



# Friars Weekly News

Friday 2nd October 2020

It's been another good week at Friars, full of fun, learning, enthusiasm and excitement.

Next week, our Year 5s are starting swimming at Hamstel Junior School. This is an exciting chance for this year group to take part in high quality, hour-long swimming lessons. Mr Webster has worked hard alongside the Hamstel pool staff to ensure that all safety measures are in place. We hope that 5VB enjoy their lessons next week. We expect to have further opportunities for other year groups to swim later in the year.

On Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October we will be having our individual photographs taken by Tempest. Year 2 are due to have their PE day on the same day, so as an exception to our normal arrangement of wearing PE kits to school, please can Year 2 children come to school in their school uniform on the 12<sup>th</sup> and bring their PE kits to change into.

If you are a parent of a child in Reception or Years 1 or 2, you will receive a letter today giving you details of our Wisepay system for ordering and lunches. Please read this carefully as Wisepay will be the only way to order meals for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 from Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2020. Information for parents of children in Nursery, Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will follow later this half term.

Our parent conversations will take place by telephone this year, rather than face to face. The calls will be made after school on two consecutive Wednesdays, October 14<sup>th</sup> and October 21<sup>st</sup>. The booking system will be open next week for you to book an appointment. More information will follow on Monday.

Unfortunately, the weather seems to have taken a turn this week so as it begins to be colder and wetter, please ensure that your children are coming to school with coats, jackets or fleeces. This is especially important to Class 2B who start their outdoor learning next week.

Have a great weekend. *Mr McClay Mr Roche*

### **Covid & Safety updates**

Our drop and collection systems are currently working well and there are no plans to change these for the foreseeable future. We will review these at half term. Please remember if you have older children with a sibling in Reception, that you can drop the older ones off just before 9:00am and then come down to queue for reception drop off window between 9:00 and 9:15am. We hope this makes it easier for you and avoids you having to wait for too long.

In order to fight the COVID virus and to allow fresh air to circulate, windows in classrooms are being left open. If your child is cold in school, they can wear an extra cardigan or jumper (of a plain colour) but please can this extra layer be worn underneath their normal Friars uniforms. Thank you.

Please remember to wear a mask when you come into the school building.

This week has seen a big improvement in our end of day collections. Thank you for working together with us to make our school a safe and happy place.

## Review of The Week

### Early Years

#### Nursery

This week in Nursery, the children have continued to explore and enjoy the nursery equipment, from the large climbing equipment to the smaller imaginary play. We have also introduced group time sessions where the children have experienced a range of story-telling, circle time games and a simple maths activity. All children have enjoyed these and are beginning to join in much more confidently.

#### Reception

We have had a great week in Reception. We have been sitting on the carpet in our new class groups of Owls and Robins and we are great at remembering where to put all of our things. We have all had a try at writing our names on a leaf shape to go on a tree display in the classroom. We have also been drawing a picture of ourselves to go in our learning journeys. Some of us have been hunting for snails in the garden and thinking of words to describe them. Lots of children were excited to harvest the seeds from a sunflower head ready for next year and they have also planted some seeds in our garden.

### Dates for the diary

#### OCTOBER

**Monday 12th**

Individual and sibling photos  
EYFS & KS1 to order lunches on Wisepay

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>**

Parent telephone consultations

**Monday 26th - Friday 30th**

HALF TERM

#### NOVEMBER

**Monday 2nd**

INSET Day

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup>**

KS2 to order lunches on Wisepay

#### DECEMBER

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup>**

INSET Day

**Monday 21st - Monday 4th January**

Christmas break

#### FEBRUARY

**Friday 12th**

INSET Day

**Monday 15th - Friday 19th**

Half term

#### MARCH

**Monday 29th - Friday 9th April**

Easter break

#### MAY

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>**

Bank Holiday

**Friday 28th**

INSET Day

#### JUNE

**Tuesday 1st - Friday 4th**

Half term

#### JULY

**Thursday 22nd - Tuesday 31st August**

Summer break

### Year Group Emails

Please contact your child's teacher using the following email addresses;

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## Dinner Menu – Week two

### Monday – Chicken and broccoli pasta

Jacket potato with cheese, baked beans or tuna  
 Cheese and potato pie  
 Peas and seasonal salad selection  
 Ham or cheese sandwich or sausage roll  
 Jam sponge and custard

