



Principal's News

Dear Parents/Carers

Some of you may have noticed I have not been about the past week, and you may have even joined the dots to realise that I was last week's positive Covid case. Despite having had my second vaccination, I still managed to catch the new Delta variant. I was asymptomatic and only had a PCR test as I was taking my son who had symptoms. Fortunately, when symptoms did emerge, they were mild but still unpleasant. I think Andrew Marr sums it up much better than I could: [BBC News/health](#). What it brought home to me, and hopefully all of us, is that even though the population is becoming vaccinated we still need to maintain our Covid procedures to keep us all safe and avoid this virulent strain. I am not sure where I caught Covid from, but I am delighted that the procedures we have in place at school prevented me from spreading it any further.

I am told it has been a great week in school, and I would like to thank Mrs Agate and all the staff for running everything so well in my absence.



This week all the children have been taking part in their sports days. We are sorry we could not welcome you onto site to watch this, but the rise in local cases confirms that this was the cautiously wise

decision to take. Hopefully your child's class teacher has been able to share some photos or video via Seesaw.

We also have school trips taking place, fully risk assessed to be Covid-safe. Trips are exciting at the best of times, but I think the staff have been almost more excited than the



children after the year we have all experienced! It has been great to see the children having so much fun and learning so much from these valuable experiences.

This week we have released our classroom staffing for 2021/22. We are very excited about the quality we have across the school and of our new recruits. We are, however, extremely sorry to be saying goodbye to Mrs Goulding after 15 years of exemplary service at Harriers. She will be sorely missed and we will ensure we say goodbye to her properly at the end of the year. We will confirm your child's class teacher before transition morning on 13th July.

Have a lovely weekend when it arrives. I look forward to seeing everyone again next week.

Kind regards,

Alex Pearson, Executive Principal

Year 5 Science at Futures Institute



What a fantastic morning year 5s had at Futures Institute. We made deployable structures - origami water bombs! We also looked at sustainability and came up with loads of ideas for how to recycle and reuse a piece of tech (an iPad). Some of the ideas included underwater charging, alarm clock, litter notifier and solar power. The year 9 ambassadors were wonderful at supporting our pupils throughout. [Futures Institute](#)



Celebrating National School Sport Week

We have had a brilliant start to National School Sport Week.

On Monday, children paused to play, taking breaks during their learning to try a range of games.



On Tuesday, we celebrated football and each class took some time out to play football.



We have also been competing in our Sports Day field events to go towards our final totals for Sports Day. It has been great to see the school active! [Youth Sport Trust National School Sport Week](#)



As part of National Sport week, the whole school tried lots of new healthy foods!

Celebrating National School Sport Week (continued)

Throughout the week, the children were full of team spirit and supported their houses and each other brilliantly! Well done everyone!



Year 3 go wild!

Year 3 had a wonderful trip to the Cotswold Wildlife Park. The children were wonderfully well-behaved and loved seeing all the animals and playing in the park.



Sporting Non-uniform day

In order to celebrate sport (including the Euros) and the different countries/cultures at Harriers we held a non-uniform day. The children came to school wearing sporting or cultural clothing that celebrated their identity. All £1 donations went to the PTFA who we thank for their generous support on the day.



2 million words!



Toucans class enjoyed a trip to the park as their reward for reading 2 million words!



Haircut for charity

Nadia, who has had her long hair cut short, has donated the 30cm ponytail to The Little Princess Trust who make wigs for children and young people with cancer. A very kind gesture, Nadia! [Little Princess Trust](#)

PE Kit for September

Just a reminder that our PE Kit changes in September. Please see the [Letter to parents](#).

Peru and Paddington Bear gardens

Nursery children are encouraged to help with the planting of their lovely gardens all year round (eg carrots and sweet peas). This year they are also planting a bed with the theme of Peru and Paddington Bear for what would have been the Open Garden afternoon...the big bed shows work in progress and it is just lovely!



Thank you!

We had a very kind donation of plastic to make a sandpit for nursery from David Baggeleley at [Eurocell](#). The children are looking forward to playing in it!

Transition Day

Our transition day here at Harriers is on Tuesday 13th July when children will go up to their new classes.

For those children going on to Wykham Park and Futures Institute, there is information and videos about their transition [here](#).

Job Opportunity

Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue Service's Cycle Training scheme are looking for two enthusiastic, motivated and innovative Cycle Examiners to deliver National Standard Cycle Training and Road Safety Education in schools throughout Oxfordshire. For further information, please click [here](#).

