



Friars Primary Foundation School



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Dear Parents,

Year 6 careers afternoon:

Following on from the fantastic project Year 6 did with Into University earlier this half term to develop the children's aspirations to go to university, Miss Wratten organised a careers fair in partnership with the Southwark Education Business Alliance on Monday of this week. Representatives from a wide range of companies and organisations such as the Metropolitan Police, Network Rail and Time Inc. came and exhibited in our hall just like a real careers fair. Children were able to talk to the employees about the world of work and what the different options were when thinking about careers. It might seem a long way off before the children need to be worrying about such things but it is important that they have an understanding of what to expect when they reach adulthood.

PE Kits:

It is so important that when children do PE and sports that they have a PE kit to change into. Children should wear navy or black, non baggy shorts or plain sports trousers and a white t-shirt. Football shirts, logos or overly patterned clothing are not permitted. "Be Fit Be Fun Be Friars" t-shirts are available from the school office at the subsidised cost of £3. Children sometimes do not wear anything on their feet during indoor PE but must have pumps or trainers for outdoor PE. We have noticed recently that some children do not have PE kits in school which means they are unable to take part in PE lessons. However to overcome this, we will, from next half term, expect children to change into **clean** spare school PE kits. Our spare PE kits are always washed straight after use so children will not be expected to wear unclean clothes.

E-Safety:

On Tuesday of this week it was national safer internet day. Assemblies this week concentrated on e-safety and each class did at least one activity designed to ensure they stay safe online. Please remember we have lots of good resources and advice on the e-safety page of our website. The best message we can give is to be **SMART**. **S** – Safe (keep your personal information safe); **M** – Meet (friends made online are strangers; meeting them can be dangerous); **A** – Accepting (accepting files can be dangerous. If unsure, ask an adult!); **R** – Reliable (not everyone or everything online is reliable or trustworthy); **T** – Tell (always tell an adult if something online upsets or worries you)

Gentle reminders:

The following points are all made in the spirit of ensuring our children's safety and well-being.

Zebra crossing – one of the senior teachers is always on duty at the front of the school at the beginning and end of the day. We have noticed that there is a very large proportion of parents who do not make use of the zebra crossing outside school. Please do use it because it is a safe way to cross Webber Street (vehicles and bikes will stop at the zebra but you cannot guarantee they will stop for you anywhere else) and it teaches the children good safe pedestrian habits.

Children younger than Y4 coming to school on their own – please remember we do not permit children any younger than Y4 to come to school on their own. That means, so that they are safe, they must be brought to the front gate at least.

Up to date contact details – Please remember that if you change your phone numbers or email addresses to let us know so we can update our data base. It is vital that we are able to contact parents in the event of illness, emergency or any other issues.

Half term:

Please remember that next week is the half term break. We are all due back on Monday 23rd February. Have a great break and remember, if your children are online, keep them safe!

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Have a great weekend!

Yours sincerely,

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