



Friars Primary Foundation School



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Dear Parents,

Basic Skills Primary Quality Mark:

The basic skills Quality Mark is an award that celebrates and supports continuous improvement in literacy and numeracy. It is awarded to schools to recognise their provision, practice and performance in literacy and numeracy, and is valid for three years. We attained this award for the first time in 2009 and we successfully renewed it in 2012. We are proud to announce that we had our 2015 renewal assessment this week and have been given the award for the third time in a row. We had to demonstrate a whole school approach to improving standards in literacy and numeracy, with evidence of the impact of our approaches. The award also gives us a framework to help continually improve the basic skills of all pupils at Friars, including those who underachieve and those who under attain. This is an important achievement for the school and I must congratulate all the staff and of course our fantastic children who are so hard working and keen to do well!

Sad farewell:

Mrs Aykac who is a teaching assistant has worked at Friars since 2001. For the past 14 years she has supported countless children and teachers and has made a unique contribution to Friars. We said goodbye to her yesterday as she has decided to move on. She received cards from each class and a gift from the staff. I am sure you will all join us in wishing her well for the future.

Netball:

Our netball team began the Southwark netball league in great style yesterday playing Rye Oak school. We won 3-1 and played very well despite some tough competition from the other team. Lauren was player of the match due to her excellent team work and energetic play.

Wick Court:

For the first time this year our annual Year 5/6 school journey to Wick Court will happen in the first week back after half term. In previous years we have gone at the beginning of the school year in September but the opportunity arose to try it in the summer this year. We hope that the weather will be better at this time of year. The children are very much looking forward to it. For the children in Years 5 and 6 who are not going, we have planned an equally exciting and fun week for them.

Dates for this term:

Monday 25th to Friday 29th May – half term break
Monday June 1st to Friday June 5th – Y5/6 annual school journey to Wick Court
Monday 8th June – Y5 Into University day
Wednesday 10th June – Y1 to National Gallery
Thursday 11th June – Story telling workshop for YN and YR
Monday 15th to Friday 19th June – Y1 phonics screening
Wednesday 17th June – Y2 to National Gallery
Monday 22nd to Friday 26th June – Y6 cycle training
Monday 29th June to Friday 3rd July – Y5 cycle training
Wednesday 1st July – Y6 secondary school induction day
Saturday July 4th – PTFA summer fete 12noon
Monday 6th to Friday 10th July – Health week
Monday 6th July – skateboarding workshops for YR to Y6
Tuesday 7th July – Sports day (at GMH Park)
Wednesday 8th July – Sports day reserve date (at GMH Park)
Friday 10th July – End of year reports out to parents
Monday 13th and Tuesday 14th July – Y4 cycle training
Monday 13th July – Y6 production and graduation 7pm
Friday 17th July – last day of the school year. Y6 home at 12noon, rest of the school home at 2pm. No playcentre.

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Have a great half term!

Yours sincerely,

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