



# Friars Primary Foundation School



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Dear Parents,

## **Trips this week:**

To tie in with their new CLJ topics, Year 4 went to Buckingham Palace on Monday and visited the ballroom, yellow room, banqueting area and were given special access to parts of the throne room where the public are not normally allowed. They learned about how banquets are prepared and they also learned that the yellow piano in the yellow room was a present from Queen Victoria to Prince Albert. Year 1 went to the Tower of London yesterday. They did a workshop on knights and castles. They found out how to build and defend a castle! Also they learned about how people became knights in history.

## **Meet the teacher sessions:**

During the 2013/14 academic year and the beginning of last year we were holding half termly sessions for parents to meet their child's class teacher. This would then be followed by an opportunity in the same week to attend an open morning where they could see their child's learning in action. Whilst the open mornings were popular, and we will continue with them from this half term (Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October 9:10 -10:10), attendance at the after school sessions was not high. Nevertheless in response to suggestions made at the first parent coffee morning we intend to host a meet the teacher session next Tuesday (22<sup>nd</sup> September). EYFS and KS1 classes will be from 5:00 – 5:30 and KS2 classes will be from 5:30 – 6:00. Teachers will be introducing themselves, their routines, their expectations and the curriculum. They will also be on hand to answer any questions you may have. We look forward to seeing lots of parents here next week.

## **Harvest:**

On Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September we will be having a very informal celebration assembly for Harvest at which some children will do readings, there will be whole school songs, and we will find out more about how our harvest contributions positively affect the lives of local disadvantaged people. If you can, please send in harvest contributions (durable foods in packets and tins are particularly useful) from Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September. The assembly will be at **11:00** and parents are most welcome to attend. It will be followed directly by our regular star of the week assembly from 11:15 to 11:30 and parents are welcome to stay for that.

## **Parent coffee mornings:**

We had our second weekly coffee morning for parents this week at which we discussed our new vision statement among other things. Thank you to those who came. Your feedback was most welcome. The timetable of coffee mornings for the rest of this term is as follows:

Week 4: Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September with Mrs. Reuben (changes to the curriculum)

Week 5: Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> September with Miss Bridges (opportunities for adult learning)

Week 6: Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October with Miss Foster (maths calculation policy)

Week 7: Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October with Mr. Burttt (changes to assessment)

## **After school clubs:**

Club offer letters will be sent home next week with most clubs starting the week after. Ann has done her best to accommodate requests and if your child did not get into the clubs of their choice it would have been down to availability. However the membership of some clubs change each terms. We hope that the children selected enjoy the experience of being in a club. It is also important that they attend as often as possible and that payments are kept up to date.

## **Dates for Autumn term 2015:**

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September – Harvest assembly 11am. Parents welcome

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September – skipping workshops for all classes

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October – Reception, Y1 and Y2 to BFI southbank

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October – secondary transfer workshop for Y6 parents 9am

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October – Y6 to London Eye; secondary transfer workshop for Y6 parents 5pm

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October – Last swimming session for Y5

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

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October – half term break

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*Have a great weekend!*

*Yours sincerely,*

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