



Friars Weekly News

Friday 7th February 2020

Dates for the diary

FEBRUARY

Monday 10th

Cook4Life parent workshop - 1.30pm

Tuesday 11th

Art Club visiting Legra care home

Thursday 13th

Coffee morning - all welcome

Friday 14th

INSET DAY

Monday 17th - Friday 21st

Half term

Monday 24th

Children return to school

Wednesday 26th

KS1 Cross Country

Thursday 27th

Coffee morning - all welcome

Yr 6 Cyber Safety Talk

MARCH

Monday 2nd - Friday 6th

Book week

Yr 6 practise test week

Thursday 5th

Coffee morning - all welcome

Southend Makes Music -Palace Theatre

Monday 9th - Friday 13th

NFER week

Monday 16th & Tuesday 17th

Mothers Day Sale

Thursday 19th

Coffee morning - all welcome

Infant Music Festival

Mothers Day Sale

Friday 20th

Mothers Day Sale

Wednesday 25th

Parent & Carers evening 3.30-7.30pm

Thursday 26th

Coffee morning - All welcome

Parent and Carers evening

3.30-5.30pm

POLITE NOTICE

For safety , please do not allow your children to use school equipment after school as these areas are unsupervised by staff. Thank you

Thank you for your patience and understanding regarding our internet and telephone line problems this week. We are pleased to say that normal service has been resumed. Unfortunately, we were unable to send last week's newsletter on Friday but please find this on our website, if you want to catch up on any news you may have missed.

Please also see a fact sheet at the end of the newsletter with some useful advice to help keep your children safe online.

Just a reminder about some important dates for your diaries;

- Next Friday 14th February is an inset day for staff training, so school will be closed to the pupils. The following week is then half term.
- Friday 6th March will be our annual 'World Book Day' celebration day with the chance for children to dress up as their favourite literacy characters. Get those costumes ready!
- Parents evenings will be held on Wednesday 25th March (3:30-7:30pm) and Thursday 26th March (3:30-5:30pm). We will notify you when School Ping is available to book your appointments.
- Wednesday 8th July – This will be an all-day event incorporating our Reception, KS1 and KS2 sports days, our annual family picnic lunch and a celebration of our emotional health and wellbeing project.

Have a great weekend!

Mr McClay

Mr Roche

Review of The Week

Early Years

Nursery

Children in Nursery have been listening to traditional tales. This week we read 'The Three Little Pigs' which some children were familiar with. Following from this, children were given the opportunity to act out the story, make a story board and create their own houses. We had lots of fun trying to blow down the brick houses outside that had been built. During our carpet sessions this week the groups looked at shapes in and around nursery. Some children identified objects that were bigger or smaller, some labelled different shapes and others looked for shapes in the playgroup.

Reception

Another busy week for Robins and Owls. This week the children have been making lots of gorgeous patterns and pictures using beads, wooden curtain rings and buttons. They are also really enjoying learning to write and are trying hard to remember how to write common words like I, mum, dad and their names. In maths they have been fantastic at using a tens frame, counting to 10 and exploring different ways to make numbers. The children are now experts at recognising dice patterns of the numbers up to 6. The garden has been a hive of activity. The children have been planning, designing and making obstacle courses, using the water in the sunshine and playing sharks with Mrs Bennett on the climbing frame!



Dinner Menu – Week two

Monday – Chicken and Broccoli pasta
Cheese and potato pie
Jacket potato with cheese, baked beans or tuna mayonnaise
Pea and seasonal salad selection
Jam sponge and custard

Tuesday - Homemade mild beef chilli and rice

Vegetable savour rice
Jacket potato with Cheese, baked beans or tuna mayonnaise
Sweetcorn and seasonal salad selection
Date and chocolate slice

Wednesday - Roast turkey, Yorkshire pudding and crispy roast potatoes

Quorn sausages
Jacket potato with Cheese, baked beans or tuna mayonnaise
Mixed vegetables and seasonal salad selection
Cheese, crackers and grapes

Thursday - Homemade pork sausage and bean casserole and creamy mash

Veggie roll
Jacket potato with Cheese, baked beans or tuna mayonnaise
Carrots and seasonal salad selection
Ice cream tub

Friday - Beef burger in a bun and chips

Cheese and tomato pizza
Jacket potato with Cheese, baked beans or tuna mayonnaise
Baked beans and seasonal salad selection
Ring doughnut

Available daily

Cold packed lunch
Cool milk
Chilled water
Wholemeal and white bread
Fresh fruit and yoghurt

Attendance

Whole school 95.9%

KS1 – 2B - 96.6%

KS2 – 3T – 98.1%

House points

KS2 – Stormont
KS1 – Windsor

Key Stage 1

Year 1

This week, 1GJ have enjoyed learning their outdoor learning. They have explored the garden and been exposed to a variety of its features. They enjoyed getting muddy whilst digging over the allotment to make it ready to plant their sunflower seeds. In class, Year 1 have been learning about when to use capital letters and have tried to include these accurately within their writing activities. Moving on from last week's learning on verbs, the children have also learnt how to make a verb past tense by adding -ed.

