



# Harriers Banbury Academy Newsletter

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## Principal's News

### Dear Parents/Carers

We work hard at Harriers to communicate well and always welcome feedback from our pupils, parents and staff - particularly if you have questions or praise to share!



Our Trust have a regional governance model, with one governing body for each region, and with a small number of parent governors invited to represent the academies in that

region. We are pleased that Jo Roberts, mum of a Year 5 pupil, has agreed to serve in this role and has already joined her first meetings. (You may know her through our fantastic PTFA events, as she's also PTFA Chair. We hope to resume these events soon!)

In addition, we have the Harriers Advisory Committee. The HAC is comprised of school leaders and parents with children across virtually every year in school. We meet termly to discuss things such as healthy eating, communication, parking, school events and so on. Current parent members of the HAC include Gemma Barton, Anna Brodie, Charlie Heritage and Gemma Magnuson. They are very approachable and happy to raise things on your behalf. The next meeting will be late April.

We will share photos and contact information for the HAC in future editions of this newsletter.

We are also happy to communicate directly, and you may contact us via the office email any time. [office@harriers-aspirations.org](mailto:office@harriers-aspirations.org)

Kind regards,  
**Amy Willson**  
Business Manager

## Children's Mental Health Week



This week has been Place2Be's Children's Mental Health Week with the theme of 'Growing Together'. In school, we explored this in more detail – the children were encouraged to consider how they have grown in terms of their mental health, and how they can help others to grow. We also discussed the importance of learning from mistakes and challenging ourselves.

As part of the week, we held a non-uniform day with the theme of 'express yourself'. Donations of £1 will go to Place2Be. Children came to school wearing their own clothes on this day – they could choose their favourite outfit, clothes in their favourite colour or simply an outfit that makes them smile! Just being their wonderful selves!

If you would like some more useful suggestions for supporting your child with their mental health at home, the [Place2Be Parenting Smart](https://www.place2be.co.uk/parenting-smart) website has some fantastic advice and [practical tips](#) from child mental health experts.

All classes received a copy of 'After the Fall'. This is the story of Humpty Dumpty after he falls off the wall and how he faces his fears and climbs it again. Children completed work for a display using this picture book as a starting point to promote discussions in classes.





## Dancing Dragons

We celebrated Chinese New Year on 1st February with assemblies and pupils demonstrating the traditional dragon dance.

## Staying safe online

On Safer Internet Day, we held discussions around keeping safe online and explored how respect and relationships online could affect wellbeing.

We'd be delighted if you could continue the conversation at home. To help you with this, you may be interested in downloading the free Safer Internet Day resource pack for parents and carers that is available [here](#) or read the [letter to parents](#) for more resources.

## World Book Day

Children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite character.

Join us this year for World Book Day by dressing up as your favourite character from your favourite story!

A day full of stories, activities, and reading!



We will be doing lots of activities based around Jackie Morris' beautifully illustrated book, *Something about a Bear*.

## Early learning

Early years classes enjoyed a trip to Morrisons supermarket. The children were each given 50p to learn more about the value of money and have a real life shopping experience.

## Inspirational visit for Poetry Day



James Carter, poet, visited Harriers for Poetry Day on 26th January. He shared some of his own poems, led assemblies for the whole school, ran workshops in Years 3 - 6 and then led a 'big finale'. The children wrote some phenomenal poems inspired by James. The Year 6 poems were so amazing that James gave them one of his special badges!

## Open afternoon

We would like to welcome you all to our open afternoon on Tuesday 1st March from 2.45 pm – 3.15pm. We look forward to showing you the wonderful work the children have created.

## Parents' Evenings

Parents' Evenings will take place next term, via Zoom, on Tuesday, 22nd March (3.30 pm -7 pm) and Thursday, 24th March (3.30 pm -5 pm). Booking will open in week 1 of term 4 via School Ping.

## Goodbye and good luck

We sadly said goodbye and good luck to Mr Morgan who is moving onto to a teaching placement at Dashwood in Year 1. We have really enjoyed having him with us in Pelicans. The children made a lovely card for him, which we presented in assembly along with a high flyer certificate and gifts from the staff.



