



## Principal's News

### Dear Parents/Carers

Last Sunday, it was lovely for Harriers to once again be part of Banbury's Remembrance Sunday Parade. Each year we are asked, along with Dashwood, to represent the town's schools on the parade and to lay a wreath at the cenotaph in People's Park. It was fantastic to see so many Harriers pupils along the route of the parade. It is always a poignant day and one we are very proud to be part of.



*Dashwood pupils and our Junior Principals, Amelie and Jedeed, waiting to join the parade with our poppy wreaths.*

In school, on the 11th November, we also shared a minute of silence, respectfully observed by all pupils and staff.

It was great to announce our new councillors last week who will form the Harriers Parliament. Each class now has 7 councillors, that's over 100 across the school, who will sit on 6 different councils; Eco, Safety, Health & Fitness, Aspirations, Break & Lunch and Wellbeing. It will be fantastic to have a clear student voice from every class telling us how they think we should be running the school... exciting and slightly terrifying!

We have had numerous visitors in school recently, including governors, external

professionals, colleagues from across the trust and prospective parents. It has been lovely to welcome them after so long of keeping visitors out of the school. What has been even better, however, has been the feedback we have received from these visitors. They have been very impressed with the school site, our teaching and learning, our staff and, of course, our wonderful pupils, who are the best advert of everything we are trying to achieve at Harriers. Thank you to all the staff and pupils for their ongoing awesomeness.

Have a lovely weekend... dig out the children's hats and gloves, it is going to be cold next week!

Kind regards,  
**Alex Pearson**, Executive Principal

## Scholastic Book Fair



The book fair is coming to school on **30th November to the 7th December.**

The book stands will be located on the main playground from 8.30 to 8.55 am and from 3.00 to 3.20 pm.

Please come and buy some of the fantastic books on offer.

We look forward to seeing you there!



## Supporting our Poppy Appeal

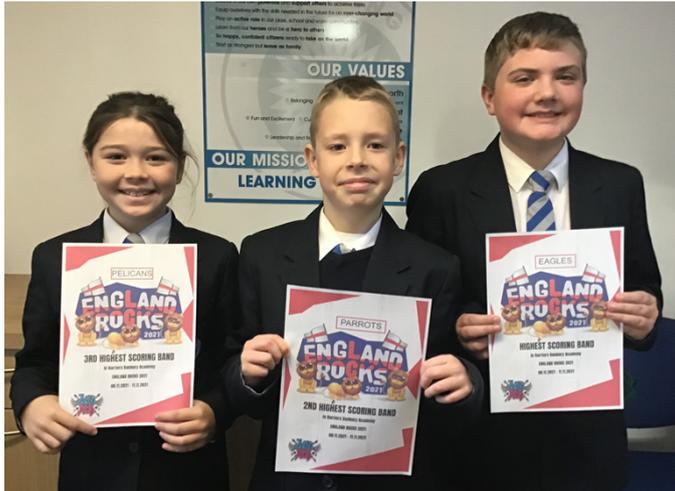


Thank you for supporting our remembrance poppy sales this week. We raised £273.50 which is a fantastic amount. We couldn't

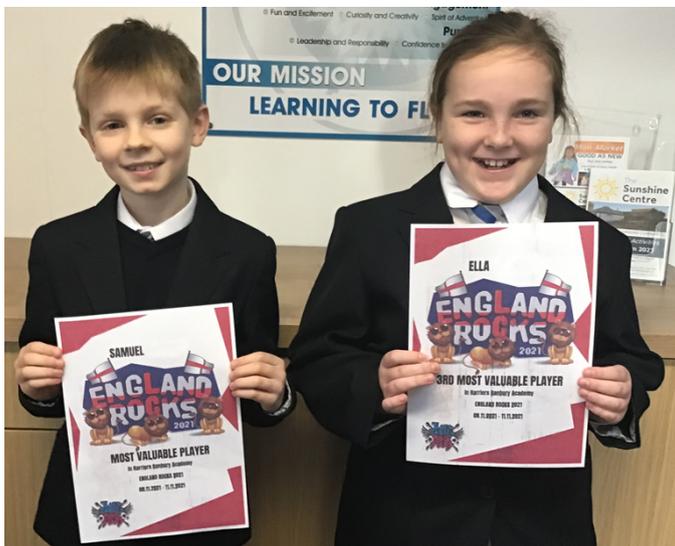
have done it without our excellent Year 6 sales team and it will now be put to good use by the Royal British Legion to support servicemen and women.

## Times Table Rock Stars

Congratulations to our winners of the times table maths competition.



Highest scoring band: 1st: Eagles, 2nd: Parrots, 3rd: Pelicans.



