



Friars Primary Foundation School



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Dear Parents,

New National Curriculum:

From September 2014 all maintained schools (i.e. schools that are not academies or free schools) will have to follow the new National curriculum. There is lots of useful information on our website about this in the curriculum section of the site. Please have a look, particularly, at the presentations all subject leaders did for the Governing Body at a governor's curriculum training session on Wednesday of this week. In addition we have updated our policy for teaching and learning and that is on the policies section of the site. There are few changes to how we actually teach the children here at Friars. For example we will still continue with the Creative Learning Journey and we will still continue to teach reading and writing through studying quality texts over time. It is our intention to carry on with the termly parent workshops next year and the focus for the autumn term will be the new curriculum and how we are delivering it.

Policies and risk assessments concerning children's safety:

Also available on our website are updated policies for safeguarding and the use of CCTV. They sit alongside policies for administration of medicine, anti-bullying, behaviour management, E-safety, fire emergency and health and safety. All of these policies and the procedures we have in school to support them are designed to keep the children, staff and parents of Friars safe and well when they are with us. In addition we regularly update risk assessments for different aspects of school life. These include, for example, swimming, first aid and how to deal with extreme weather conditions. Risk assessments are kept centrally in the school and are used routinely by all staff.

Year 6 Production and Graduation ceremony:

Last night Year 6 showcased their very own, unique version of "Grease". Their acting, dancing and singing were all superb and it was wonderful to see so many parents, family members and pupils watching in support of the children. A big thank you and well done must go to Kenny Clay (teaching assistant in Year 6) and of course Miss Midgley (Year 6 teacher) for helping create such a great show. After the performance, we had a "graduation ceremony" for the children where each child received a year book (thank you to Sharon Reitz for producing it!) and a certificate. They are a fantastic bunch of children who will be very much missed. It has been a pleasure watching them grow into confident, talented young people. We are all very proud of them and we look forward to finding out how they do in the exciting next stage of their lives.

Exercise books going home:

From next Monday, teachers will be sending children's exercise books home. We hope you will enjoy sharing your children's learning with them and that you will be proud of what they have achieved. We are not sending all books home however. Some children's books will be kept at school. This is for two reasons: 1. We want to be able to share them amongst staff so that they can see what is going on in other year groups and get ideas for even better teaching. 2. We want to keep them as evidence of all the great learning that has gone on this year should OFSTED pay us a visit in the Autumn term.

End of 2013/14 and beginning of 2014/15 dates:

Please remember that we break up for the summer holidays on Wednesday 23rd July. Y6 will leave at 12noon and the rest of the school will leave at 2pm. **There will be no play centre on Wednesday 23rd July.** Children will return to school on Wednesday 3rd September. The dates for the full 2014/15 academic year are posted on our website.

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Have a great weekend!

Yours sincerely,

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