



Harriers Banbury Academy
an Aspirations Academy

Our Vision: to cultivate high quality education in a supportive environment, enabling our pupils to become kind, happy, confident individuals, ready to take on the world

Harriers Newsletter

Monday, 4th December 2023

Message from Mrs Coley



Dear Parents and Carers, I cannot believe we are over half way through the Autumn Term and the festive holidays are approaching us very fast! The children have had a fantastic term filled with exciting learning opportunities and lots of fun; we are very proud of them all! There has also been a wealth of enrichment opportunities and school trips that everyone has enjoyed. Thank you to all of the parents who have offered to help - we greatly appreciate your support and really wouldn't be able to do as much as we do without your help.

This week is one of our "Attendance" Weeks. Good attendance is one of the most important factors in a child's ability to succeed in school so we expect each child to attend at least 96% of the academic year. Let's all make an extra special effort this week to get our whole school attendance above 96% and see if your child/children manage to make it a 100% week for themselves.

Kind regards, Stephanie Coley

Attendance Matters! w/c 27th November



Ducklings	91.9%
Robins	86.5%
Wrens	85.6%

Whole school attendance this week: 91.4%
Whole school attendance for year to date: 94.2%
National Average year to date: 94.7%

It's all of our responsibilities to ensure your children are in school when they are well.
It is parents responsibility to call the office each day if your child is absent and reason given.
Well done to all those classes that achieved more than 96% attendance over the last week. If pupils are in school, then they are able to learn!!
A special well done to Doves who had an astounding 97.1% A class piece goes to your whole class reward.

Swifts	89.3%
Swallows	90.7%
Woodpeckers	95%
Doves	97.1%
Toucans	92.3%
Kingfishers	92.7%

Parrots	85%
Red Kites	94%
Pelicans	96.6%
Flamingoes	95.9%
Eagles	87.5%
Owls	91.3%

Celebration Assembly 13th November 2023



Celebrating successes
outside school

High Flyers



Celebration Assembly 20th November 2023



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Celebration Assembly 27th November 2023



High Flyers

Children in Need



THANK YOU

Harriers Banbury Academy

for raising a fantastic
£305.81

The money you have raised will be used to help change the lives of children and young people facing disadvantage in communities across the UK.

BBC CHILDREN IN NEED

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Upcoming Dates



- Monday 4th December Nursery trip to Post Office
- Wednesday 6th & Thursday 7th December Y1 trip to Broughton Castle
- Friday 8th December Y4 Ancient Greece Day
- Friday 8th December PTFA Winter Event and Fireworks
- Tuesday 12th December Nursery Nativity at 2pm
- Wednesday 13th December Christmas Lunches and Christmas Jumper Day
KS1 (Y1 and Y2) Nativity at 9am and 2pm
- Thursday 14th December KS1 Nativity at 9am
Carol Service for Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 at St. Mary's Church, Banbury at 1.30pm
- Friday 15th December Free - Aaron Williams entertainer shows throughout the school day for all children.
PTFA Christmas Present wrapping event
- Monday 18th December EYU Nativity at 2pm
- Tuesday 19th December EYU Nativity at 9am
- Wednesday 20th December Party Day and non-uniform END OF TERM - 1.30PM !!
- Monday, 8th January INSET DAY - no pupils
- Tuesday, 9th January school starts

Nursery

Nursery have been enjoying the cold weather in our outdoor area. We have been looking at the ice and different ways we can melt it.

We have also been practicing the songs for our Christmas show and have had lots of fun making some of our costumes!



Early Years

We have started our Christmas play practice! The children are learning the songs really well and we are all very excited to show our parents/carers in a few weeks!

In the classroom we have been doing lots of sorting activities and learning how to categorize things for our maths. This has helped also with our instruction following when using our Beebots



Year 1

Year 1 have been busy finding out about shapes. We have spotted shapes around school, sorted them into groups and made repeating patterns.

In choosing time, some of us have also been building using 3D shapes.



Year 2

Year 2 have had a busy week rehearsing for our Nativity. We have made twinkly stars to go on the stage backdrop using tissue paper, PVA glue and a small sprinkling of glitter.



Year 3

It has been a busy time in Year 3! We had a fantastic trip to the British Motor Museum - we saw lots of amazing cars, including the Queen's car and a 100 year old bus! In school, we have enjoyed getting stuck into Pudsey bear activities for Children in Need, and we have been enjoying learning to use Scratch this week.



November 2023



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Year 4

Year 4 have loved learning all about the digestive system and teeth this term!

The pupils had a video call with a dentist. They learned about the different types of teeth and asked him lots of questions!

