



Friars Primary Foundation School



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Dear Parents,

Individual photos:

Success Photography will be in school on Wednesday 8th October at 9.15am to take your child's individual photo. Children must be in full school uniform please. A letter is attached to today's newsletter regarding siblings.

Year 5 and 6 cross country tournament news:

On Tuesday of this week all children in Years 5 and 6 took part in an inter school cross country tournament at Southwark Park (organised by the London school sports and PE partnership). We were so proud of the team spirit that all the children showed and the way in which they encouraged each other to do well. We are especially proud of Khay who came 3rd overall in the Year 6 girls' race and Kaden who won the Year 5 boys race outright (there were well over 50 runners in both races)

Wick Court meeting:

Many of you will know that our Year 5 and 6 children go on an annual residential visit to Wick Court which is a working farm in Gloucestershire run by "Farms for city kids". Traditionally the children have gone in the first few weeks of September. However this year they will go straight after the summer half term in June 2015. Miss Wratten and Miss Bridges are having a meeting for parents in the ICT suite on Tuesday 7th October at 5:30

Anti-bullying at Friars:

We have always taken any incidents of bullying at Friars extremely seriously and almost all children and parents feel we deal with them quickly and sensitively. I must stress that although bullying can happen in any community and with any age group, **it is very rare at Friars**. In the summer term we did a survey of children's attitudes towards behaviour and safety and some children told us that bullying was an issue for them. We responded by helping them understand what bullying actually is and we constantly reinforce our values of right conduct, peace, love, non-violence and truth in our assemblies. In addition Y4 and Y5 are currently involved in a DFE endorsed anti-bullying project (aimed nationally at these two year groups, not because there is a problem with our current Y4 and 5) run by Kidscape - an anti-bullying charity. It aims to help children feel more confident, feel more able to help others, feel safe, know more about bullying, learn bully defence skills (non-violent of course!) and deal with difficult situations better. As part of the project all staff will have further training on how to promote an anti-bullying culture.

Medical Information

Next week your child will bring home a letter asking for medical information. It is very important that we hold the correct, up to date information about your child and any allergies or other medical conditions that they have. We ask that you complete, sign and return the form as soon as possible so that we can update our records. Please sign and return the form even if your child has no allergies or medical conditions. If you have any questions or queries about this please see Miss Bridges.

International week:

Our annual international week is coming up in the week beginning October 13th. As always there will be a range of activities throughout the week that promote cultural awareness and understanding and we are grateful to the PTFA who have agreed to fund the outside providers we have sourced for the week (Nzinga dance and music). On Friday 17th October the PTFA would like to invite parents to an international sharing lunch (bring a dish from around the world!) from 1-2pm in the ICT suite. This will be followed by a whole school international dance assembly featuring dances from around the world including Brazilian samba, Argentinian tangos, Bangladeshi dancing and Russian ballet!

Dates for the rest of this half term:

Monday 6th October – open morning for prospective YN/YR parents for 2015/16 10am
Tuesday 7th October – Wick Court parents meeting (Y5 and Y6) 5:30pm
Wednesday 8th October – children's individual photos taken; Y6 secondary transfer application parent workshop 9-10
Tuesday 14th October – Y3 football tournament @ Bacons College
Wednesday 15th October – Y4 to Mile End climbing wall
Thursday 16th October – Y2 to the Science museum
Friday 17th October – International sharing lunch for parents 1-2pm; international dance assembly 2-3pm
Y6 secondary transfer application parent workshop 5-6pm
Wednesday 22nd October – parent curriculum workshops 4pm – 5pm
Thursday 23rd October – Open morning for parents 9:10-10:10am
Friday 24th October – INSET day. School closed to children

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Have a great weekend!

Yours sincerely,

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