



# Friars Primary Foundation School



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Dear Parents,

## **PTFA summer fete:**

Thankyou to all those that braved the unpredictable weather last Saturday and came to our summer fete. Despite the rain it was a successful well attended event and the PTFA managed to raise £645.38 for the school. Thanks to the committee for organising it.

## **Carnival:**

What a wonderful afternoon we had on Wednesday of this week when we had our whole school carnival. Based on Saint Saen's Carnival of the Animals, it was the culmination of a whole school CLJ unit on Carnivals. The afternoon started off with a BBQ lunch for children and parents and they were serenaded with a lovely steel pan performance. Afterwards they got into their carnival colours and headdresses and led by the Y4 samba band did a procession around the local area. This coincided with Emergency Exit Arts "Trunk Road" event ([http://www.eea.org.uk/whatson/events/trunk\\_road/](http://www.eea.org.uk/whatson/events/trunk_road/)) and we were lucky to be joined by a giant mechanical elephant. When we got back to school Chantal, our dance teacher led each class in a carnival themed dance performance. Many of you may have carried on celebrating with the elephant later in the day at Peabody Square. It was a fantastic event and there are lots of people to thank: Chartwells for the BBQ; Rachel Hayward for the steel pan performance; Alikei Braine for helping all the children produce headdresses; Nuno and Pablo for leading the samba band; Deb Mullins and Emergency Exit Arts for organising the procession route and supplying the elephant; Chantal Joseph for leading the dances and all the parents who supported the event. Last but not least we must thank Mrs Reuben our deputy head who spent a long time coordinating and planning the whole event.

## **NUT and UNISON strike July 10th:**

The NUT and UNISON will be taking strike action on Thursday July 10<sup>th</sup>. Not only will the majority of our teachers be striking but so will several of our teaching assistants. We will be able to open Year 3 and the Nursery but **no other classes will be open**. Any breakfast club, after school club or extra-curricular club payments for that day will be refunded. We apologise for the inconvenience this may cause some parents.

## **Y1 and Y2 multiskills festival:**

This morning our KS1 children took part in a multiskills (PE) festival at Southwark Park. They had a great time doing several sporty activities and it was a good introduction for them to our health week next week.

## **Health week and Sports day**

Please remember next week is our health week. A letter about it went out to parents on June 19<sup>th</sup> and is on the letters section of the website. As a reminder though children are allowed to bring bikes or scooters to school on the following days: Monday YR and Y4, Tuesday Y1 and Y2, Thursday YN and Y3, Friday Y5 and Y6. Children under Year 5 must be accompanied by an adult if they are cycling/scooting to school. Also on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> we will be having our annual sports day on the playground. KS2 will be from 9:30 – 10:30 and EYFS/KS1 will be from 2:00 – 3:00. Parents are welcome to attend

## **Choir performance at Blackfriars Settlement:**

As well as our carnival contributing to making the community a happier place, our choir went and performed to some elderly visitors at the Blackfriars Settlement on Rushworth Street yesterday afternoon. They sung a mixture of old and new songs and to quote the coordinator there they "brought some sunshine into their lives"!

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*Have a great weekend!*

*Yours sincerely,*

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