

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year and welcome back to a brand new term at Friars! As ever we have planned an action packed term for the children and aim for them to have as engaging and enriching a time as possible whilst at school. We will continue to offer opportunities for parents to be involved and informed about the life of the school and this half term we have two coffee mornings and an open morning where you can come and see your children in action (see dates below). Also the spring term parent consultations will be on Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th March.

Pupil friendly targets:

At the beginning of the year when we had met the teacher sessions, and in one of our coffee mornings in the Autumn term, we explained about our new assessment system now that national curriculum levels no longer exist. Our approach is summarised on the assessment and testing page on our website. (<http://www.friarsprimaryschool.com/assessment-testing/>). We are now in the process of putting together pupil friendly targets which will be published on leaflets that will be stuck in the front of writing and maths books and book marks that will sit with guided reading resources. It is very important that children are aware of what the next steps in their learning are, in language that they can understand. We hope that our new system will be meaningful to them. They should be ready by the end of this half term and will be available to view when you come to parent consultations in March.

CLJ units for the first half of the Spring term:

EYFS – People Who Help Us	
Y1 - Toys	Y2 – Fire! Fire! (The Fire of London)
Y3 - Greeks	Y4 – Victorious Vikings
Y5 - Macbeth	Y6 – World War 2

Dates for the Spring term 2016:

Monday 11th January – Y3 start swimming
 Tuesday 12th January – Y1 to the museum of childhood
 Wednesday 13th January – Y6 on WW2 trip to HMS Wellington
 Thursday 21st January – Y1 to the Science museum; football match @ GMH Park vs St Joseph’s Camberwell 3:45
 Thursday 28th January - football match @ GMH Park vs Bessemer Grange 3:45
 Monday 1st February to Friday 5th February – Y6 Into University Week
 Wednesday 3rd February – Pele and Zebe’s roadtastic adventure for Y1 and Y2; Y4 to Hackney archaeological archive; Y1 Teddy bear hospital
 Tuesday 9th February – Parent open morning 9:10 – 10:10
 Thursday 11th February – Y5 to Southwark Playhouse to watch Macbeth
 Monday 15th to Friday 19th February – half term break
 Monday 22nd February – E-safety workshop for Y6 with Childnet; YR eye screening
 Thursday 25th February – Y1 to Museum of London; Y6 to see War Horse @ New London Theatre
 Monday 29th February – last swimming session for Y3
 Tuesday 1st March – Y1 to Kew Gardens
 Monday 7th March – Y2 start swimming
 Tuesday 8th March – Spring term parent consultations
 Wednesday 9th March - Spring term parent consultations
 Thursday 24th March – last day of Spring term. No Playcentre

Have a great weekend!

Yours sincerely,

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