



Friars Primary Foundation School



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Dear Parents,

Health week parent letter correction:

A letter about health week went out yesterday offering a parent meeting at 8:30am on July 3rd. This is the correct date of the meeting as opposed to the 24th June as stated on last week's newsletter. Apologies for any confusion this may have caused.

PTFA summer fete:

Please remember that the PTFA world cup and carnival themed summer fair is on Saturday 28th June from 12-3pm. Raffle tickets will be on sale at the front of the school at the beginning and end of the school day all next week. Prizes include Kindle a wi-fi E-Reader, London eye tickets a scooter and many more! Entrance is free for children 12 and under and 50p for adults.

Loom bands:

Many parents will be aware that the latest craze at school involves making, wearing and exchanging loom bands. In general we do not encourage children to bring such things in from home as they are a. not part of school uniform and b. can cause problems with focus in class and between children in the playground. However, for now, we are not going to ban them as they seem not to be causing problems and if anything are encouraging the children to be creative. That said we will monitor the situation and individual teachers will be perfectly entitled to confiscate or ban them if there are problems.

Carnival Preparations:

Our first whole school carnival (in partnership with emergency exit arts - http://www.eea.org.uk/whatson/events/trunk_road/) which is based on the theme of animals will be happening on Wednesday 2nd July and we are all looking forward to what we hope will be a fantastic afternoon. Preparations are well underway. This week and last, Y3 and Y4 had flag making workshops and have designed some amazing flags that they will carry on their procession. Also next week, Alikei, one of our parent governors has very kindly offered to do head dress making workshops with all classes. The timetable for the actual day is as follows:

12-1pm: BBQ lunch for children staff and parents (parent tickets were on sale up until last Friday)

1:00 – 1:30: children and staff will get ready for the carnival procession. Meanwhile parents will be entertained by steel pan music in the playground

1:30 – 2:30: The carnival parade led by a giant mechanical elephant and the Y4 samba band will go down Webber Street, King James Street, Blackfriars settlement and Rushworth Street. All children will be safe and accompanied by parents and staff.

2:30 – 3:00: Chantal, our dance teacher will be leading a whole school Carnival dance in the playground.

3:30 onwards: the "Trunk Road" Carnival run by Emergency Exit Arts (and not the school) will continue on Peabody Square, Blackfriars Road. Children and parents are welcome to attend.

Potential NUT strike:

I have been made aware this morning that there may be a national NUT strike on Thursday 10th July. Almost all of our teachers are members of the NUT so if the strike goes ahead, we will have to close most (but not all) classes. I will keep you informed and give as much notice as I am able to.

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Have a great weekend!

Yours sincerely,

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