



Harriers Banbury Academy Newsletter

an Aspirations Academy

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Principal's News

Dear Parents/Carers

We are very much looking forward to all the pupils returning to school on Monday 8th March. Spring is here and we know brighter times are ahead. We would love to thank you all for your support and dedication throughout this lockdown. We have been impressed with the remote learning that has taken place and know there have been many sacrifices for you all along the way.



When the children return we shall be focussing on their wellbeing alongside the academic work.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any queries or concerns.

Jo Agate

Vice Principal

The School Day

To reduce the number of people in Harriers View at any one time, we have decided to allow slightly more time between year groups. Revised start and finish times are below.

These timings will be reviewed at the end of term.

Start Times	Field Gate	Office Gate	Finish Times (Mon - Thur)	Finish Times (Fridays)*	Field Gate	Office Gate
8:30am	Year 4	Nursery	2:45pm	1:45pm	Year 4	Reception
8:40am	Year 3	Year 5	2:55pm	1:55pm	Year 3	Year 5
8:50am	Year 2	Reception	3:05pm	2:05pm	Year 2	Nursery 3.05pm daily
9:00am	Year 1	Year 6	3:15pm	2:15pm	Year 1	Year 6

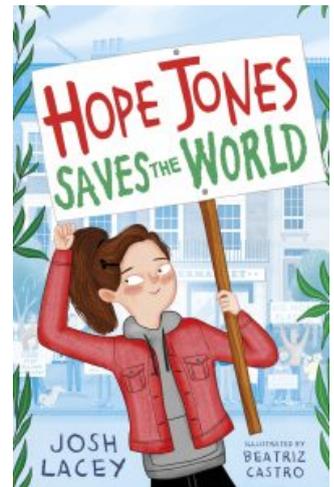
We request siblings are dropped off or collected at their allotted times. If this is not possible, we ask that you use the later drop off/collection time for all siblings. We apologise if these changes cause any inconvenience but

they are for a limited period of time and in the best interests of everyone's health and safety.

* Homework club will continue to be available on a Friday to all pupils. Please email the office if you have not already booked a place. Finish times for homework club will be the same for the Monday to Thursday times for each year group e.g. 2:45pm for Year 4 and Reception.

Online masterclass in writing

Year 4 virtually met the author Josh Lacey who has written many books such as Dragonsitter, A Dog Called Grk and a book year 4 are currently reading Hope Jones Saves the World.



The children were able to ask him many questions. One question we asked is how long did it take to write the book

Hope Jones Saves the World? Josh Lacey told us 'two years'. He first wrote the book and it wasn't right, so he had to start again and keep trying. He taught Year 4s a good lesson, when he discussed all of his edits and redrafts of the novel, to persevere when writing!

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.

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

Thank you for your garden donations

We're busy preparing some covid-safe outdoor spring activities, including vegetable beds, to make our grounds really special for children returning to school after lockdown.

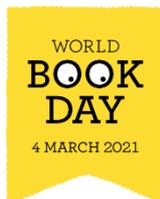


Our grateful thanks to all who donated resources for this project. We would like to say an extra special massive thank you to the family, who would like to remain anonymous, who donated £500 to the school towards science and eco/gardening resources, in appreciation of everything the school has done this year.

The children are going to love getting out in the fresh air and seeing their seeds and plants grow and produce lots of delicious vegetables and beautiful flowers.

World Book Day

This year, World Book Day was during lockdown and, consequently, only key-worker and vulnerable children were in school.



As a result, World Book Day celebrations looked a little different this year. Children at home joined those in school online to enjoy a day full of stories, activities and a read-along-live with their class whilst dressed up as their favourite superhero or real life hero! See page 3 for photos of our book day.



We've got talent!

Harriers Got Virtual Talent auditions took place this week. The finalists are in.... watch out for the video and how you can vote!

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.



Thank you to the [Banbury Community Fridge](#) (at Banbury mosque) for their generous donations of food and art packs.



School Ping

A plea to all parents that haven't activated their School Ping accounts to do so urgently.

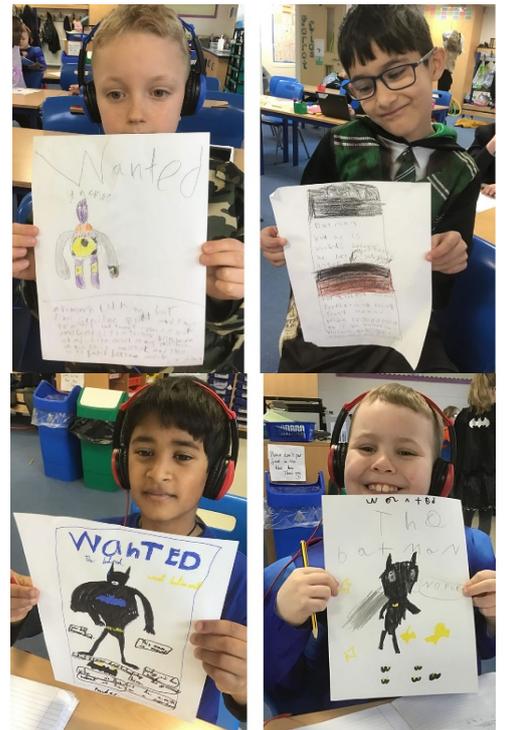
We are now only sending communications from School Ping (there will no longer be text messages); without an activated account you will miss important information from the school. Parents if you have downloaded the app please make sure you also have the notification settings on so it will "ping" when you get a message

School Meals



Menus for Term 4 when school resumes on 8th March can be found on the website [here](#)

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Limited places remaining!
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Futures Institute Year 9 and 10 entry for September 2021

There are limited places remaining for their Family Tours. If you are interested in booking a place please email: kchipperfield@futures-aspirations.org

Banbury Tennis Academy

Banbury Tennis Academy have released their planned Spring/Summer Tennis Coaching Programme.



They will also be giving beginners from any age group a free first lesson and 10% off for signing up. You can download an information leaflet and application form here:

[Easter Camp](#) [Summer Camp](#)

or visit banburytennisacademy.co.uk/camps/



School Nurse Newsletter for Parents

Information on how to contact the school nursing team who are available for advice and support for

families at home (or in school) with any health worries you may have. Plus resources to help support your child back to school, cyber bullying advice and how to get a good night's sleep. [School Nurse Newsletter Term 4](#)

Join in the fun!

Red Nose Day 2021 is on Friday 19th March and we've decided to join in the fun with lots of exciting activities. The theme this year is 'the power of funny' – perfect for celebrating being back at school together and having some fun!



Children are invited to come to school in non-uniform. The theme we have chosen is 'things that make us happy' – this could simply be bright colours! Donations are voluntary (with no minimum for coming to school in non-uniform). [Read the full letter to parents here.](#)

Dates for your Diary

Monday 8 March: Pupils return to school. All pupils are expected to wear full school uniform. Pupils are allowed to wear PE kits to school on their assigned PE day(s).

Monday 15th March: Science Week starts.

Thursday 18th March: Science Fair. Lots of exciting things planned!

Friday 19th March: Red Nose Day.

Thursday 1st April: Last day of Term 4.

[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/>



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