



Friars Primary Foundation School



Newsletter - Volume 9 No.7 Friday 16th October

Dear Parents,

Football:

Friars' football team began their campaign in the GMH primary football league yesterday. They played valiantly against Michael Faraday school but lost 6-3 in the end. Well done to Evander in Y6 who scored a hatrick!

Assessment Parent coffee morning:

We had our 6th weekly coffee morning for parents this week at which we discussed our revised approach to assessment. Thank you to those who came. There have been lots of changes nationally to assessment and to how we do it in school. We have a comprehensive summary on our website (<http://www.friarsprimaryschool.com/assessment-testing/>) of how we assess children. If there is enough interest I will be happy to rerun the coffee morning from today as a workshop next half term. Please come and find me in the playground or front of school at the beginning and end of each day if you are interested in finding out more.

Agincourt 600 Concert for Year 4, 23rd October 2015:

Next Friday Year 4 will be taking part in a brand new semi-staged and participatory musical composed by Richard Brown, who was for many years the musical director of the Royal Shakespeare Company, to celebrate the 600th Anniversary of the Battle of Agincourt. The concert will be staged at St. George's church on Friday 23rd October (10.30am), just before the battle anniversary. The music is specifically written for children and, while celebrating the victory, it will finish with the wedding of Henry and Catherine and the unification of the Kingdoms of France and England. Agincourt 600 are generously funding the project and is entirely free to take part in. When Henry V returned to London after the battle he was met at Blackheath by the Lord Mayor and 24 aldermen who invited him into the city. He travelled down the old Dover Road (Old Kent Road) and was met by the clergy of Southwark at the steps of St. George the Martyr. 1,000 children, who live on or near the route Henry V took upon his return, from several Southwark schools will take part. There will be ceremony, pageantry, battle and actors who, being accompanied by a fantastic live band, will immerse the children in a spectacular and memorable show.

Upcoming events:

I would like to draw your attention particularly to the open morning for all parents and an E-Safety presentation from Childnet are on Tuesday 20th October, November 2nd is an INSET day and school will be closed for staff training and the Autumn term parent consultations are on November 10th and 11th. Sign up sheets for parent consultations will be available in the reception area from next week.

Dates for Autumn term 2015:

Monday 19th October – Last swimming session for Y5

Tuesday 20th October – parent open morning 9:10 -10:10; E-safety presentation for parents 5:30 (run by Childnet)

Thursday 22nd October - football match Friars vs Surrey Square at GMH park after school

Friday 23rd October – Y4 to take part in Agincourt anniversary concert at St Georges Church, Borough.

Monday 26th to Friday 30th October – half term break

Monday 2nd November – INSET DAY. School closed to children

Tuesday 3rd November - Y6 Jazz in Southwark project

Thursday 5th November – Y3 to the Science museum

Friday 6th November - open morning for prospective Nursery and Reception parents (September 2016 intake) 10am

Monday 9th November – Y4 start swimming; Y1 to Aquarium

Tuesday 10th November - Y6 Jazz in Southwark project; Autumn term parent consultations am, pm and after school (till 6:30)

Wednesday 11th November - Autumn term parent consultations am and pm; Jazz in Southwark project concert at the Royal Festival Hall 5-6pm

Thursday 12th November - football match Friars vs Townsend at GMH park after school

Thursday 19th November - football match Friars vs St Johns and St Clements at GMH Park after school

Tuesday 1st December - open morning for prospective Nursery and Reception parents (September 2016 intake) 10am

Thursday 3rd December - football match Friars vs Crampton at GMH park after school

Thursday 10th December - football match Friars vs Goodrich at GMH park after school

Friday 11th December – Children's Christmas lunch

Monday 14th December – last swimming session for Y4

Tuesday 15th December – Christmas performances. EYFS and KS1 9:30am, KS2 2pm

Wednesday 16th December – Year 5 to the Ragged school

Thursday 17th December – EYFS and KS1 party pm

Friday 18th December – last day of autumn term.

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Have a great weekend!

Yours sincerely,

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