Year 2

In Year 2 this week we have been looking at time. The children have used clocks to make and tell the time to o'clock, half past, quarter to and quarter past. During our English lessons we have written a recount of the outdoor learning we had at the beginning of the term, writing about the activities we enjoyed the most. In science the children have been thinking about the basic needs of humans and animals. We thought about the things that are essential to living and what is classed as enjoyable but not necessary. Lastly in DT the children have been investigating and designing their own car ready to make next week. Please continue to practise spellings at home and reading – thank you.

Key Stage 2

Year 3

This week in Year 3 we have started to research life in Roman Britain, we are going to use this information to create an information book all about the Romans. In Geography we have exploring the different ways that we can save water on a daily basis. Did you know we use 133 litres of water on average a day?

Year 4

This week Year 4 have been studying play scripts. We looked at the script for Perseus and Medusa and pulled apart the features whilst practising reading and acting from it, paying close attention to the stage directions. We then used the story of Hercules to create our own play scripts over the rest of the week. In Science we continued our study of teeth, looking at their four different uses, including eating, appearance, speech and baby teeth holding the place for our adult teeth. In Geography we started to look at mountains.

Year 5

This week, we imagined coming to Southend on holiday and wrote postcards to explain what a wonderful time we would have had. We compared what the Tudors ate to the diet we eat today. There were some very different choices on offer especially if you were a rich Tudor. This week we have been off timetable for 2 days in order to complete our DT project of constructing a wooden framed Tudor house. The children worked in groups, listened to and cooperated well with each other and successfully built several houses that will be displayed within the classrooms.

Year 6

This week in Year 6 the children have been putting into practise everything that they have learnt, not only in Year 6 but also through their time at Friars. They have also been practising how to give the best answers to questions by referring to and using evidence from the text to back up their answers. The children have been learning how to create a variety of sandwiches and describe what they are doing in French.

Sports

In a follow up to last week's brilliant swimming gala at the London Aquatic Centre we spoke to some of our team to find out what they thought of the day.

Hamish said that he enjoyed swimming in the pool and going on the mini bus all the way to London. Riley loved the treasure hunt game and said that the pool was nice and warm, while Mohammed really enjoyed trying to swim and going under the water. All three boys said that the whole experience was "fantastic."

Well done Team Friars!

10 tips to stay safe online

Not sure what advice to give your child? Our pointers have got you covered.

1. You should only talk to people you know and trust in real life – anyone can pretend to be a child online
2. If you do talk to people you don't know, don't give away personal information – like what street you live on or where you go to school, or share your location with them. Say no to any requests they send you for images or videos of yourself, and stop talking to them
3. Set your profiles to private, to limit what others can see
4. Be 'share aware' – think carefully about what you share and with who. Once it's out there, you've got no control over what the other person does with it. Remember, it's **illegal** to take, share or view sexual images of under-18s, full stop
5. Be mindful of your digital footprint. What you post online now could come back to bite you later, like when applying for jobs, college or university
6. If you see something upsetting, or someone bullies you, tell an adult you trust
7. Be aware that people will try to make their lives look more exciting online. There's a lot people can do with photo editing to make their photos look better. So don't assume everything you see is a true to life representation
8. Watch out for hoaxes and scams, like messages you're meant to forward on or that ask you for payment details or your password
9. Take any content that glamorises gang lifestyles with a very large pinch of salt – it's not as glamorous as it looks. Be wary of schemes promising easy cash for receiving and transferring money too, they're almost definitely criminal activity
10. Watch out for loot boxes or other parts of games where you pay money to take a chance on getting a reward – you can get sucked into spending lots of money on them



Don't feel confident starting a conversation with your child about what they're up to online? Read this advice from the NSPCC: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-child-online-safety/>

Further information

This factsheet was produced by [Safeguarding Training Centre from The Key](#): www.thekeysupport.com/safeguarding

- ['Ban kids from loot box gambling in games', BBC News, 12 September 2019](https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-49661870)
- ['Rescue and Reponse county lines project: strategic assessment 2019, Greater London Authority](https://www.london.gov.uk/mopac-publications/rescue-and-response-pan-london-county-lines-service)
- [Home, Money Mules](https://moneymules.co.uk/)
- [Share Aware resources for schools and teachers, NSPCC Learning \(scroll down to the parent's leaflet in the grey box\)](https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/research-resources/schools/share-aware-teaching/)
- [Sexting in schools and colleges, UK Council for Internet Safety](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/sexting-in-schools-and-colleges)