



## Principal's News

### Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to our first newsletter of 2022! It has been great to see and hear all the knowledge and skills the children have already learnt, be it Darwin in Year 6, Rocks and Soils in Year 3 (my favourite!) or an actual alien spaceship crash landing in Reception's garden!

We are still living under some Covid-19 restrictions, this has not had any particular impact on our learning or fun at school but unfortunately some visitors have cancelled their visits due to their own risk assessments, such as Atomic Tom (in Year 1) and we're all very disappointed that the RAF have postponed their visit to Year 4... as they were going to land a Puma helicopter on our school field. Hopefully these visitors will be rearranged for the spring.

Guidance has changed this week regarding LFD and PCR tests. If you have a positive LFD test you no longer need to go for a PCR test to confirm this, you must isolate for 5 full days and ensure you have two negative LFD tests before you end your isolation. You must inform the school and register your positive result on [gov.uk](http://gov.uk). If you have symptoms, however, you must isolate and go for a PCR test.

From next week, we will be changing the way we inform you if your child has a bumped head. We report any incidents, however minor, in case there is a delayed onset of concussion, but as you can imagine this is quite a number of phone calls for the office to make and/or some parents to receive. So, moving forward, we will still send home a slip and give out bumped head stickers, but we will now use SchoolPing to message parents/carers rather than call. We will still call if it is a more serious bumped head that we feel needs monitoring, or if a child needs to be collected.

Finally, it is the same old moan from me, our staff and pupils, most parents and our neighbours... please do not drive down or park on Harriers View. Thank you.

Have a great week.

Kind regards,

**Alex Pearson**, Executive Principal

### Starting School

Don't forget, the deadline for on-time applications is **15 January 2022** for children due to start primary school in September 2022.

For further information and to apply see:

[www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/primaryadmissions](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/primaryadmissions)



### Making Christmas special

We really hope that our Gift Bank helped to make sure Christmas was special for us all.

Thank you once again to all parents, families, businesses and staff for all your hugely generous donations.

This message alone made it all worthwhile!

*"X has not got off the scooter since they opened it and made them the happiest child ever"*

## Baubles for Banbury Library



The children had great fun designing and colouring baubles for Banbury Library's Christmas tree display boards. Naomi, from the library, sent us a photo of the trees in their hallway and said *'Thank you so much for taking part, they look absolutely amazing and have brought smiles to the faces of both staff and our borrowers alike.'*

### Changes to the self-isolation period for individuals who test positive for COVID-19

From Monday 17th January, the 10 day self-isolation period for people who record a positive PCR or LFT test result for COVID-19 will be reduced to 5 full days in most circumstances, unless you cannot test for any reason.

Individuals may now take LFD tests on day 5 and day 6 of their self-isolation period. Those who receive two negative test results are no longer required to complete 10 full days of self-isolation. The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period and tests must be taken 24 hours apart. If both these test results are negative, and you do not have a high temperature, you may end your self-isolation after the second negative test result and return to your education or childcare setting from day 6 (or after 2 consecutive days of negative tests after this time).

Children under 5 are not recommended to take a LFD test, but it may be completed at parental or guardian discretion.

Any individual who does not take a LFD test must complete the full 10 day isolation period.

Cases in Cherwell are extremely high; we therefore ask that all families continue to be cautious and, if they display symptoms, keep children at home and get them a PCR test.

## Looking forward...

We hope that the planned Poetry day, on 24th January, will be able to go ahead. We will have a visiting poet and a busy day of assemblies, fun poems and music, a Q&A and various workshops. There will also be a chance for some children to read their own poetry.

### Statutory Consultation on Admissions

This consultation relates to the requirement for ongoing consultation every 7 years. There is no proposed change to the admission arrangements in force, apart from simplifying language. Read more and how to comment [here](#).

### Dates for your Diary

**Term 3: Tuesday 4th January – Friday 18th February 2022.**

**24th January:** Poetry Day.

**Holiday:** Monday 21st February – Friday 25th February.

**INSET day** (no children in school): Monday 28th February.

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/>



Another great way to see what we are learning at Harriers is to follow our [Facebook](#) page or our [Twitter](#) page.





Dear parent / carer

Oxfordshire County Council's Road Safety Team are constantly looking to improve the safety of child pedestrians and so are reviewing the advice and guidance we provide to parents and carers.

To help us achieve this, we are evaluating the effectiveness of the Footsteps (Child Pedestrian safety advice for parents / carers) programme and would like parents and carers to help by completing an online questionnaire.

If you would like to keep your child safer on our roads, please visit [Walking with children | 365Alive](#) where you can download a copy of the Footsteps leaflet to provide you with guidance to support your child in becoming a safer and, eventually, an independent pedestrian.

Once you have downloaded the Footsteps guide, the link to the survey can be found further down the page, please click on the link to complete the short questionnaire which will then help us to keep all children safer.

Thank you.

Oxfordshire Fire & Rescue Service Road Safety Team  
Oxfordshire County Council





### Beavers at 6th Banbury

A colorful poster for Beavers at 6th Banbury. The background is orange. At the top left, the word 'BEAVERS' is written in a white, bubbly font. Below it, the words 'TIME FOR FUN' are written in large, white, bold letters. On the right side, there are several cartoon beaver characters in blue and yellow uniforms, some holding a kite string. At the bottom left, there is text in white and blue.

We're looking to restart Beavers at 6th Banbury (based in the grounds of Wykham Academy). Beavers are open to boys and girls aged 6-8 years so please do contact us if you'd like to add your child to the waiting list.

We will also need adult volunteers to be part of the team of Beaver leaders and also extra supporters who can help us behind the scenes as trustees.

To find out more and join a parents meeting, please email Chris on [jointheadventure@oxonscouting.org.uk](mailto:jointheadventure@oxonscouting.org.uk)

We look forward to hearing from you.

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#### Oxfordshire Indoor Cricket

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/>

### Matt Fiddes Martial Arts

A colorful poster for Matt Fiddes Martial Arts. The background is white with a grid pattern. At the top left, there is a large 'MF' logo in red and blue. To the right, the words 'Back to School' are written in a blue, cursive font. Below the logo, there are three cartoon characters in white martial arts uniforms: a boy, a girl, and a smaller child. At the bottom, there are three boxes: 'MIGHTY MATTS For 3-6 Year Olds', 'JUNIOR CLASSES For Ages 7 Plus', and 'FAMILY CLASSES For Ages 7 Plus'. At the bottom of the poster, there is a red banner with white text: 'FREE taster sessions available NOW!', 'No long term contracts', 'All of our Instructors are Enhanced DBS checked', and 'Classes run throughout the school holidays'. Below the banner, there is a red banner with white text: 'BOOK IN FOR YOUR FREE TASTER LESSON AT'. At the bottom, there is a blue banner with white text: 'WWW.MATTFIDDES.COM' and 'Or call us on 0800 0350 415'. At the very bottom, there are social media icons for Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram.

We would like to invite all you and your family to a **free** Martial Arts trial class.

Local classes are held at Wykham Park Academy. <https://www.mattfiddes.com/>

Martial Arts has so many benefits and following asking parents, we have found:

- 96.3% of parents said they saw an improvement in FOCUS
- 97.7% of parents said they saw an improvement in CONFIDENCE
- 92.3% of parents said they saw an improvement in SELF-DISCIPLINE
- 99.2% of parents said they saw an improvement in RESPECT

#### Banbury Judo Club

We always welcome new starters to Banbury Judo Club and have a very welcoming junior and senior team. Find out more here: [www.banburyjudoclub.org.uk](http://www.banburyjudoclub.org.uk)