



Dear Parents,

### **E-safety:**

We had a really successful e-safety day this week. Miss Wratten and Miss Herdman both did assemblies on the subject, and all classes did at least one activity on staying safe online. It was really heartening to see what sensible children we have at Friars and how they can see how important common sense and safety is. If parents want to find out more and learn how to keep children safe online, Mrs Reuben will be running a parent awareness-raising session in the ICT suite on **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March at 9am**. At this workshop she will talk about a range of subjects including responsible use of social networking and the negative effects of allowing primary aged children to play violent and explicit video games.

Some useful websites for further information include:

[www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents); <http://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/>; <http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/2014>

### **Mrs Doyle's news:**

As most of you will know, our Nursery and KS1 intervention teacher, Mrs Doyle left us at Christmas to go on maternity leave, expecting her second child. We are delighted to let you know that Ella Sofia Doyle was born on 7th February weighing at a very healthy 9lb 15oz! Mum baby and family are all well.

### **PTFA AGM:**

The PTFA will be holding their annual general meeting on Thursday 13th March 6-7pm - refreshments available.

All posts for officers and committee members are open for all parents who would like to be involved with the PTFA.

Nomination forms and letters will be sent out after the half term break.

### **Light club and choir vacancies:**

'The Light Club' will be starting again after half term for KS2 children. It is a Christian based club run by Ania Cannon of the London City Mission. During each session children will play games, listen to a Bible Story and then do a craft activity. The club will take place every Tuesday, 3:30p.m. – 4:15p.m. Also there are still plenty of vacancies in the school choir (Y1-6) which runs on Thursdays from 3:30pm – 4:15pm. If your child(ren) are interested in joining, please let Anne in the office know.

### **Netball:**

Yesterday, 9 children in Y5 and Y6 took part at an inter school netball tournament at GMH park. We just missed out on qualifying for the finals and came 2<sup>nd</sup> out of 5 schools in our group. The children were all very sportsmanlike and showed good attitudes. We must thank Lyn Meade and Kristine Allen (parents) who run the after school netball club and Kenny (TA) for taking the children.

### **Dance assembly:**

What a lovely way to end what has been another very busy half term at Friars! Chantal our expert dance teacher, helped all children showcase their considerable talents in a special assembly that was very well attended by parents this morning. We have seen crumping, lindy hopping, free styling and we got to listen to "Bros"! Look out for video and photos on the website.

### **Half term:**

Please remember that next week is the half term break. We hope you have a safe and restful break and look forward to seeing everybody back at school on Monday February 24<sup>th</sup>.