



# Friars Primary Foundation School



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Dear Parents,

Happy New Year and welcome back to Friars! We hope your all had a restful and enjoyable break. As always we are delighted to see the children back at school and have planned an action packed term. Please see below for the dates that these things will be happening. We are particularly looking forward to Year 6 doing a week long project with the charity "Into University". They will be introduced to the ideas behind and benefits of University education by doing a series of workshops and activities that will relate to their CLJ topic of World War 2. The week will culminate in a trip to Christ's College Cambridge where they will meet Cambridge undergraduates and staff and have their own Graduation ceremony. We hope to cement this relationship with the charity and the project to become an annual event for all subsequent Year 6 classes.

### **Curriculum newsletters:**

Sp1 2015 newsletters about year group curriculum coverage are going out with children today. Please have a look in the book bags and on the class pages of the website to see what your children will be learning this half term. Overall, though, these are the CLJ unit titles for this half term:

**EYFS** – Getting Around; **Y1** – Knights and Castles; **Y2** – Fire of London; **Y3** – Greeks; **Y4** – Vikings; **Y5** – Macbeth; **Y6** – World War 2

### **Website additions: school offer and learning videos**

In the light of recent changes to the law about provision for children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND), all schools now have to publish what is known as the "school offer". This includes a range of information about how we support children and families with SEND, what our policies are about different aspects of our provision, how we work with outside agencies, how funding works and how we report to and communicate with families. Please have a look at the Friars school offer which is in the About Us section of the website. Also our library of learning videos which is in the Curriculum section of the site is growing. We hope that parents would look at them to see the types and range of learning that is going on throughout the school.

### **Dates for the Spring term 2015 (please also check our website for updates):**

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January – YR to London Transport Museum  
Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January – Y3 to start weekly swimming sessions  
Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January – Mrs Doyle returns from maternity leave for two days a week  
Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January – Y6 genetics workshop  
Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January – volunteer reading partners to start with Y1 children  
Monday 19<sup>th</sup> – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> January – Year 6 taking part in a week long project with "Into University"  
Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January – Y3/4 sportshall athletics tournament  
Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January – KS2 football match vs St Joseph's 3:45 @ GMH Park  
Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January – Y6 to Imperial War Museum  
Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February – Y5 to start a weekly dance project with Ballet Rambert (for five weeks)  
Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February – Parent curriculum workshops 4-5pm  
Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February – Parent open morning 9:10 – 10:10  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February – last day of first half of spring  
Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February – Height and weight measurements for YN and Y6;  
Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March - last week of Y3 swimming lessons  
Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March – Y2 to start weekly swimming sessions  
Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March – Spring term parent consultations (during the school day and up to 6:30pm)  
Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March - Spring term parent consultations (during the school day)  
Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March – Book fair arrives at school  
Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March – Y5 at Into University workshop  
Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March – Scooter training workshops for all children in YR-Y6  
Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March – final day of Spring term.

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*Have a great weekend!*

*Yours sincerely,*

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