

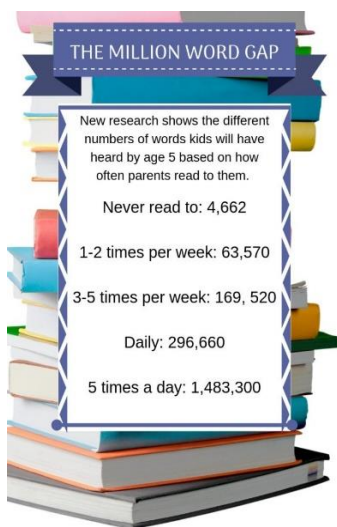


Principal's News

Dear Parents/Carers

This term we are having a focus on Reading. We all know that reading is an essential life skill and therefore we want all of our pupils to be the strongest possible reader they can be by the time they leave Harriers. In school we have daily reading lessons, daily phonics/spelling (some classes have phonics twice a day), class book sessions where an adult reads to the class, DEAR (drop everything and read), Accelerated Reader (where children can quiz on books they have read in school and at home), Lexia (a computer support program that helps children improve their reading if they are reading below their reading age) and a wide variety of other reading interventions.

Teaching reading is a team effort. There is clear evidence that shows the wider a child's vocabulary is then the better their reading will be. This can be supported by reading to your child every day (even older children), having conversations at breakfast and dinner time and making sure your child is able to talk in full sentences. These small actions will have a massive impact on a child's vocabulary and therefore their reading, not to mention yours and their wellbeing.



The poster demonstrates the impact of what being read to daily has on a child's vocabulary. Once a day can add a quarter of a million words! As a parent, that certainly made me make sure I never skip a bedtime story!

Kind regards,
Alex Pearson,
Executive Principal

Creativity and Curiosity in Nursery

Our youngest children in Little Harriers are learning about Space. They have had great fun building and painting rockets in the classroom and outside in our nursery garden.



Changing times

Please note that break times have changed to support the implementation of the new phonics teaching timetable.

Phase	Break Time
Lower Phase	10.30am - 10.45am (Monday - Thursday); 10 am on a Friday
Upper Phase	10.50am - 11.05am (Monday - Friday)



Consultation around SEND in Oxfordshire

Have your say
on proposals for education of children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) in Oxfordshire



Find out more, comment on the proposals, and/or book your place on one of our SEND online roadshows by visiting the website:
letstalk.oxfordshire.gov.uk/SEND-2022

SEND online roadshows

• Monday 31 January, 5.00pm – 6.30pm	• Wednesday 9 February, 2.30pm – 4.00pm
• Thursday 3 February, 8.30am – 10.00am	• Wednesday 16 February, 1.00pm – 2.30pm – event for children and young people
• Saturday 5 February, 9.00am – 10.30am	

Consultation runs between Monday 10 January and Thursday 10 March 2022

If you are unable to view details online, please contact us at 01865 792422 or email: consultations@oxfordshire.gov.uk

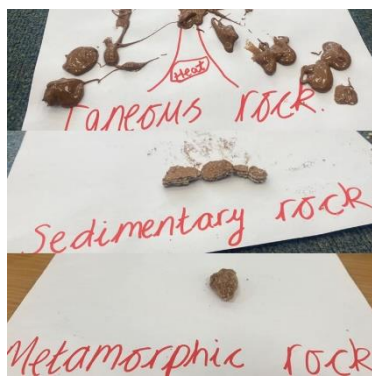
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Two interlinked consultations will run together between Monday 10 January and Thursday 10 March 2022. Find out more [here](http://letstalk.oxfordshire.gov.uk/SEND-2022) or follow this link to comment:

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Chocolate Rocks!



Year 3 classes have been having great fun whilst learning about the three different rock types.

The children squeezed melted chocolate out as if it was molten rock

in a volcano and let it cool and go hard like **igneous rock**.

They used grated white and dark chocolate to make 'sediment', layered it on top of each other, and then used pressure to form **sedimentary rock**.

Finally, they put the igneous and sedimentary rock together and used pressure and heat to squeeze it together to form **metamorphic rock**.

