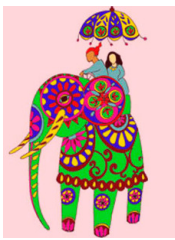




Friars Primary Foundation School



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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/) 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 10th. 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 19th 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 9th 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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