Also, they have investigated the impact that different liquids have on our teeth through an egg experiment! The energy drink and orange juice caused the most damage!





Year 5

Year 5 had a lovely trip to forest school to look at how rivers are formed and make our own.

We also have been using saws and glue guns to safely make bridges!

In Science, we have dissected eggs and flowers to deepen our learning of life cycles.



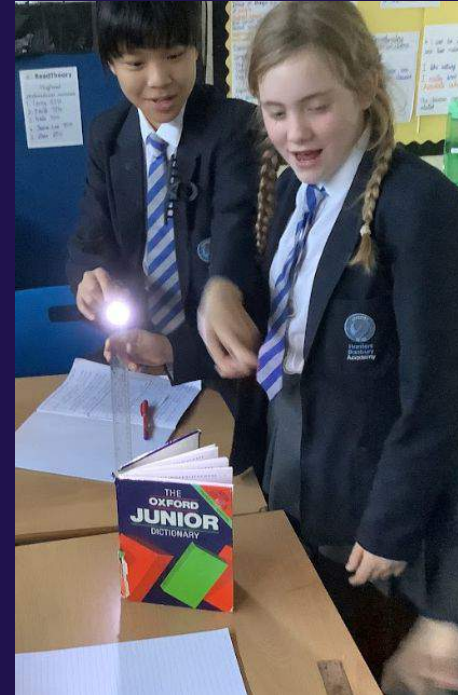
Year 5 - Flamingoes trip to the canal!

Our class finally headed into town and got to have a look at the Canal that passes through Banbury.



Year 6

We have been investigating how light travels and what factors affect the size and length of a shadow.

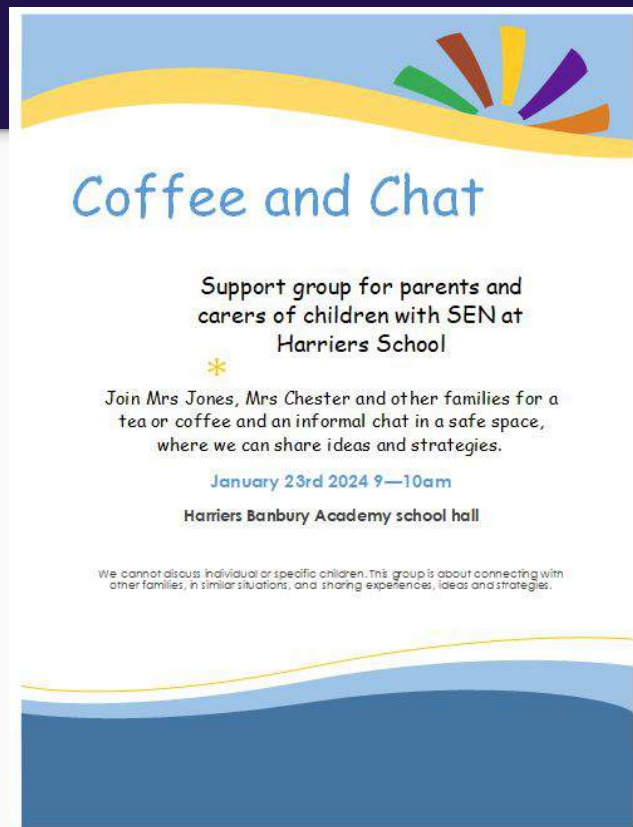




SEN and Inclusion

What is meant by 'inclusion'?

Inclusion in education means that all children in school, regardless of their difference, are part of the school curriculum.



Coffee and Chat

Support group for parents and carers of children with SEN at Harriers School

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Join Mrs Jones, Mrs Chester and other families for a tea or coffee and an informal chat in a safe space, where we can share ideas and strategies.

January 23rd 2024 9—10am
Harriers Banbury Academy school hall

We cannot discuss individual or specific children. This group is about connecting with other families, in similar situations, and sharing experiences, ideas and strategies.



Keeping our children safe

Some helpful information from the NSPCC;

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/childrens-mental-health/depression-anxiety-mental-health/>

Signs of depression or anxiety in children

Knowing how to talk to your child about their mental health, or recognising the signs that they might be struggling, can be really hard. Signs of depression or anxiety in children can sometimes look like normal behaviour, particularly in teenagers who can keep their feelings to themselves.

It's also natural for children or young people to feel stressed or anxious about things like exams or moving to a new school. But while these experiences can be very difficult, they're different from longer term depression or anxiety, which affect how a child or young person feels every day.

It can help to think about what's normal for your child and if you've noticed signs that they've been behaving differently recently.

