



Friars Primary Foundation School



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Dear Parents,

Mrs Reuben's news:

I am happy to announce that Mrs Reuben, our deputy headteacher had her baby twins at the end of August. Ada and Mali Reuben are back at home, healthy and doing well. Mrs Reuben is overjoyed and is busy negotiating the issues around having three children under the age of 3! She will no doubt pay us a visit at some point in the coming months.

Upcoming events for next week:

Year 5 begin their swimming lessons at Guy's hospital pool next Monday. We hope they will all remember their kits! Also on Friday the London Fire Brigade will be doing fire safety workshops with Y2 and Y5 and will be delivering very important messages to the children about how to be safe around fire.

Reading at Friars:

Reading standards have always been high at Friars and we feel we have a strong reading culture at the school. We have invested a great deal of money over the years on books for learning phonics (in EYFS and KS1) guided reading sessions (where the teacher/TA teaches specific reading skills), class fiction libraries (where children are encouraged to choose their own books) and the school non-fiction library in the portacabin. We are happy for books to go home but do expect that they are looked after well. I have checked with the teachers this morning about their own particular systems for reading. Although each class varies slightly you can expect the following:

- Children are heard reading individually or in guided reading sessions at least once a week by an adult (teacher or TA)
- Staff will keep their own records of children's reading achievements from guided reading sessions and make sure there is at least one comment a week in the reading record books
- Children will change their books regularly and depending on their age and reading ability will have help to do so.

Can we ask that parents:

- Hear your children read as often as possible. Daily for a minimum of 10 minutes is ideal.
- Talk to your children about their reading – what they enjoy, what they find difficult and their experience of reading at school.
- Make a comment in your child's reading record book at least once a week.

Dates for the rest of this half term:

Monday 15th September – Y5 swimming lessons start

Friday 19th September – fire safety sessions for Y5 and Y2

Thursday 25th September – Y1 to Natural History Museum

Friday 26th September – Harvest assembly @ 9:30

Monday 6th October – open morning for prospective YN/YR parents for 2015/16 10am

Tuesday 7th October – Wick Court parents meeting (Y5 and Y6)

Monday 13th October – Friday 17th October – International week

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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