Last day of Term 4.

Holiday: Friday 2 April – Friday 16 April

Term 5: Monday 19 April – Friday 28 May
NB Nursery pupils will start later and be given their dates directly.

Monday 3 May: May Bank Holiday (School closed)

[Term dates for 2020-21 are available here](#)

Dates for next year

Term and holiday dates for the academic year 2021-2022 are online now:

<https://www.harriers-aspirations.org/parents-information/term-dates-2021-2022/>



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

