



Friars Primary Foundation School



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Dear Parents,

PTFA summer fete correction:

In last week's newsletter it incorrectly stated that there will be a non-uniform day on the 21st June 2014 to raise items for the Summer Fair tombola. This should actually be **Friday 20th June**. We would be grateful for the following contributions if possible:

- Nursery/ Reception: Biscuits/ Crisps
- Year 1 / Year 2: Tins
- Year 3 / Year 4: Bottles
- Year 5 / Year 6: Un wanted Gifts / Toiletries

Friars Carnival Wednesday 2nd July 2014:

Just a quick reminder that today is the last day for parents to book their BBQ lunch. Please see or ring Ann in the office if you would like a meal on the day.

Circus skills at Friars:

On June 11th 2014, the whole school enjoyed a day of circus skills activities. The purpose of these activities was to set the scene for our whole school CLJ unit on "Carnival!" They had lots of fun learning how to juggle with scarves or balls and balance peacock feathers on their hands, noses or foreheads. Also they were throwing diablos and spinning plates. They watched Jack from Splats Circus Company demonstrate tricks and learnt how to pass spinning plates from one person to another. A lot of balance and concentration was needed and we were very impressed by the children's abilities.

Assessments:

As we are in the last few weeks of the school year, this is the time that all teachers are assessing the children to see how well they have achieved this year particularly in the core areas of reading, writing and maths. At the end of Reception, Miss Foster assesses the children to see if they have reached what is officially known as the "good level of development" (GLD). At the end of Year 1 children's phonic ability is tested. Miss Coate will be assessing every child next week. At the end of year 2, which is the end of Key Stage 1, Miss Herdman is using a mixture of tests (which the children have been doing this week and next) and her knowledge of the children's abilities which is mainly evident in their books to assess their reading, writing and maths. The Y3, 4 and 5 teachers will also be doing the same as Year 2. Year 6, as we all know, sat their externally set SATs in May and children's results will be published on Tuesday 8th July. Parents from Y1-5 should not worry about their children sitting tests as they are all conducted in a way so as not to cause the children any anxiety. From Y6 onwards they will have enough external testing for a lifetime! Early Years GLD results, Y1 phonics results, KS1 teacher assessments and Y6 (KS2) test results and teacher assessments will all be on the end of year reports sent out on July 11th. Parents of children in other year groups are more than welcome to request their children's assessment levels.

Health week:

We will be having our whole school health week from Monday 7th to Friday 11th July this year. A letter will be going out early next week about it with an offer to have a parents meeting on the 24th to find out more.

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Have a great weekend!

Yours sincerely,

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