



Friars Primary Foundation School



Newsletter - Volume 9 No.1 Thursday 3rd September

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to a brand new school year! We hope you all had a restful summer. It was lovely to see all the children back and to hear about their holidays. As always, though, this will be an action packed term with lots to look forward to.

Staffing news:

This week we welcome our two new teachers, Ms. Allen in Year 3 and Ms. McKenzie in Y4. In addition Roxanne Knight and Talisa O'Connor have joined us through an agency as teaching assistants. I am sure you will make them feel welcome. Mrs. Bolton, our Nursery teacher was due to go on maternity leave later in September but has now been advised to take it earlier which means she will not be returning to Friars before her baby is born. We will keep you posted about her progress. Also Toby Hall the school premises manager has now left Friars and we are in the process of recruiting a replacement for him.

Building works:

Throughout the summer there were substantial amounts of building work going on in the school which had been commissioned by Southwark. There have been many developments including roofing work, plumbing, new doors and radiators throughout the school all of which results in many much needed improvements. Work will be continuing throughout this half term including weekends. However we have been in regular contact with the project managers and contractors who are very used to working in schools. They assure us that children's and family's safety will be of utmost importance whilst they are still on site and there should be very little disruption to the running of the school.

OFSTED:

Included with this newsletter is a separate letter and a copy of our final OFSTED report. The delay was due to the report being in a sample that needed further quality assurance by OFSTED.

Parent coffee mornings:

From next week we will be starting weekly coffee mornings for parents between 9 and 9:30 in the ICT suite. They will be hosted by different senior leaders and will be on different days to accommodate our timetables and allow for parents' differing commitments. Each week will have a loose theme to be discussed but there will also be an opportunity for parents to reflect on their children's experience at school and to put forward points of view and make suggestions. The timetable of coffee mornings this term is as follows:

Week 2: Friday 11th September with Mr. Burt (OFSTED)

Week 3: Wednesday 16th September with Miss Wratten (vision statement for the school)

Week 4: Thursday 24th September with Mrs. Reuben (changes to the curriculum)

Week 5: Wednesday 30th September with Miss Bridges (opportunities for adult learning)

Week 6: Thursday 8th October with Miss Foster (maths calculation policy)

Week 7: Friday 16th October with Mr. Burt (changes to assessment)

After school clubs:

Please look out for a letter from Anne outlining which clubs are available in the next week. It is likely that most clubs will be up and running by the end of September

Dates for Autumn term 2015:

Thursday 3rd September – children return to school

Monday 7th September – Y5 to start swimming lessons

Monday 14th September – Y4 to Buckingham Palace

Thursday 17th September – Y1 to the Tower of London

Friday 25th September – Harvest assembly 11am. Parents welcome

Wednesday 14th October – secondary transfer workshop for Y6 parents 9am

Friday 16th October – secondary transfer workshop for Y6 parents 5pm

Monday 19th October – Last swimming session for Y5

Tuesday 20th October – parent open morning 9:10 -10:10; E-safety presentation for parents 5:30 (run by Childnet)

Monday 26th to Friday 30th October – half term break

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Have a great weekend!

Yours sincerely,

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