



Friars Primary Foundation School



Newsletter - Volume 9 No.21 Friday 26th February 2016

Dear Parents,

World book day:

A letter went out on Wednesday of this week about World Book Day which is next Thursday. Just a quick reminder that we have given out all children one world book day book token; we are running a book fair after school next week in the ICT suite; assemblies next week will focus on the joy of reading; children can come to school dressed as their favourite book character next Thursday (in return for a £1 donation for book aid international); we are running a competition called "reading a book somewhere unusual" where you can bring in or email photos of children reading in an unusual place (deadline is March 7th); and there will be lots of book related activities throughout the school next Thursday.

Year 6 to War Horse:

Year 6 had a fantastic (but somewhat last minute!) opportunity to go and see "War Horse" being performed at the New London Theatre. Not only was it a wonderful show but Michael Morpurgo, who wrote the book, did a talk at the end about what inspired him to write it. Quite by chance, also, before the show our children arrived at the same time as the man himself and ended up having a brief informal chat with him!

2016 17 term dates:

We have now published our dates for the 2016/17 school year. They are attached to this newsletter and are also published on the term dates section of the website which is contained within the noticeboard section.

New scooter/bike racks:

You may have noticed that we have had some additional bike/scooter storage racks installed opposite the school house on the way into the playground. Please feel free to use them to store bikes or scooters but please remember to lock them up and that we cannot take responsibility for them if they are lost or taken.

Gentle reminders:

It has long been an expectation that children are not allowed sweets or fizzy drinks at any point in school. Please can we all also ensure that children are not eating or drinking on the playground at the beginning of the school day. We would hope that all children could eat their breakfast before coming to school. Also we must remind children or adults not to ride scooters, bikes or segways on the site in order to keep everyone safe.

Spring term parent consultations:

On March 8th and 9th parents will have the opportunity to meet class teachers to discuss their children's progress so far this year. Sign-up sheets were made available in the reception area today. 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:

March 8th – Y2 and Y4 am, YR and Y3 pm, all classes after school (3:40 – 6:30).

March 9th – Y1 and Y5 am, YN and Y6 pm.

Dates for the Spring and Summer term 2016:

Monday 29th February – last swimming session for Y3

Monday 29th February – Thursday 3rd February – book fair after school in the ICT suite

Tuesday 1st March – Y1 to Kew Gardens; **Parent coffee morning 9am**

Wednesday 2nd March – Y3 to Bramley's big adventure

Thursday 3rd March – World Book Day

Friday 4th March – height and weight measurements for YR and Y6 with the school nurse

Monday 7th March – Y2 start swimming

Tuesday 8th March – Spring term parent consultations

Wednesday 9th March - Spring term parent consultations

Thursday 10th March – Y4 benchball tournament at COLA

Tuesday 15th March – whole school RE focus day

Friday 18th March - **Parent coffee morning 9am**

Thursday 24th March – last day of Spring term. No Playcentre

Friday 25th March – Friday 8th April– Easter Holiday

Monday 11th April – INSET day

Tuesday 12th April – Summer term begins for children

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Have a great weekend!

Yours sincerely,

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