



Friars Primary Foundation School



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Dear Parents,

Parent open morning postponement:

Next Thursday morning (March 19th) we were due to have an open morning for parents (from 9:10 – 10:10) to enable you to see your children at work. We are very sorry but due to several other timetabling issues we will have to postpone this open morning until early in the summer term. We will send a date home via text and on the newsletter.

Red Nose day:

Thankyou to all the contributions children and parents were able to make today for Comic Relief. We managed to raise nearly £180 and it was great to see so many red noses being worn. We also had a special bake off where some of our teachers made some very fancy cakes. They were judged on taste, texture and presentation by some of the children and Joan and Ann in the office. Please take some time to look at the latest news story on our website with photos of all the cakes and the judging. I am pleased to let you know that Miss Coate and Miss Midgley won the competition with Miss Foster coming in 2nd and Miss Morris in 3rd place.

Parent Questionnaire:

Attached to this newsletter is our 2015 parent view questionnaire. We also have a link to the parent view section of the Ofsted website on our own website. Please take the time to do the paper questionnaire and return to school by Friday 27th March as your views of the school's effectiveness are very important to us. We will analyse, collate and publicise your views early in the summer term.

Arts Mark Gold award:

In 2012 we successfully applied for the Arts mark which is an award that recognises schools' commitment to and delivery of the arts. The award lasts for three years so we recently applied for the more prestigious and difficult to attain, Arts mark Gold. We were assessed on a range of tough criteria including how we work in partnership with artists, the range of artistic opportunities we offer, how we ensure that opportunities have a positive impact across the curriculum and how we ensure our staff are committed and capable of delivering the arts. I am very pleased to announce that we have been awarded the Arts mark Gold award which will stand until 2018. We must thank Miss Midgley, our Year 6 teacher and art coordinator who put the application together, led the assessment day and is a real champion of the arts at Friars.

Dates for this half term:

Monday 16th March – Y5 Ballet Rambert workshop

Tuesday 17th March – book fair arrives at school; Y5 Ballet Rambert performance at the RFH

Wednesday 18th March – Y4 to Benchball tournament

Friday 20th March – Y4 to Tower Bridge

Tuesday 24th March – last day of book fair; Y5 to Into University day

Wednesday 25th March – Y1 to London Zoo

Thursday 26th March – Scooter training workshops for all classes; PTFA AGM 6-7PM

Friday 27th March – Y4 Roald Dahl day; Last day of term. No Playcentre after school.

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Have a great weekend!

Yours sincerely,

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