

Dear Parents,

# **PayPoint:**

Thank you to the parents who are using the online School Money Service as an option to pay for nursery fees, play centre and breakfast club. There is still a number of parents who wish to make payments by cash/cheque. As you can appreciate, the time involved in reconciling the transactions and paying the monies into the bank is costly. We are able to offer to those parents who want to pay in cash/cheque the option of paying at their nearest PayPoint outlet. To do this, parents will be issued with a unique bar code and take this to a PayPoint outlet together with their payments. If you would like details of how to pay online, please enquire with Joan from next Tuesday, who will be happy to assist – if you would like a PayPoint bar code, Joan will be able to provide you with one for your child. Each child will require a separate bar code.

### **Football News:**

Friars have joined the Southwark mixed team football league and they played their first match of the season yesterday at GMH Park against Cathedral school. Despite the changeable weather we played with great team spirit in a closely fought match that Cathedral eventually won 5-4. Special mention should go to Khay in Year 6 who scored a hatrick for us! The next match will be against Bessemer Grange School on November 6th at 3:45pm at GMH Park

# Transport for London North-West Cycle Superhighway event:

This will be happening on Tuesday 14th October 4.30-6.30pm Basketball Court Peabody Blackfriars Road SE1 8JQ There will be a bike mechanic for children and their parents to have their bikes fixed and the police will be there to mark them as well.

### International week:

Please remember our annual international week is happening next week. 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:

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

### **PTFA lottery:**

At the recent PTFA committee meeting, it was suggested that they start to run a school lottery. This is a way of raising funds for the school whereby parents voluntarily make a weekly payment and just like the National lottery there is a weekly winner (with the prize determined by the number of supporters). More information can be found at <u>www.yourschoollottery.co.uk</u>. If enough parents support the idea the PTFA will organise it. If parents do not support the idea then it will not be run. Please complete the slip below and return to the school office to let us know your views.

### I would like the Friars PTFA to run a school lottery and I would support and contribute to it.

YES/NO

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