Keeping our children safe online

We will also ping these advice sheets to you so that you can read them more clearly.

At home, children safety, an online safeguarding parent, is one of the most important things to do to help protect your children from online risks. It's not just about what they do online, but also about what they see online. The risks are real, and they can be avoided. Please visit www.nationalonline-safety.com for further advice, links and tips for safety.

The 12 Online Safety Tips of Christmas FOR CHILDREN WITH NEW DEVICES

Christmas is almost upon us once again, and soon some lucky children will be excitedly tearing the wrapping off a new mobile phone, tablet or games console. For some of them, it will be the first time they've owned a device that connects them to the online world. Even for older children, a new device means new corners of the digital landscape to explore – and, unfortunately, new risks to be aware of.

We've put together our top tips so that you can guide your young ones in enjoying their new digital gifts safely and responsibly throughout the year to come.

Merry Christmas!

- 1. ALWAYS SET A PASSWORD**
If your child's new device is password protected, make sure they know the password. If it's not, set one for them. This is a good habit to get into from the start. If you're not sure how to set a password, ask a friend or family member for help. It's important to remember that if you forget the password, you'll be locked out of the device. So, make sure you write it down in a safe place (not on the device) and tell your child where to find it.
- 2. SET UP 'PARENTAL CONTROLS'**
This is a great way to help your child get the most out of their new device. Most phones, tablets and consoles allow you to set up parental controls. These can help you to control what your child can see and do online. They can also help you to limit the time your child spends on the device. If you're not sure how to set up parental controls, ask a friend or family member for help. It's important to remember that if you forget the password, you'll be locked out of the device. So, make sure you write it down in a safe place (not on the device) and tell your child where to find it.
- 3. PAY ATTENTION TO AGE RATINGS**
When your child gets a new device, it's important to check the age rating. This is a number that tells you how old your child needs to be to use the device. It's important to remember that if you forget the password, you'll be locked out of the device. So, make sure you write it down in a safe place (not on the device) and tell your child where to find it.
- 4. KEEP NUMBERS AND DEVICES PRIVATE**
Make sure your child understands that they should never share their phone number with anyone they don't know or expect to hear from. This is a good habit to get into from the start. If you're not sure how to set up parental controls, ask a friend or family member for help. It's important to remember that if you forget the password, you'll be locked out of the device. So, make sure you write it down in a safe place (not on the device) and tell your child where to find it.
- 5. HAVE THE MONEY CONVERSATION**
Before your child starts using their new device, it's important to have a conversation about money. This is a good habit to get into from the start. If you're not sure how to set up parental controls, ask a friend or family member for help. It's important to remember that if you forget the password, you'll be locked out of the device. So, make sure you write it down in a safe place (not on the device) and tell your child where to find it.
- 6. DISCOURAGE DEVICE DEPENDENCY**
Of course, children who've just got a new device will naturally want to spend as much time on it as possible. It's important to encourage them to use the device in a responsible way. This is a good habit to get into from the start. If you're not sure how to set up parental controls, ask a friend or family member for help. It's important to remember that if you forget the password, you'll be locked out of the device. So, make sure you write it down in a safe place (not on the device) and tell your child where to find it.
- 7. EXPLAIN SECURE WIFI NETWORKS**
Your child's new device is protected by a password that only your family knows. It's important to explain to your child that this password is for their device only. It's not for anyone else. This is a good habit to get into from the start. If you're not sure how to set up parental controls, ask a friend or family member for help. It's important to remember that if you forget the password, you'll be locked out of the device. So, make sure you write it down in a safe place (not on the device) and tell your child where to find it.
- 8. LIMIT SCREEN TIME**
Using a device for too long can be bad for your child's health. It's important to limit the time your child spends on their device. This is a good habit to get into from the start. If you're not sure how to set up parental controls, ask a friend or family member for help. It's important to remember that if you forget the password, you'll be locked out of the device. So, make sure you write it down in a safe place (not on the device) and tell your child where to find it.
- 9. ONLY PAIR WITH KNOWN BLUETOOTH DEVICES**
Your child's new device can connect to other devices via Bluetooth. It's important to make sure your child only pairs their device with devices they know. This is a good habit to get into from the start. If you're not sure how to set up parental controls, ask a friend or family member for help. It's important to remember that if you forget the password, you'll be locked out of the device. So, make sure you write it down in a safe place (not on the device) and tell your child where to find it.
- 10. TURN LOCATION SETTINGS OFF**
It's important to make sure your child's device is not tracking their location. This is a good habit to get into from the start. If you're not sure how to set up parental controls, ask a friend or family member for help. It's important to remember that if you forget the password, you'll be locked out of the device. So, make sure you write it down in a safe place (not on the device) and tell your child where to find it.
- 11. STAY AWARE OF THE SURROUNDINGS**
It's important to make sure your child is always aware of their surroundings. This is a good habit to get into from the start. If you're not sure how to set up parental controls, ask a friend or family member for help. It's important to remember that if you forget the password, you'll be locked out of the device. So, make sure you write it down in a safe place (not on the device) and tell your child where to find it.
- 12. BE THERE IF THEY NEED TO TALK**
It's important to make sure your child knows that you are there for them. This is a good habit to get into from the start. If you're not sure how to set up parental controls, ask a friend or family member for help. It's important to remember that if you forget the password, you'll be locked out of the device. So, make sure you write it down in a safe place (not on the device) and tell your child where to find it.