### Tuesday - Homemade mild beef chilli and rice

Jacket potato with cheese, baked beans or tuna  
 Vegetable savour rice  
 Sweetcorn and seasonal salad selection  
 Ham or cheese sandwiches or sausage roll  
 Date and chocolate slice

### Wednesday - Roast Turkey, Yorkshire pudding and crispy roast potatoes

Jacket potato with cheese, baked beans or tuna  
 Quorn sausage  
 Mixed vegetables and seasonal salad selection  
 Ham and cheese sandwich or sausage roll  
 Cheese, crackers and grapes

### Thursday - Homemade pork sausage and bean casserole and creamy mash

Jacket potato with cheese, baked beans or tuna  
 Veggie roll  
 Carrots and season salad selection  
 Ham and cheese sandwich or sausage roll  
 Ice cream tub

### Friday - Beef burger in a bun and chips

Jacket potato with cheese, baked beans or tuna  
 Cheese and tomato pizza  
 Baked beans and seasonal salad selection  
 Ham and cheese sandwich or sausage roll  
 Ring doughnut

### Attendance cup winners

KS1 – 1BF with 98.6%  
 KS2 – 3JD with a super 100%

### House points winners

KS2 – Sterling  
 KS1 – Sterling

### PE Days

Monday	Year 2
Tuesday	Year 4
Wednesday	Year 1 & Year 3
Thursday	Year 5
Friday	Year 6

## Key Stage 1

### Year 1

What a fantastic week it has been in Year 1! The children have enjoyed looking carefully at a picture of an island discussing what they can see. They have spent a while thinking about what could be happening on the island as well as learning about compass directions and have been inspired to create their own maps. In maths we have continued to focus on number and different ways of making a total. It's been great to see the wonderful abstract portraits the children have made in the style of Picasso.

### Year 2

In Year 2 this week we have been investigating the features of instructions which we then applied to create our own set of instructions about how to make a gingerbread man. In maths we have been investigating one more or less and ten more or less than a given number. We have practised counting forward and back in twos. During science, we investigated absorbent and waterproof materials and carried out an investigation after making some really good predictions.

Please remember that 2B have got their outdoor learning next week so make sure the children wear some appropriate older clothes and shoes on their bottom half and bring a suitable coat. Normal school uniform should be worn on the top half. 2S will have their outdoor learning a week later.

## Key Stage 2

### Year 3

This week Year 3 have been writing stories using some great vocabulary before editing their work at the end of the week to improve it. Our maths work focused on adding and subtracting using 3 digit numbers, while in science we investigated magnetic materials. We have continued our 'Stone Age' topic across our other curriculum work, investigating how people in the Stone Age survived on a day to day basis and creating colour washed art work that 'told a story'.

### Year 4

In Year 4 this week we have been working hard to assess our understanding of grammar rules and the ability to find information from a text. In Maths, we have been thinking about place value in numbers and understanding the difference between thousands, hundreds, tens and ones. 4S have been busy in the environmental garden as part of their outdoor learning week, using a variety of different mediums to create wonderful pieces of art!

### Year 5

This week, Year 5 have been solving one and two step word problems using all four rules in maths. They have persevered to achieve good results. In English, the children wrote about their goals and dreams for the future. In geography, the children worked really well together to research and create posters about some of the most famous rivers around the world. They then presented their findings to the rest of the class. In History, we have been learning about the Pharaohs of Egypt before designing our own head dresses in art, just like those worn by the Pharaohs. In Science, we have been exploring conductors and insulators. The children then investigated the conductivity of materials in an electrical circuit.

### Year 6

Last week in maths, the children in Year 6 were revising how to multiply and divide by 10, 100 and 1000. That learning will be feeding into what the children are focusing on this week – converting between units of measure. It is a real skill to be able to convert between mm and cm or kg and g. In order to be able to do this they will also need to be able to recall how many cm there are in a metre or how many g there are in a kg.

### PE

Please remember to wear the correct Friars P.E kits to school on your year group's allocated PE day. This should be a white or purple T-shirt, black shorts and plimsolls or trainers. If your child is also wearing a tracksuit or jogging bottoms to school, these should be plain colours and patterns.

Please remove all earrings and jewellery for your child if they cannot do it themselves on their PE day.

Mr Webster is keen to get the children outside where possible, even in wet weather, so please make sure your child has a waterproof coat or jacket in school for their P.E day.

