



# Friars Primary Foundation School



## Newsletter - Volume 9 No.8 Friday 23rd October

Dear Parents,

**Football:**

Friars' football team played their second match in the GMH primary football league yesterday. They played valiantly against Surrey Square Primary School but lost 3-2. Well done to Evander for scoring our goals.

**Agincourt 600 Concert for Year 4:**

Year 4 took part in a semi-staged and participatory musical to celebrate the 600<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Agincourt today. The concert was staged at St. George's church just before the battle anniversary. 1,000 children, who live on or near the route Henry V took upon his return, from several Southwark schools took part. There was ceremony, pageantry, battle and actors who, being accompanied by a fantastic live band, immersed the children in a spectacular and memorable show. Please look out for photos on our website.

**Half term and INSET day:**

Please remember that it is the half term break next week. Also Monday November 2<sup>nd</sup> is an INSET day and school will be closed for staff training. Children are due back at school on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November.

**Autumn term parent consultations:**

On November 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> parents will have the opportunity to meet class teachers to discuss their children's progress so far this year. Sign up sheets became available in the reception area yesterday. If you are unable to make it into school to sign up for an appointment, please contact the office and they will try and find a slot for you. The arrangements are as follows:

November 10<sup>th</sup> – Y2 and Y4 am, YR and Y3 pm, all classes after school (3:40 – 6:30). Year 1's last appointment will be at 5pm  
November 11<sup>th</sup> – Y1 and Y5 am, YN and Y6 pm. Year 1 will also run appointments from 3:30 – 5:00

**Black History Month and International Week:**

For several years now we have run an international week to coincide with Black History month towards the end of October. Some parents have asked me whether it is happening this year. We will be running an international week this school year but it will happen in the summer term to coincide with our whole school CLJ unit. In assemblies this week the children learnt about the island of Goree off Senegal which was one of the points where slaves left Africa in slave ships. They also learned about the work of the jazz musician, Marcus Miller, who is a UNESCO artist for peace and who promotes their "slave route" project through his music. In addition the children learned the story of Olaudah Equiano a famous author who wrote about his time as a slave and Maggie Aderin Pockock a notable space scientist.

**Parent coffee mornings:**

The dates for the coffee mornings next half term are:

1. Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November 9am with Miss Wratten
2. Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November 9am with Miss Foster
3. Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December 9am with Miss Bridges

For this next round of coffee mornings we do not intend to set an agenda or theme but would very much like your input about what could be covered. So if you have any ideas about what you would like to see discussed at these coffee mornings please complete the slip below and return to the office by Friday November 6<sup>th</sup>.

Topics I would like to see covered in parent coffee mornings in November and December:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent of: \_\_\_\_\_

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*Have a great half term break!*  
*Yours sincerely,*  
*J. Burttt, Headteacher*