



Friars Weekly News

Friday 10th January 2020

Dates for the diary

JANUARY

Wednesday 15th

Year 3/4 Sports Hall Athletics
Year 5/6 Sports Hall Athletics

Wednesday 22nd

Year 3/4 Sports Hall Athletics
Year 5/6 Sports Hall Athletics

Thursday 23rd

Year 5/6 Young Voices

Tuesday 28th

Able writers day at Thorpedene

FEBRUARY

Friday 14th

INSET DAY

Monday 17th - Friday 21st

Half term

Attendance

Overall 96.3%

KS1 – Owls - 98.7%

KS2 – 3T – 99.7%

School gates

You may have noticed that the school gates have been damaged and are awaiting repair. Whilst the gates do have to remain open, please do not use the car park for dropping off or picking up children as it poses a risk to our children's safety. Many thanks

Welcome back, we hope you had a very happy holiday time and a peaceful start to the new year. The children have returned to school in a very calm manner and have settled down to their work brilliantly already.

If you haven't already seen it, there was a club letter sent home this week. If you would like your child to attend one of our great after school clubs, please return your form as soon as possible, as we usually have a great response with lots of children wanting a place. Next week also sees the start of our outdoor learning programme with Mr Brady, our new outdoor learning instructor. Each week Mr Brady will be working on lots of exciting projects with a class at a time, starting with Year 2 next week. A letter will be sent to each year group when it's their turn coming up but in the meantime, please start to gather wellies, outdoor coats, waterproofs and old clothes and shoes so that they can come into school during your child's allocated week.

Have a great weekend!

Mr McClay

Mr Roche

Review of The Week

Early Years

Nursery

After 2 weeks away all of our returning children came back and settled into their normal routines really well...great job everyone. Some children started the week exploring the fire station and from this they created a role play scenario and were rescuing people and putting out pretend fires. We have also welcomed some new children into nursery this week who are exploring the environment and finding things they like to do.

Reception

The Reception children have come back into school after the Christmas break eager to play and learn. In phonics we have started to learn our next set of digraphs – ch, sh, th and ng. In maths we have been learning about adding 1 more and have been using lots of practical resources to help our understanding. Many children have been keen to explore pouring water into the guttering, ramps and water channels in the garden while others have been interested in ballet dancing and have been following the ballet moves from videos that we have been playing on the interactive whiteboard. Some of us have been noticing signs of new growth in the garden. We have noticed the tulips that we planted in the autumn are beginning to grow.

Key Stage 1

Year 1

Year 1 have started some poetry work related to winter this week. The children have thought about what winter is like, talked about their own experiences and listened to a short poem. We have been exploring capacity and weight in maths, investigating which items are heavier than others and how much water it takes to fill different containers. As part of our art work, we have been looking carefully at different objects to make observational drawings of them. The children enjoyed learning about how germs are spread and what they can do to stop spreading germs around school and home.

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

Year 2

In Year 2 this week have looked at the book and film 'The Gruffalo' and thought about the similarities and differences between the two media. We have then written character and setting descriptions using adjectives and similes. In maths we have revisited multiplication and began to investigate division. In science we have started to look at animals and their habitats and this week we thought about how we could group various animals using different categories.

We are looking forward to starting our outdoor learning sessions next week. Please see the letter that came home this week and send in your child's outdoor learning clothes as soon as possible. If there are any problems, please speak to your child's teacher.

Key Stage 2

Year 3

'Leon and the Place Between' is the exciting new text that we have been looking at in English this week. The children have had fun identifying different word classes from within the text and have been working hard to use adverbial phrases to add extra information to their sentences. In history we began our new topic "The Romans" and the children learnt about the legend of Romulus and Remus which tells how Rome got its name. Telling the time has been the focus in maths for both classes this week, a tricky topic that needs lots of practise.

Year 4

A great first week back for Year 4! We launched our new topic of Ancient Greece by focusing our writing on the Ancient Greek myth of Arachne and Athena. We studied the text and used drama to bring it to life and empathise with the characters before writing our own descriptive diary entries based on the main characters. In Science, we began our study of the human digestive system and focused on the function of each part of the body. We also started our new layered reading book, 'Goodnight Mister Tom.'

Year 5

This week the children have enjoyed finding out about the Battle of Bosworth. They explored the events and detailed them through a comic strip. We have used biographies in English to detail Henry VII and Richard III. Later in the week the children explored sorting materials based on their properties as part of their science work.

Year 6

Happy New Year. It was really lovely to see all the children raring to go after they returned from the Christmas holidays. We have started our new topic of study about 'The Mayans.' The children have been introduced to the Mayan culture and they have also started to design their Mayan masks - for battle, for a special event or even as a death mask.

Sports

Our sports clubs will be starting shortly, please remember to send the children in with old clothes as they will get dirty and we want to keep uniform and PE kit looking smart.

Please ensure that your child has the correct PE kit in school. Years 1, 2 and 5 will be indoor lessons this half term and Years 3, 4 and 6 will be venturing outdoors for their lessons. Please also remember that NO earrings are allowed to be worn for PE.

