



# Friars Primary Foundation School



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Dear Parents,

## **Football:**

Our football team played their second match of the season at GMH park yesterday afternoon against Bessemer Grange School. Although we played valiantly and Chris in Y6 and Samuel in Y4 both scored goals we lost 8-2. Matches are being played on Thursdays throughout this term (not every week). We are part of a group of several schools. If we win or come second in the group we would progress to the finals in January and February. Our next match is on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November against Keyworth Primary School.

## **Riot Act:**

For several years we have been impressing the importance of road safety for our younger children by having workshops and theatre groups in. Yesterday it was the turn of our Key Stage 2 children to continue to learn about it when Riot Act, a theatre group came in and did a show for all KS2 children and a workshop specifically for Year 6. Some very important messages about being alert, and aware of other road users particularly when children are without adults were given. A quick reminder from us about the same issue is: PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE use the zebra crossing outside the school when crossing Webber Street. It is only a few metres from the front gate and Charlie our lollipop man will always help you over the road. Also we must give another gentle reminder about cars stopping in front of our car park gates. It causes an obstruction, isn't safe and as there are double yellow lines there, you could end up with a parking ticket.

## **Year 6 views on homework:**

One of the fundamental things all schools must do is teach children how to write effectively. When we teach the skills of persuasive writing, it is inevitable that children's opinions about different issues will be developed too. Year 6 have recently been writing persuasively about homework. Samuel wrote:

*Some people believe that homework should be banned and I agree. Would you like to sit on a desk staring at a screen for 30 minutes or play? Homework is a mosquito and for the last 50 years all of the generation have been bitten, because it's hard and it makes children cry.*

Ali also wrote:

*"I hate my homework", are the words of nearly every child up and down the nation. It's obvious that everyone hates it so why have homework? This cannot go on!*

What do you think? We often have different views given to us about homework on the annual parent surveys we send out. If you like, let us know your opinion using the message box on the contact us page of our website.

## **New website:**

We have now launched our new website. It features almost all of the content from the previous site but has been given a bit of a facelift. We hope you like it and would welcome any comments or suggestions about it.

## **Children in Need:**

Next Friday is Children in Need. Children will be able to come to school dressed as a superhero in return for a contribution to children in need.

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

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November – Autumn term parent consultations (during the day and evening)

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November - Autumn term parent consultations (during the day only)

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November – Children in Need

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December – Year 5 to the Ragged Museum

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December - open morning for prospective YN/YR parents for 2015/16 (10am)

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December – Y1 to London Aquarium

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December – PTFA Xmas fete 3:30 – 5:30

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

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December – KS2 Christmas performance (2:00)

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*Have a great weekend!*

*Yours sincerely,*

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