

Dear Parents,

End of an era:

When you all return to school in September you will notice a difference in the playground. We have decided in the interests of the children's health and safety to take down the living wall in the middle of the playground. It will be replaced by the young trees from the garden area so that there is still a division in the playground. In addition, Diane Larkins our school business manager has secured funding to get a multi-use games area (MUGA) that will be installed in the coming months (pending planning permission). This will enable fast sports to be played safely in a specific area of the playground. We will keep you posted about its installation.

Farewell Year 6:

Today we say goodbye to our wonderful Year 6 class. I will particularly miss them as they were in Reception in my first year here and they are the first class I have seen all the way through. It has been a pleasure watching them grow into confident, talented young people. We look forward to finding out how they do in the exciting next stage of their lives.

Year 6 SATs results:

We are very proud of our Year 6's academic achievements this year. Please see below a breakdown of how the children did.

Attainment	Reading	Writing	SPG	Maths
L4+	96%	93%	85%	85%
L4b+	85%	78%	67%	74%
L5+	41%	41%	52%	41%
L6	0%	0%	4%	11%

Reading and Maths 4+ and Writing L4 combined	81%
Reading and Maths 4b+ and Writing L4 combined	59%
Reading writing and Maths L5+ combined	22%

Progress from KS1 to KS2	2 levels	3 levels
Reading	100%	46%
Writing	100%	54%
Maths	96%	38%

Beginning of 2014/15 dates:

Children will return to school on Wednesday 3rd September. The dates for the full 2014/15 academic year are posted on our website.

A final word:

In some ways this has been one of the most challenging years Friars has faced as a result of the OFSTED inspection we received in June 2013. However, the staff and Governors have worked amazingly hard to show what great achievement, teaching, behaviour and safety and leadership and management there is in the school. Our children have been amazing and we are all so proud of them. I must thank parents for the consistent levels of support you have shown us. We have had such positive feedback throughout the year and it is heartening to know we have your trust and support. We hope you have safe, peaceful and enjoyable summer. See you on the other side!