



Friars Primary Foundation School



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Dear Parents,

Parent workshops and parent open morning:

To further strengthen the partnerships between home and school, next week, we are running our second set of workshops where class teachers will explain to you the strategies they use to help children learn as well as possible in reading, writing and maths. The workshops will run over two consecutive evenings and the idea is that parents are invited to the workshop run by the teacher of the class their child is in. Unfortunately if you have more than one child in the same key stage and therefore have more than one workshop to attend on the same evening you may have to split your time. The workshops will be followed up by us having our third open morning for any parents to come and observe the strategies discussed. We have had to change the date of the open morning as originally published on the website. The dates are as follows:

- EYFS/KS1 parent workshops – 4-5pm Tuesday 28th January
- KS2 parent workshops – 4-5pm Wednesday 29th January
- Parent open morning – 9:10-10:10am Friday 31st January

Y5/6 athletics at Globe Academy:

On Wednesday of this week a team of 6 boys and 6 girls from Years 5 and 6 represented Friars at an interschool athletics tournament at the Globe Academy. 7 schools competed in total and although we had one of the smallest teams we are very proud to announce that we came 3rd overall. We were very proud of the children's team spirit and effort and commitment too. Special mention should go to Tegi in Y6 as she was given the "exceptional girl of the tournament" award by the organisers. Next week we will be taking a team from Years 3 and 4 and hope that they do just as well!

E-safety:

Safer internet Day is taking place on Tuesday 11th February this year. The theme for Safer Internet Day 2014 is '**Let's create a better internet together**'. This theme covers the responsibility that all users have in making the internet a better place. At school the children will be learning about how to keep safe online through assemblies and lessons.

At home, you can help to create a better internet by maintaining an open and honest dialogue with your children about their online lives, supporting them with their online activity (as appropriate to their age), particularly any concerns and issues, and seeking out positive opportunities to share with your children online. You can help to respond to the negative by modelling positive online behaviours yourselves, and by also reporting any inappropriate or illegal content you find.

For more information, please go to the following website:

<http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/2014>

We will also be running e-safety parent workshops in the not too distant future. Look out for further information in the weekly newsletters and on our website.

Children's health issues:

Throughout this week a very small minority of children have contracted scarlet fever (2 children in YR) and chicken pox (3 children in Y1). The recommended period for children to be kept away from school, from the Health Protection Agency is five days from the onset of the rash (for chicken pox) and 24 hours after commencing appropriate antibiotic treatment (for scarlet fever). More information can be found about the symptoms, treatment and prevention of rashes and skin infections at <http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/Scarlet-fever/Pages/Introduction.aspx> and

<http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/Chickenpox/Pages/Introduction.aspx>. Attached to this newsletter is an information sheet from NHS choices about how to prevent germs from spreading. Please be assured that we encourage all children to follow basic daily good hygienic practice such as regular hand washing and using and disposing of tissues. Also the school is thoroughly cleaned every morning by our cleaning contractors, Rainbow.

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Have a great weekend!

Yours sincerely,

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