Individual winners: Samuel and Ella

## Children in Need day

We are looking forward to our Children in Need day on Friday 19th November with the theme. 'glitz and glamour', as this year Children in Need is partnering up with Strictly Come Dancing. We are expecting lots of sparkles, sequins and glitter! Watch out for photos in our next newsletter.



## Place2Be

Place2Be have launched a website for parents with practical tips to support children's wellbeing and manage behaviour.

[Place2Be](#)

## Healthy Eating



Promoting a healthy lifestyle is important to us as a school. We want to be doing everything we can to educate the children on healthy eating and to work with our families to ensure the children are eating healthily whilst in school.

Please see the [letter about healthy eating](#) in school, including guidelines on acceptable snacks and lunch box contents. The Healthy Eating poster is available [here](#).

## A reminder to parents

Please let the office and class teacher know if your child/ren has any medical or dietary needs.

## Road Safety Week

During the national Road Safety Week, pupils have been learning that for safe and healthy journeys, children need safe roads, where traffic moves at slow speeds. They need safe places to cross roads, safe places to walk and cycle, and clean air to breathe.



Children can be leaders for road safety by asking grown-ups to keep them safe near roads. Our STARS Team are a brilliant example of this in action!

As part of this, we have met this week with Councillor Reeves and Councillor Mallon to see how they can support our good work to keep everyone safe and to improve traffic and parking around the school.

## One Kind Word

This week is Anti Bullying Week: One Kind Word.

The week is about hope and the positive and kind things we can do to halt hurtful behaviour in its tracks. Children have been learning how to recognise bullying, who can help if they are bullied or upset and how we all have a responsibility to treat others with kindness and respect.

**ONE  
KIND  
WORD**

#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK

We have also been learning that we all have a responsibility to speak up if we see someone being unkind and that there is a difference between someone being unkind once and bullying, which is persistent toward one person.

[Anti-Bullying Alliance: One Kind Word](#)

## Christmas Lunch



**Christmas LUNCH**

**ON: Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December**

Roast Turkey with Chipolata or Chicken Sausage, Stuffing & Gravy  
or  
Vegetarian Option  
Roast Quorn Fillet with Stuffing & Gravy  
or  
Jacket Potato with Tuna  
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Roast Potatoes  
Fresh Carrots & Garden Peas  
Brussel Sprouts (optional)  
Followed by  
Christmas Ginger Shortbread  
or  
Chocolate Orange Sponge

Must be booked on Parent Pay by 2nd December

edwards and ward  
a recipe for success

## Catch up flu vaccinations

If your child missed their flu vaccination in school, there are catch up sessions available at clinics across the County in December, Please read all the details carefully. [Catch up letter](#)

## It's Panto time!

We will be showing these online pantomime productions in December to the children. The shows are full of all the usual delights of pantomime with hilarious jokes, beautiful singing and lots of interactive fun!



## Dates for your Diary

**30 November - 7 December:** Book Fair.

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

**Wednesday 15 December:** Christmas Lunch.

**Friday 17 December:** Last day of Term 2, 1.30 pm finish.

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

## Term dates for 2022-2023

The term dates for the next academic year starting in September 2022 are online now: <http://www.harriers-aspirations.org/parents-information/term-dates-2022-2023/>

## Outdoor Learning

Eco projects are very important to us at Harriers. The children participate in regular forest school sessions, enjoy outdoor learning wherever we can, and all worked hard on our raised beds to produce healthy vegetables and wonderful flowers.



We are now developing wildflower meadows! They are beautiful and a good way to support our precious bees.

This project will take a bit of time, and lots of children will have the chance to help.

We have this week started preparing the areas. This includes cutting the grass short, so that things we plant have a chance to compete with the existing grasses.



Our grounds company, Green Scythe, did a great job helping us to prepare the area so that Mrs Bell and the children could start seeding.

They will have to rake the area before seeding, and again afterwards, to stop the birds stealing all of the seeds! (We don't mind if they have a few.)



We are all excited to see what flowers and plants start to appear, and hopefully the bees and insects will not be far behind!

## Community Activities



The '50 things to do before you're five' app is now available in Oxfordshire! Although it states under 5, there are lots of lovely ideas and activities that would benefit Year 1 children too.

It's a **free** app and details low and/or no cost local activities to help promote early language development.

The website can be found here:

<https://oxfordshire.50thingstodo.org>, with the app available to download via the website, or from Apple AppStore/Google PlayStore.



Oxfordshire Cricket are running indoor cricket sessions for 8-11 year olds, starting from Tuesday 11th January - Tuesday 15th February at North Oxford Academy, 5pm - 6pm. This is a great opportunity for your children to get involved.

The cost will be £5 per session and the link to sign up can be found here:

<https://www.oxfordshire.cricket/news/indoor-cricket-sessions-22/>