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What Schools Need to Know about THE ONLINE SAFETY ACT

The Online Safety Act was passed in October 2021, with the aim of establishing major new layers of protection for children when they're online. The government has pledged to new legislation to protect children from online harm, and the act certainly includes more powerful legislation which should help to safeguard young people in the digital world. Our guide summarises the key points for schools.

WHAT THE ACT WILL DO

HARMFUL CONTENT
Social media sites must remove harmful content as fast as they can. This includes content that is harmful to children, such as content that encourages self-harm, or content that is harmful to children's mental health.

ANIMAL CRUELTY
It is now illegal to post or share content that shows animals being harmed or killed. This includes content that shows animals being harmed or killed in a way that is likely to cause them distress.

MORE TRANSPARENCY
Social media sites must be more transparent about how they collect and use data. This includes providing information about the data they collect, and how they use it.

HOSTING MISLEADING ADVERTS
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NON-CONSENSUAL SHARING
It is now illegal to share content without the consent of the person in the content. This includes content that shows a person's face, or content that shows a person's name.

REPORTING AND FILTERING
Social media sites must have a system in place for reporting and filtering content. This includes having a system for reporting content that is harmful to children, and having a system for filtering content that is harmful to children.

AGE-RESTRICTED MATERIAL
Social media sites must be more transparent about how they collect and use data. This includes providing information about the data they collect, and how they use it.

What this means for you

The act has some specific implications for schools. It's essential that leaders understand the new legislation's scope and limitations. The act is certainly a positive step, but as digital technology and online advances in tech continue to produce new challenges, schools will need to remain extremely vigilant.

KNOW WHERE TO GET HELP

Look out for the Code of Conduct that Ofcom is creating. This will be a set of rules that schools will need to follow. It will be a set of rules that schools will need to follow. It will be a set of rules that schools will need to follow.

REMEMBER THE ESSENTIALS

Remember that your responsibility as a school is to protect your children. This is a good habit to get into from the start. If you're not sure how to set up parental controls, ask a friend or family member for help. It's important to remember that if you forget the password, you'll be locked out of the device. So, make sure you write it down in a safe place (not on the device) and tell your child where to find it.

WATCH FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

There are some issues on which the legislation is silent. It's important to watch for future developments. This is a good habit to get into from the start. If you're not sure how to set up parental controls, ask a friend or family member for help. It's important to remember that if you forget the password, you'll be locked out of the device. So, make sure you write it down in a safe place (not on the device) and tell your child where to find it.

UNDERSTAND AND EXPLAIN

Staff should work hard to raise concerns with tech companies where problems arise. This is a good habit to get into from the start. If you're not sure how to set up parental controls, ask a friend or family member for help. It's important to remember that if you forget the password, you'll be locked out of the device. So, make sure you write it down in a safe place (not on the device) and tell your child where to find it.

ENGAGE WITH PARENTS

Schools should also explain to parents and carers the new legislation. This is a good habit to get into from the start. If you're not sure how to set up parental controls, ask a friend or family member for help. It's important to remember that if you forget the password, you'll be locked out of the device. So, make sure you write it down in a safe place (not on the device) and tell your child where to find it.

Meet Our Expert
Dr. Sarah Jones, National Online Safety Expert, will be speaking at the National Online Safety Conference on 12th November 2021. She will be speaking about the new legislation and how schools can protect their children from online harm.

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Storytelling Garden!

The willow domes are now nearly done, thank you to Year 5 and the storytelling committee - who created our first willow portal. We will be planting a second one in forest school, as recommended by the children. Year 4 worked with EYU to plant the rest of the plants, including herbs, roses and berry bushes. Year 4 also did some more digging in the never-ending pond!

