



Harriers Banbury Academy

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for all of your support to celebrate this festive time of year safely, with ever-changing Covid guidance. Please see the last few important announcements below.

Nativities: Mon 13th – Wed 15th Dec

- *EYU/Nursery*: Nativities next week, Monday 13th @9.15am and Wednesday 15th @9.15am and @2:15pm.
- Please wrap up warm (the hall will be fully ventilated), take a Lateral Flow test before arrival and wear a mask. Reminder that you may take photos and videos for personal use but, due to GDPR, these must not be shared. There will be a collection at the door for school resources, so please bring a contribution if you can.
- *Key Stage 1*: We hope families attending this week have enjoyed our performances. The children (and staff) have done brilliantly!
- Recordings will be available to watch (details to follow).

PTFA Christmas Wrapping (Children's only room): Fri 10th Dec

We hope that all participating today have had a wonderful time – the children always love the chance to choose and wrap a small gift for a loved one. Thank you so much to our fabulous PTFA volunteers – 350 gifts is a lot to wrap! Any child who booked and was absent due to illness can catch up next week.

Santa's grotto: Tues 14th Dec

Bookings have closed to see Santa. All children visiting Santa will receive a gift and a photograph to share with their family. Thanks to all who booked, to all who purchased places for other children who might need them, and to our PTFA and staff for their help to make happy memories. We're grateful Santa could spare the time too!

Carols on the playground: Mon 13th– Thurs 16th Dec

Reminder that we will open the school gates early next week, at 3pm, so parents and family can watch Years 3-6 singing carols (Y5&6 on Mon 13th & Tues 14th, Y4 Wed 15th and Y3 on Thurs 16th). All adults on the playground are asked to wear a mask (unless medically exempt) and to remain socially distanced. If you have not already bought raffle tickets online via Parent Pay, you will be able to do so on the playground (£1 per ticket).

Hampers & Raffle

Thank you SO MUCH for the fantastic donations, our hampers are overflowing! Please send any final items (eg smellies, chocolates, toys and other small gifts in new, unused condition) straight to your child's class until Wednesday 15th December. As noted above, raffle tickets are available via Parent Pay, and will also be available on the playground during carols. We will draw the raffle Thursday when Y3 finish singing.

Christmas dinner and jumper day: Wed 15th Dec

Children are welcome to wear a festive jumper, with £1 donation to class teacher on the day. Christmas dinner bookings have closed, so if you have not booked please ensure your child has a packed lunch that day.

Christmas party day: Fri 17th Dec

Reminder children may wear non-uniform, bring their own special party lunch bag or box, and bring a non-electronic toy/game if they wish. All classes will finish promptly at 1:30pm.



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Gift bank

We have been collecting for families who have been impacted by the pandemic and have had a phenomenal response! Thank you so much to everyone for your generous support.

It is impossible to name everyone who has donated, but we've had a wonderful response... some parents have filmed our nativities, others have donated and collected gifts from local businesses including Halfords, Morrisons and Tesco, our caretaker provided his sound system, we've had donations of books and toys from Sanctuary Housing and Cherwell District Council, we've had chocolates, gifts, Entertainer vouchers, even cash from parents for others most in need. We've had anonymous donations, parents and staff purchasing Christmas dinners and tickets for children to visit Santa's grotto, and one parent has donated a tower of sweet tubs so that every child may have a sweet. See small selection below. It has been positively heart-warming!



Please, please let the office, class teacher or Mrs Stephens know if you need something from the gift bank – we really want to help, and to make sure Christmas can be special for us all.

Thank you for your ongoing support – and very best wishes to you all.

Yours faithfully,



Alex Pearson
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