



Friars Primary Foundation School



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Dear Parents,

Health week:

The children have had a very busy health week this week. Each class were able to bring in their bicycles or scooters for a day. Y4 and Y5 started their health and well-being programme which will finish next week (please remember Y4 and Y5 parents, as per the text sent out on Tuesday, that there will be a parent meeting about the programme next Thursday 17th from 9-10am). Every class had a food nutrition session with Chartwells and a hygiene and healthy teeth session with the school nurse. Most children from Y2 – Y6 took part in age appropriate sex and relationship lessons. Finally sports day was a lovely inclusive affair that saw all children enjoying physical activity and competing against each other. Today the children have completed a questionnaire to gain their views on PE, sport and being healthy at Friars.

Netball news:

Throughout the summer term 2014, we have been training for and competing in the London PE and School Sports Network Primary High 5 netball league. A total of 22 teams participated from 17 different schools. We had two teams (A and B). The B team came 4th in their group and did not proceed to the knock out stages. The A team however won their group and did make it to the knock outs.

On Wednesday of this week, we faced the Surrey Square School A team in the quarter final and beat them 4-1. We then went on to beat Bellenden School in the semi-final, 1-0. The final was a tense standoff against the St Joseph's Borough team. We are delighted to report that we won 2-1 and so became the overall champions of the league! We must thank the three parents, Lyn Meade, Kristine Allen and Vicky Sabarias who have been coaching the teams and escorting them to all the matches. They have done a fantastic job! Also we are very proud not only of all the members of the A team but the B team too who were gracious in defeat and who supported the winners so positively.

Gardening club news:

Friars Gardening Club made it to the finals of a Southwark-wide school gardening competition. 16 schools entered the competition and we got to the final 4. The competition, based on the theme 'How Children Grow', aims to encourage children to grow fruit and vegetables and eat more healthily. Judges visited our school garden on Tuesday 1st July to help make their final decision. Although we did not win the competition we are proud to announce that we came 3rd overall. Well done to Miss Coate and her green fingered crew of gardeners!

Lost property:

Over the year we have amassed quite a large amount of lost property. After school next week, Marcia, having washed it all, will be putting out all of the lost property at the front of the school. Parents are welcome to help themselves to any uniform items. We will return any items that have names in them directly to those children.

End of year reports and staffing arrangements for next year:

Reports have been sent out via pupil post today along with a letter explaining staffing arrangements for next year. Children were also told today who their new teacher will be next year. On Monday of next week they will all have a session with their new teacher. If parents would like to discuss any aspects of the end of year report, please contact the class teacher directly to make an appointment with them.

End of 2013/14 and beginning of 2014/15 dates:

Please remember that we break up for the summer holidays on Wednesday 23rd July. Y6 will leave at 12noon and the rest of the school will leave at 2pm. There will be no play centre that afternoon. Children will return to school on Wednesday 3rd September. **The dates for the full 2014/15 academic year are posted on our website.**

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Have a great weekend!

Yours sincerely,

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