



Friars Primary Foundation School



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Dear Parents,

PTFA Spring discos:

The PTFA hosted their 2 spring discos yesterday in the school hall. It was a well attended, good natured and well organised event at which the children had a proper DJ and a surprise visit from the "Spring Bunny". We must say a big thankyou to the PTFA committee for organising them.

Year 6 SATs:

Next week Year 6 will be taking tests in Reading, spelling punctuation and grammar and maths. The results of these tests will enable the children to show they will be ready to move onto secondary school. All the children have worked incredibly hard all year (as have many teachers and teaching assistants, not least Miss Midgley the Y6 class teacher) and deserve to do well. I hope you will join us all in wishing the children the best of luck for next week. Their results will be given to them as part of their end of year reports.

Staffing:

Parents may have noticed a couple of new faces around the school this week. Firstly we should welcome Miss Jury who will be working here 3 days a week until the end of the school year. She has taken over from Mr Hackney who left us at the beginning of this term to take up a full time post. She will be covering KS2 classes when the teachers have their planning, preparation and assessment time out of class. In addition Miss Scott has been away for 3 days this week so we replaced her with Miss Jones. Miss Scott returned this morning and the children were very happy to see her!

Year 4 and violins music project:

The Southbank Sinfonia began their work with our violinists and Year 4 this week. Four schools in total are taking part. It is an exploration of the building blocks of classical music. The project consists of four workshops in each school lead by the young professional musicians of Southbank Sinfonia Orchestra. In each of these workshops, the children are learning about classical music. As they discover some of the best classical repertoire they are using it as inspiration to create their own music for their very own movement of a symphony. They will perform their complex composition publically, 3 times, in school on Thursday 5th June at 11:45 on the Royal Festival Hall Stage at the Southbank Centre at 5pm on Friday 6th June and at St John's Church Waterloo on the 27th June at 3:30pm. Parents will be most welcome to attend.

Parent workshops and open mornings:

Thankyou to those parents who attended the workshops and open mornings this week. We hope you found them useful. We have now done a total of 3 workshops and 5 open mornings this year. The final open morning of the year will be at 9:10 on Thursday 3rd July.

Polling day May 22nd:

Please remember that we will have to close the school to children on May 22nd as Southwark council have compelled us to be a polling station. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause and will of course refund any breakfast, after school or extra-curricular fees for that day.

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Have a great weekend!

Yours sincerely,

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