Changes to Covid-19 guidance

The government Plan B restrictions ended on Thursday 27th January. We have also seen a reduction in Covid cases in school over the past week. We have therefore agreed with our staff on the following changes:

- Masks are optional outside for staff and continue to be so for parents
- Mask are optional in communal areas for staff and visitors
- Assemblies will return to the hall, in phases, and parents will be invited to Celebration Assemblies
- Year groups will no longer be in bubbles at break, lunch or after school club
- Extra curricular clubs with mixed year groups can start
- Penguin Club carousel of activities can re-start

Other activities, such as school events, will be decided upon on an individual basis.

These measures will be reviewed on a weekly basis, based on the Covid rates in school. Staff will continue to do LFD tests twice a week. Children with symptoms must isolate and get a PCR test. Any close contacts must do a LFD test daily for 7 days. After a positive test (PCR or LFD), the isolation period is now 5 days (subject to a negative LFD on day 5 and day 6). Please contact the office if you have any questions.

Dates for your Diary

Friday 18th February: Last day of Term 3.

Monday 21st February – Friday 25th February: Holiday

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

Term and holiday dates for this academic year 2021-2022 are online: [Term Dates](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/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/>

Extra Curricular Clubs

Term 3 and 4 (until week ending 18 March 2022)

Club	Staff	Day	Age	Location/Collection	Spaces available	Cost
Forest school	Mr Sherington	Thursday 3.15 - 4pm	EYU	Forest School/ Early years door	18	£7
Gardening club	Miss Pamplin	Tuesday 3.15 - 4pm	EYU - Y2	Early Years Garden	15	£7
Lego club	Mrs Taylor	Tuesday 3.15 - 4pm	EYU - Y2	Swallows	15	Free
Science Club	Mrs Roberts	Thursday 3.15-4.15 pm	Year 5 and 6	Pelicans/ playground door	20	Free
Book club	Mrs Bell and Mrs Grant	Tuesday 3-4pm	EYU - Y3	Nursery	15	Free
Pop Choir	Mrs Etheridge	Tuesday 3.15-4pm	Year 3-6	Hall/hall door	15	Free
Multi-Skills	Miss Beagley	Tuesday 3.15-4pm	Year 3-6	Playground/ Hall Door	15	Free
Yoga	Miss Pamplin	Thursday 3.15-4pm	Year 3-6	Hall	15	Free
Change 4 life	Miss Wayte	Friday lunchtime (invite only) 12 - 12.30	KS2			
Disco club	Mrs Agate	Thursday lunchtime	All welcome (no sign up needed)	Hall		Free
Boy's football team	Mr Pearson	Friday 2-3	Years 4-6 (no sign up needed) Trials to take place	Playground	14	£7
Creator club	Mr Bee	Thursday 3.15 - 4.15pm	Years 4-6	Owls	12	Free
Girl's football team	Mrs Moulder	Tuesday 3.15 - 4pm	Years 4-6	Playground	14	£7

Community Activities

JOIN IN THE FUN AT OUR
February 2022 Camp

NEW FOR 2022
horse & wilderness day

Tennis

Dance

Go Karts

Nerf

Baking

& More

Feb 14th - 18th

Flitwick: Templefield Lower School
Loughton Manor First School
Milton Keynes
Horse and Wilderness

Feb 21st - 25th

Banbury: Cherry Fields Primary School
MK: Willen Primary School
MK: Great Linford Primary School
MK: Tickford Park Primary School

SPORTY SCHOLARS

BOOK NOW: www.sportyscholars.com Tel: 07511194319

Cherwell District Council Half term Hubs

February half term hubs

hubs

Holiday activities kick off on **21 Feb 2022**

For 5-11yr olds

When?
Monday 21 - Friday 25 February 2022

£ Short day
8:45am – 3:00pm
£15.60 per session

long day
8:45am – 5:00pm
£19.80 per session

Short day + food*
£20.60

long day + food*
£24.80

Book through eventbrite from 24 January

www.cherwell.gov.uk/holidayactivities
 For more information or to book contact 01295 221980

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There will be food provided for children eligible for free school meals. [Find out more here.](#)