



Friars Primary Foundation School



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Dear Parents,

Parent questionnaire:

This week we handed out questionnaires at our spring term parent consultation meetings. Thank you so much to those parents who have returned them already. We have given the 24th March as a deadline after which time we will collate and analyse the results. If you were unable to attend the parent consultations we have sent questionnaires home by pupil post.

Parent open morning 20th March 9:10 – 10:10:

To further strengthen the partnerships between home and school we are having our fourth open morning of the year for any parents to come and observe the strategies we use to help children improve their numeracy or literacy skills. The date of this open morning is Thursday 20th March from 9:10 – 10:10

Parent e-safety workshop:

Mrs Reuben held a workshop for parents about e-safety this morning. She covered the areas of why internet safety is important; why the Internet is so great; what the risks are and where to go for support. If you were unable to attend and are interested in ways in which you can help keep your children safe when they are online, please contact Mrs Reuben through the school office and she will give you her presentation details. Alternatively we have just set up an e-safety page on our website.

Book fair:

Our regular travelling book fair will be at Friars from next Tuesday for a week. It will be in the ICT suite after school each day. Please come along and buy your children some books. We will get a percentage of all the takings and will be able to buy more books for school as a result.

Sport relief:

Next Friday (21st March) is Sport Relief. At Friars we are celebrating this by selling special wrist bands in the office (all funds to comic relief) and having a whole school dance off in the playground from 2:30. Parents are welcome to attend and join in!

School closures March 26th and May 22nd:

We will regretfully have to close the school to most pupils on March 26th because of a nationwide NUT strike. Children in the Nursery and Y3 will be able to come to school as normal but no other classes will. In addition, despite our campaigning for it not to happen, Southwark council have decided to use Friars as a polling station on Thursday May 22nd. As they are insistent on using the school hall because of its size, it would be unsafe and unfeasible for children to attend on that day. I apologise for the inconvenience this may cause for some parents but it is NUT members' right to take nationwide industrial action and Southwark legally have the right to use the school as a polling station.

Staff news:

Toby Hall, our new Premises Manager started work at Friars this week. He is an experienced premises manager who previously worked at primary schools in Westminster. Up until now we have been "borrowing" Adam Payne who is the premises manager at Peter Hills Primary school in Rotherhithe. We must say a big thank you to him and to his school for helping us out for over a year now. We are very happy, though to have our own premises manager who will focus purely on making sure Friars is a well looked after, safe, secure and well presented school.

Up to date contact details:

We are increasingly using text messaging as a way of getting information quickly and consistently to parents. However this only works if we have your most up to date contact details. If you have changed your mobile numbers or email addresses recently please let Joan in the office know.

London eye trip:

YR, Y5 and Y6 had a fantastic trip to the London Eye and the London Dungeons (Y5 and Y6 only!) on Tuesday of this week. As Merlin, the organisers of many tourist attractions were celebrating having 100 attractions, they offered us free tickets as part of their promotion. The trip helped Y6 who are currently reading "The London Eye Mystery" by Siobhan Dowd. Photos to follow on the website.

Balloon launch:

Please check our website to see a presentation of where all the balloons labels that have been found. The furthest any got so far is Mettingham in Suffolk which is 117 miles away. The balloon belonged to Mike in Y1!

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Have a great weekend!
Yours sincerely,
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