



# Friars Primary Foundation School



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Dear Parents,

## **Parent Questionnaire:**

Thankyou to those parents who have returned questionnaires so far. The deadline for returns is Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March so you still have another week to get them back to us. If you get a chance do let us know your views. Questionnaires can be put in the labelled box in the reception area.

## **Sport and dance at Friars:**

On Tuesday of this week, our Year 5 children, alongside 10 other primary and secondary schools, performed a dance in the Clore Ballroom at the Royal Festival Hall. It was the culmination of several workshops with an animateur from Ballet Rambert. Our dance was inspired by Ballet Rambert's dance piece, "The Charm of Mother Nature" by the choreographer Mark Baldwin. The name of our dance was "Fidgeting Atoms" and in it the children explored atoms and the particles they are made up of. They discovered how they move and join together to create bigger objects. Despite a few pre performance nerves they did fantastically well. They were incredibly focussed and performed excellently as a group!

On Wednesday it was Year 4's turn to represent the school at a benchball tournament at Globe Academy. They had been training hard in PE lessons recently so were well prepared. They competed against five other schools and we are pleased to let you know that they came 2<sup>nd</sup> overall!

## **Solar Eclipse:**

You will all know that there was a solar eclipse today. Unfortunately because of an overcast sky we could not see anything but it did feel colder and darker on the playground this morning. In assembly we also showed the children a BBC explanation so that they could understand more. We also reminded the children that they should never look directly at the sun. An eclipse of the sun happens whenever the moon gets between the Earth and the Sun so that the moon blocks your view of the sun. The moon passes between the Earth and the sun once every month, at the new moon, but most of the time the moon is either too high up or too low to block our view of the sun. About twice a year, the moon does get in the way of the sun, causing an eclipse. But even then, you can only see the eclipse from some places on Earth. Birds roost in the trees, thinking it is bedtime. A total solar eclipse only lasts about four minutes; then the moon moves slowly out of the way of the sun. It gets light again, and the birds wake up.

## **Easter Holiday:**

Please remember that we break up for the Easter holiday next Friday at normal time. As is always the case on the last day of term, there will be no playcentre. Please make sure that if your child attends playcentre that arrangements are made for them to be collected at normal times (i.e. 3:15 EYFS, 3:20 KS1, 3:25 KS2). Also please note that the children will be due back to school on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April and there is no INSET day at the beginning of term.

## **Dates for this half term and next:**

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March – last day of book fair; Y5 to Into University day  
Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March – Y1 to London Zoo  
Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March – Scooter training workshops for all classes; PTFA AGM 6-7PM  
Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March – Y4 Roald Dahl day; Last day of term. **No Playcentre after school.**  
Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April Easter holiday  
Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April – Summer term starts.  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May – Bank Holiday  
Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May – Y4 to London Zoo  
Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May to Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May – Year 6 SATs  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May – Y1 to London transport museum

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*Have a great weekend!*

*Yours sincerely,*

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