



Friars Primary Foundation School

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Dear Parents,

Parent workshops and open mornings:

To further strengthen the partnerships between home and school we are continuing to run workshops where class teachers will explain to you the strategies they use to help children learn as well as possible in reading, writing and maths. The idea is that parents are invited to the workshop run by the teacher of the class their child is in. The teachers will run the workshops in their own classrooms. Unfortunately if you have more than one child you may have to split your time. The workshops will be followed up by us having an open morning for any parents to come and observe the strategies discussed. The dates of these workshops and our open morning are as follows:

- Parent workshops – 4-5pm Wednesday 22nd October
- Parent open morning – 9:10 -10:10 am Thursday 23rd October

INSET day October 24th:

A quick reminder that on October 24th the school will also be closed to children for a staff INSET day.

International week:

We had our annual international week this week. Whole school highlights included African dance and drumming workshops for all children (thankyou to the PTFA for funding these workshops), an international menu from Chartwells all week, an international dressing up day for all children today and a wonderfully well attended dance assembly featuring dances from all over the world. In addition the Nursery were learning to greet each other in different languages; Reception were learning to count in different languages; Year 1 produced Japanese art; Year 2 wrote about the American astronaut, Neil Armstrong; Year 3 read Fly Eagle Fly by Christopher Gregorowski and made African masks; Year 4 carried on their CLJ unit about Europe; Year 5 learned about Australian animals and Year 6 produced Mongolian artwork. We also hope the parents who came to the PTFA international lunch today enjoyed the rich spread!

Autumn term parent consultations:

On November 11th and 12th parents will have the opportunity to meet class teachers to discuss their children's progress so far this year. Sign up sheets will be available in the reception area as usual from next week. If you are unable to make it into school to sign up for an appointment, please contact the office and they will try and find a slot for you. The arrangements are as follows:

November 11th – Y2 and Y3 am, YR and Y4 pm, all classes after school (3:40 – 6:30)

November 12th – Y1 and Y5 am, YN and Y6 pm.

Parent Governor Vacancy:

A vacancy for a parent to sit on Friars Governing Body has come up. Our Governing Body is made up of 1 headteacher, 1 member of staff, 3 parents, 1 Local Authority nominated governor, 4 community governors and 2 partnership governors. Akeem Adio who currently holds the status of partnership governor but is also a parent of a child at the school intends to resign as partnership governor and stand for the current parent vacancy. Nevertheless, because parent governors are elected by the parents I have included a more detailed letter and nomination form with this newsletter. Please note that the deadline for nominations is Thursday 23rd October 2014 at noon. If other parents wish to stand, there will be an election straight after half term.

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Have a great weekend!

*Yours sincerely,
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