Year 3 will be planting very young silver birch and rowan trees today - frost permitting.



Support for families this Christmas


Did you know?.... We have our own food, uniform, gift and hygiene banks in school. If you are in need this festive period please speak to a member of staff who will be able to help you (confidentially) with resources in school.

If you have any surplus gifts, hygiene products or non-perishable food that you can donate then these would be gratefully received by the office or a member of staff.

Christmas Hamper appeal

Prabhu Natarajan from the **The Lunchbox Project Banbury** and **Mr Rowan Ridley** founder of **Banbury Car and Bike Meet** have joined hands this year and decided to make **500 Christmas Hampers** for the very well-deserving families in need. They have also created a fundraising page and it would be really helpful if you share within the families/organizations to help us raise funds so that we can extend our help.

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/Christmas-food-parcels?fbclid=IwAR0IxSw7fzpnal1hM2-TOqYqCUnbyyWFeryRqBPIIN-KsnEMoSkr8omhgMM4>



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9 out of 10

unvaccinated children
can catch measles
if someone in their
class has it

Check your child is up
to date with their
MMR vaccinations



NHS

102,000 children
starting school in
England are at risk
of catching measles

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Please see here for the latest Primary School Health Newsletter
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Premier League Kicks sessions in Banbury

Every Friday during term time

Restarting September 15th

👉 Year 5 - Year 8

🕒 4.30-5.30pm

📍 The Hill Community Centre, Dover Avenue, Banbury,
OX16 0JJ

👉 Year 9 - Year 13

🕒 7-8pm

📍 North Oxfordshire Academy, Drayton Road, Banbury
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Fun & social football - Free to attend

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👉 Year 6 - Year 11

🕒 5:45-6:45pm

📍 The Hill Community Centre, Dover Avenue, Banbury,
OX16 0JJ



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Activities outside Harriers

LIGHT-UP BANBURY

BANBURY BID'S LANTERN PARADE
SATURDAY 9TH DECEMBER | 5:00PM



Join us with your lanterns from 5pm by the information point in Castle Quay and take part in our 'Light-up Banbury' Lantern Parade. Drummers will lead the parade through Castle Quay and around the town, finishing in the Market Place. Christmas carols, Hot chocolate, Mulled Wine, Mince Pies and more will all be available to enjoy on the evening!

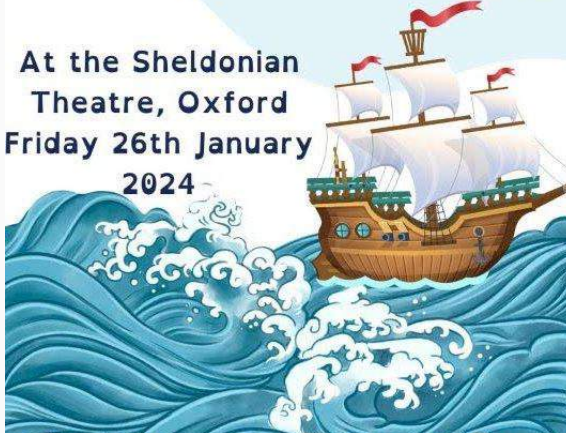
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Primary school place – you must apply now

If your child was born on or between **1 September 2019** and **31 August 2020**, you need to apply for a primary school place now.

You must still apply even if your child already attends a nursery attached to the school.

Deadline for applications is **15 January 2024**.

Apply online at

www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/primaryadmissions

– it's quick, easy and secure.

You can get free access to the internet at many of our libraries and children's centres – ask for details at your local facility.



For help and information:

Web: www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/primaryadmissions

Email: admissions.schools@oxfordshire.gov.uk

Tel: **0345 241 2487**



Support Groups



ParentLine 5-11 years

New School Health Nursing messaging service for parents and carers of children 5-11 years attending a state school in Oxfordshire

Text **07312 263227**
to message a school health nurse



Or scan QR code here to start a chat



We aim to reply to you within one working day and you should get an immediate message back to confirm we have received your text. Texts will only be sent between 9am and 5pm, Monday-Friday excluding bank holidays. If you need help before and after school, then contact your GP, contact with the police or dial 111. Our text service does not replace advice from NHS or other medical professionals. Your messages are stored and can be used for other health care that may be relevant to your child's health. We support messaging from 111 mobile numbers only (which does not include messages sent from landlines, international mobile numbers and some 'number missing' mobile apps). We accept photos (that cannot be personal or sensitive) and we will discuss your safety but we would usually speak to you first. In private the health professionals then send messages to you, text to them has number. Messages are charged at your usual rates.

