

Dear Parents,

A message from Joan:

Frankie Rose has arrived in the USA and will start her Proton Beam treatment Next Thursday a big THANK YOU again for all your support, kind words and generosity. The response has been overwhelming and would not have been possible without people like yourselves.

Multi Use Games Area:

Last week we announced that the multi-use games area would be installed in our playground from Wednesday to today. For a variety of reasons that has not happened. However the installation did begin today and will continue throughout most of next week. We will keep you updated. The children will also be given the task of giving it a name. So far the Dragon's Den seems a popular choice!

PTFA Xmas fete tombola request:

Our annual Xmas fete will be from 3:30 – 5:30 on Friday 12th December. As always it would be fantastic if we could have donations for the tombola. The PTFA have asked for the following to be donated by Friday 5th December if possible: Nursery and Reception - Tins/biscuits; Year 1 and Year 2 – Toiletries; Year 3 and Year 4 - Unwanted gifts; Year 5 and Year 6 - Bottles

Assembly themes at Friars:

Last week we talked about how we structure assemblies at Friars. This week's assembly theme focussed on truth. We first of all linked truth to the idea of being honest and how important that is. The following day, though, we explored the idea of how we know whether something is true or not. This took our children into a tricky area of philosophy known as Epistemology (which is where philosophers try and work out the nature of knowledge and truth). We gave them a series of choices about how we know whether something is true and asked them to decide which they preferred. The choices were:

1. A teacher tells us it is true
2. We experiment, investigate and try and come up with rules to find the truth
3. Lots of people have the same opinion about it so it must be true
4. We can see it with our own eyes/experience it first-hand so it must be true
5. We believe it to be true

There is no right answer and maybe to get to the truth we have to use a combination of all those different ideas. Philosophers have been trying to work it out for centuries! The two most popular choices with the children though were numbers 2 and 4. It shows they like to experience things before they decide things are true. What do you think?

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

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); Y3 to the Science Museum

Thursday 4th December – Y1 to London Aquarium

Monday 8th December – Y6 to Webber Street Homeless shelter

Wednesday 10th December – EYFS/KS1 watching a performance of "The story of Chinye"

Thursday 11th December – Y1 and Y2 to KS1 multiskills festival at city of London academy; KS2 watching a performance of "A Christmas carol"; 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.