Child pedestrian safety survey

Oxfordshire County Council's Fire & Rescue Service Road Safety team would like you to have your say to help improve the advice and guidance they provide to parents in relation to child pedestrian safety.

Your feedback will enable them to further improve the information they offer to parents and carers to help keep children safer on our roads.

For more information and to complete the short survey please [visit here](#).

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 13 July: Transition Day to new classes.

Wednesday 21 July: Last day of Term 6
School will finish at 1.30 pm.

Dates for next year

Term and holiday dates for the academic year 2021-2022 are online now: [Term Dates](#)

Summer Hubs



Summer hubs are here...

Holiday activities kick off on 26 July 2021

For 5-11yr olds!

When?

W/c 26 July
W/c 2 August
W/c 9 August
W/c 16 August
W/c 23 August

Short day	long day
8:45am – 3:00pm	8:45am – 5:00pm
£15.60 per session	£19.80 per session
Short day + food*	long day + food*
£20.60	£24.80

Book through eventbrite from 28 June

www.cherwell.gov.uk/holidayactivities

For more information or to book contact 01295 221803

*Any paying customer who wishes to add food to their order needs to book by telephone on the number above.

cherwell.gov.uk/holidayactivities

[cherwelldistrictcouncil](https://www.facebook.com/cherwelldistrictcouncil)



There is a discount code for FSM children. See our [Out of School Activities](#) page for more information on courses available.

Community Activities

Holiday Football Club



STAR STRIKE FOOTBALL COACHING

Bloxham BAPTIST CHURCH
Living Jesus. Loving people.

All coaches DBSed and fully trained
starstrikefootball.co.uk or 07775 687682 for more info

FOOTBALL HOLIDAY CLUB

Mon 16th - Thurs 19th August
The Warriner School Playing Fields, Bloxham
9.30am-12.30pm (ages 4-7); 1.30pm-4.30pm (ages 8-12)
Extra hours available on request
£9/daily session, £35 for the week
Boys and girls of all abilities welcome!



The week will be a mix of coaching, fun matches and team games, open to girls and boys of all abilities. All coaches will be fully trained, with DBS checks and full COVID precautions in place.

Bookings can be made here: <https://star-strike-football.class4kids.co.uk/camps>

Free Play Day at People's Park



Banbury FREE EVENT

PLAY DAY BACK TO NATURE

Wednesday 28 July
11am - 3pm

People's Park

Activities on the day include:

- Sports Zone & outward-bound activities
- Environmental based activities
- Health Zone + Sensory Zone
- Sunshine Centre Fun Play
- Outdoor arts in the park
- Oxfordshire Play Association – Smoothie Bike Fun
- Cherwell Youth Activators
- Tricky Trail Bikes
- Circus Skills, and much more!

Cherwell Theatre Company

Summer Play in a Day/Play in a Week workshops for children.



Join CTC for our
Play in a Day!

**ONCE
upon a
TIME**

Tuesday 27 July

11am - 3pm at Banbury College
£5 per participant with Bursary places available
To book your place please email,
workshops@cherwelltheatrecompany.co.uk
Ages 5-8

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Monday 2 - Friday 6 August
CTC'S "PLAY IN A WEEK"
FANTASTIC MR. FOX
BY ROALD DAHL!

£50 per participant- Bursary places available
10am to 3.30pm at Banbury College
Performance for Family & Friends - 2.30pm on the 6th!
To book your place please email,
workshops@cherwelltheatrecompany.co.uk
Ages 7-11

Limited spaces are available at just £50 for the week (play in a week) or £5 for the day with bursaries available to those that need them.

Summer Football Camp



**MARK ANDREWS
FOOTBALL COACHING**

Summer Football Camp
@ St Johns RC School, Banbury OX16 9YA

Week 1: 26th - 30th July Week 2: 2nd - 6th Aug
Week 3: 9th - 13th Aug Week 4: 16th - 20th Aug Week 5: 23rd - 27th Aug

Our FUN Camps
are held in the
secure environment
of St Johns School
and designed for
Boys & Girls
of all abilities
aged 4 - 12

Kick Off: 10.00am Final Whistle: 3.00pm
(Drop off from 9.30am)
Call / Txt / WhatsApp MARK on
07952 579358
mark@markandrewsfootballcoaching.co.uk
www.markandrewsfootballcoaching.co.uk
www.facebook.com/markandrewsfootballcoaching

Our Fees:
1 day £20
2 days £35
& then it's
£10
per day
Payment on the day

Season Ticket
Don't forget YOURS

