



Harriers Banbury Academy

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Dear Parents/Carers

This is always such a busy, festive time of year! We have many activities planned but, to ensure we can celebrate safely, with Covid cases locally on the rise, we may need to adapt. **Please see the important information below.**

Nativities



We look forward to sharing performances at the following dates and times (*all in December*):

- **Key Stage 1:** Tuesday 7th @1:30pm, Wednesday 8th @9am & 1:30pm, Thursday 9th @9am.
- **EYU (and Nursery):** Monday 13th @9.15am and Wednesday 15th @9.15am and @2:15pm.

Tickets will be available from Monday 29th November via the office, with a limit of 2 per family (we may release any spares nearer the time, subject to uptake and Covid rates). The hall will be fully ventilated so please wrap up warm! Please take a Lateral Flow test before arrival and wear a mask. You will be welcome to take your own photos and videos for your personal use; due to GDPR, these must not be shared. We will not be charging for tickets but there will be a collection at the door for school resources, so please bring a contribution if you can.

PTFA Christmas Wrapping (Children's only room)



The children always love the chance to choose and wrap a small gift for a loved one. If you would like to book a wrapping session for £2 for Friday 10th December, you will be able to do so via Parent Pay from Monday 29th November until Friday 3rd December. Places are limited so please ensure you make your request before the 3rd. There will be no bookings accepted beyond this date, to ensure the correct quantities of gifts are available.

Carol concert at St Mary's Church



Children from Years 3-6 will perform on Tuesday 14th December at 1:30pm. Please wear a mask. There will be no charge for admission but there will be a collection plate, so please bring a contribution if you can.

Christmas dinner and jumper day



This will be on Wednesday 15th December. The last date to book your child's Christmas dinner is 2nd December, to ensure sufficient quantities on the day. Children are welcome to wear a festive jumper. As we are trying also to be eco-friendly, you are welcome to donate any old, clean jumpers at the office – these will be placed outside from Monday 13th December at end of day doors for children who may not have one or wish to swap.

Christmas bazaar & Santa's grotto



We are planning a Christmas bazaar for the children from 2:45pm-4:00pm on Wednesday 15th December, with a selection of outdoor games, activities, light snacks, and a chance to see Santa! Parents will be able to book a session with Santa via Parent Pay from Monday 29th November for £3 which includes a gift (please note we will have a maximum number allowed, but can take requests).



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Hampers

We are collecting for class hampers, to raffle at the bazaar. Please send donations to include smellies, soaps, chocolates, toys and other small gifts (in new, unused condition) with your child, straight to their class, from Monday 29th November until Friday 10th December. We will confirm arrangement to purchase raffle tickets.



Christmas party day

This will be on Friday 17th December, our last day of term, finishing at 1.30pm. Children may bring a non-electronic toy/game from home if they wish, bring their own special party lunch box and wear non-uniform.



Gift bank

We are aware that some families are struggling financially in light of the pandemic. We will be having a collection bank for small gifts (for children and adults) and hygiene products which parents in need can access (via emailing the school or speaking with a member of staff). If you have anything you would like to donate, please feel free – there is no obligation, but all support would be gratefully received and could make someone's Christmas.

We will share any changes to our plans. Thank you for your ongoing support!

Yours faithfully,

Alex Pearson
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