



Friars Primary Foundation School



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Dear Parents,

Spring term clubs:

If you haven't already applied for a club place, could you please do so no later than 9.30am Friday 28th November, as clubs will be changing in January. Forms can be obtained from the stand in the reception area or downloaded from the forms section of our website.

A message from Joan:

On behalf of myself & family we would like to express our heartfelt gratitude for all your kind words, support and donations for Frankie Rose (my granddaughter). Your generosity and concern has been unbelievable, we cannot thank you enough.

Multi Use Games Area:

Diane Larkins our school business manager has secured funding to get a multi-use games area (MUGA) that will be installed from Wednesday to Friday next week. There will be some disruption to the playground but the installation area will be cordoned off and children will still be able to be dropped off and collected as normal. When it is installed fast sports will be able to be played safely in a specific area of the playground. To ensure fairness, its use will be timetabled with every class being able to use it at least once a week.

Assembly themes at Friars:

Our assemblies are planned a term in advance and concentrate on different aspects of our core values which are Right Conduct, Truth, Peace, Non Violence and Love. We also plan assemblies around different religious festivals and notable dates and occasions throughout the school year. On the back of every newsletter is the theme for the following week and we display it on the noticeboard at the front of the school. The assembly plan for this term can be viewed on our website under noticeboard-useful information-assemblies. This week we have been exploring the theme of curiosity and how it can improve our learning. Samuel Johnson, the architect of the English Dictionary once said, *"Curiosity is, in great and generous minds, the first passion and the last."*

Dates for the rest of this half term (please also check our website for updates):

Thursday 27th November - football match against Pilgrim's Way School @ GMH park 3:45

Monday 1st December – Year 5 to the Ragged Museum

Tuesday 2nd December and Wednesday 3rd December – Multi Use Games area being installed in the playground

Wednesday 3rd December - open morning for prospective YN/YR parents for 2015/16 (10am); Year 3 to the Science Museum

Thursday 4th December – Y1 to London Aquarium

Thursday 11th December – Y1 and Y2 to KS1 multiskills festival at city of London academy; football match against Cobourg school @ GMH park 3:45

Friday 12th December – Children's Christmas lunch; Save the children Christmas jumper day; PTFA Xmas fete 3:30 – 5:30

Wednesday 17th December – EYFS/KS1 Christmas performance (9:30)

Thursday 18th December – KS2 Christmas performance (2:00); football match against St Pauls school 3:45 @ GMH park

Friday 19th December – last day of term. NO PLAYCENTRE.

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Have a great weekend!

Yours sincerely,

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