## School Health Nurse Newsletter

Read the Primary School Newsletter for Term 3 [here](#). Lots of useful tips for families and young people for keeping healthy.

### Reminder

Term 3 ends February 18th February. There is an INSET on Monday 28th February so Term 4 will start on Tuesday 1st March.

### 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.



### 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).

**Tuesday 1st March:** Term 4 starts; Open Afternoon for parents.

**3rd March:** World Book Day.

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

## Breakfast and After School Club Menus



### Harriers Wraparound Foods

#### Breakfast Club

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Muffins, toast	Pancakes, toast	Waffle	Toast, brioche	Croissant

Selection of cereals, yogurts and fruit available daily.

#### After School Club – light snack on rotation (*subject to change, depending on stock availability*)

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1	Pancakes Fruit & raisins	Muffins Raisins & fruit	Cheese & crackers Fruit	Super Noodles Fruit	Teacakes Fruit
Week 2	Cheese & crackers Fruit	Waffles Fruit	Soup, toast Fruit	Toasted teacake Fruit	Cheese & crackers Fruit
Week 3	Muffins Fruit	Cheese & crackers Fruit	Crumpets Fruit	Brioche Fruit	Soup, toast Fruit
Week 4	Cheese & crackers, biscuit Fruit	Toasted tea cake, raisins Fruit	Sausage roll, bread stick Fruit	Hot dogs Fruit	Pizza Fruit
Week 5	Brioche Fruit	Crumpets Fruit	Beans/spaghetti, toast Fruit	Waffles, bread stick Fruit	Cheese & crackers Fruit
Week 6	Sausage rolls/Cheddars Fruit	Brioche Fruit	Cheese & crackers, biscuit Fruit	Croissants Fruit	Waffles Fruit

Current week 1 = 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan

More warm foods as the weather gets colder, including wraps, super noodles, toasties.

**Parents/carers are required to complete consent form including dietary and medical information in advance of using The Nest, to support any sensitivities.**

The Oxfordshire Museum

# Half Term of Signs!

This February Half Term @ The Oxfordshire Museum  
Join in with **FREE** family activities during half term.

**Free I Spy that sign Trail**

**Tom Tots:** Tuesday 22 Feb 2022, 10.30am to 12pm

- Crafts and colouring for the under 5s. No need to book, just drop in

**Design a sign:** Tuesday 22 Feb 2022, 2pm to 4pm

- With so many signs, old and new, throughout the Museum to inspire you, come and create your own using colourful collage.

**Animate that sign:** Wednesday 23 Feb 2022, 11am to 3pm

- For our slightly more advanced young museum-goer, join us as we create mini animations based on the Signs of the Times exhibition.

**Beware of the dog = Cave Canem:** Thursday 24 Feb 2022, 2pm to 4pm

- Create new signs to hang in the Roman gallery, or on your bedroom door. We'll help you translate them into Latin so they could be read by Romans.



Check out our Website to book your **FREE** place!

Children's activities at The Oxfordshire Museum | Oxfordshire County Council



[Download a pdf of this poster here.](#)

## Orinoco Costume Making Workshop

World Book Day® costume making session.

**Orinoco**, The Oxfordshire Scrapstore

**Thursday 24 February, 10:00-4:00pm.**

Lock 29 Castle Quay, Event Space, Banbury

Check out [Orinoco Facebook page](#) for details.

Bring along an old T-shirt and create your favourite character for World Book Day.

All children must be accompanied by an adult.

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The workshops are free. Go to their [Facebook page](#) to book and bring an old T-shirt on the day that you don't mind sticking and sewing on.

## Cherwell District Council Half term Hubs

**February half term hubs**

are here... **For 5-11yr olds**

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

**When?**  
**Monday 21 - Friday 25 February 2022**

<b>Short day</b> 8:45am – 3:00pm £15.60 per session	<b>Long day</b> 8:45am – 5:00pm £19.80 per session
<b>Short day + food*</b> £20.60	<b>Long day + food*</b> £24.80

**Book through eventbrite from 24 January**

[www.cherwell.gov.uk/holidayactivities](http://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.](#)