

Dear Parents,

Joan's absence:

Joan will be off for the next two weeks as she had a cataract removed today. The operation went well and she will definitely be back after Christmas. In the meantime we hope you will be able to bear with us in the office particularly at busy times of the day.

Multi Use Games Area:

Any parents who have dropped children off or collected them this week will have seen the multi-use games area in the playground take shape. It is unlikely to be completely ready for use until we return back after the Christmas break. The children are looking forward to using it and we will make sure that it is a. always supervised by an adult and b. that there is a timetable for use to ensure all children get to use it at least once a week.

Autumn term extracurricular clubs:

Please note that most clubs have now finished for the term. Football, choir, netball and book club will carry on next week and Ann will be letting you all know about the spring term clubs at the beginning of the spring term.

Christmas activities:

Christmas will soon be upon us and our children have been busy preparing for what I am sure will be lovely Christmas productions. The Early Years and KS1 are doing "A Christmas Recipe" a fun musical about all of the things that make Christmas magical. Key Stage 2 will be performing a selection of Christmassy songs that will be linked together. Next Wednesday and Thursday the children will watch two different theatre productions at school (EYFS/KS1 – "The Story of Chinye" and KS2 – "A Christmas Carol"). Next Friday is a bumper day full of fun. Children will be able to come dressed in fancy Christmas jumpers in return for a financial contribution to support the Save the Children Christmas jumper day (see <u>http://jumpers.savethechildren.org.uk/</u> for further details). Children will also be having their annual Christmas lunch. If you're child normally has a packed lunch but would like to have a school lunch on that day, please let Ann in the office know by Monday of next week. Finally the PTFA will be hosting their annual Christmas fete from 3:30 – 5:30.

Dates for the rest of this half term (please also check our website for updates):

Monday 8th December – Y6 to Webber Street Homeless shelter

Wednesday 10th December – EYFS/KS1 watching a performance of "The story of Chinye"

Thursday 11th December – Y1 and Y2 to KS1 multiskills festival at city of London academy; KS2 watching a

performance of "A Christmas carol"; football match against Cobourg school @ GMH park 3:45

Friday 12th December – Children's Christmas lunch; Save the children Christmas jumper day; PTFA Xmas fete 3:30 – 5:30

Wednesday 17th December – EYFS/KS1 Christmas performance (9:30)

Thursday 18th December – KS2 Christmas performance (2:00); football match against St Pauls school 3:45 @ GMH park

Friday 19th December – last day of term. NO PLAYCENTRE.

Tel: 020 7207 1807 fax: 020 7401 6588 email: <u>office@friars.southwark.sch.uk</u> Web: <u>www.friarsprimaryschool.com</u> Have a great weekend! Yours sincerely, J. Burft, Headteacher