



Friars Weekly News

Friday 26th March 2021

Dates for the diary

MARCH

Monday 29th-Friday 9th

April

Easter break

MAY

Monday 3rd

Bank Holiday

Friday 28th

INSET Day

MAY/JUNE

Monday 31st-Friday 4th

Half term

Monday 7th

First day back

JULY

Tuesday 13th - 6pm-8pm

Online Safety Parent Workshop

Thursday 22nd -Tuesday

31st August

Summer break

So we are already at the end of the Spring term. The last three weeks have absolutely flown by but the children have certainly earned their Easter Break.

We received some great news this week that our school has been accredited with the Enhanced Healthy schools status. As well as focusing on key areas such as PSHE, sport, outdoor learning and food in school, the enhanced status also has a high focus on supporting the emotional health and wellbeing of our pupils and staff. We are very proud and pleased to receive this accreditation and look forward to receiving our award at a presentation in July.

Our Easter Raffle was drawn this morning and together with our non-school uniform day we have raised £1212 for Havens Hospices. Thank you so much for your support!

Congratulations to all of our raffle winners listed below;

Emily (5VW), Rosie (3JD), Colbi (6G), Louis (2S), Joe (3JD), Tate (Robins), Bailey (6G), Faith (1BF), Noah (Owls), Miss Andrews, Harry (Owls), Flynn (5VW), Brooke (5W), Alfie (3JD), Bay (1GC), Safiyah (5VW), Tanner (Nursery), Ava (5VW), Arya (Nursery), Finley (6G), Rosie (2S), Henley (4B), Alyssa (4S), Lily (1BF), JJ (2S), Jake (2B), Abbie (1BF), Marley (6D), Phoebe (5VW), Orla (Robins), Ila-Rose (1GC), Harley (2S), Braiden (4B), James (2B), Benji (6G), Esmee (1BF), Honey (6D), Hannah (5VW), Jonathan (Owls), Kian (6B), Willow (2B), Danita (6D), Frankie (6D), Mrs Snow, Bluebella (1BF), Daniel (4B), Tyler (4S), Eva (1BF), Harvey RV (5VW), Skyla (1GC), Isla (1GC), Bella (3JD), Dane (6G), Henry (5VW) and Hunter (Robins)

Well done to Miss Gibbons and her team who completed our wonderful leveret design as seen below, for our 'Hares about Town' entry. We can't wait for our design, that truly reflects our healthy school status, to take his place alongside the equally fantastic designs from other schools and organisations. More details will follow about the art trail and we hope you can take the opportunity to go and see Friars McFruitface, as he has become affectionately known, somewhere around Southend.

Despite our Easter raffle running at the same time, we also raised £87.20 for Comic Relief. Thank you for all of your support towards the two great causes supported this term.

We are grateful for all of your positivity this term and we hope that you have a happy and restful holiday. We look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 12th April.

Mr McClay

Mr Roche



Review of The Week

Early Years

Nursery

This week in Nursery, all of the children had the opportunity to take part in outdoor learning, which was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone, teachers included. We looked for signs of spring; seeing new buds on the tree branches, flowers beginning to bloom and even signs of new life in freshly made fox holes and bird boxes. We had a go at bark and leaf rubbings and participated in a scavenger hunt. Back in Nursery the children made their own birds' nests with cornflakes and melted chocolate, we enjoyed eating these for snack one day.

Reception

Another busy week! This week we tweaked our timetable. The children have been having phonics and maths every morning and an afternoon session focused on storytelling and rhymes after lunch. The children have taken this in their stride and are really enjoying our sessions. In maths, we have been looking at tens frames and filling them in different ways. In phonics, we continue to revise our sounds and words and learn some new ones too! We have also been very busy in the garden, building together, playing lots of games with our PE equipment and hunting for bugs. We have been thinking lots about spring and the changes we are seeing in our world. If you have time, please look at the Number Blocks spring song on line...we love it!

Year Group Emails

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

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These email addresses are only for parent and carer use and should not be used by children.

Dinner Menu – Week one

Monday – Roasted Vegetable & Bean Hotpot

Sweetcorn & Courgette Fritter with Side Salad

Pasta with Cheese & Chive Sauce Peas

Apple & Cinnamon Sponge with Custard

Tuesday - Beef Enchiladas

Squash & lentil Curry with Steamed Rice

Jacket Potato with Cheese or Salmon Mayonnaise

Chinese Cabbage
Strawberry Cheesecake

Wednesday - Roast Chicken Fillets with Roast Potatoes & Gravy

Vegan Cornish pasty with Roast Potatoes

Pasta with Roasted Tomato & Pepper Sauce

Green Cabbage & Carrots

Chocolate Sponge & Chocolate Sauce

Thursday - Cumberland sausage with Mash & Gravy

Potato Crust Cheese & Tomato Quiche with Side Salad

Jacket Potato with Baked beans or Cheese

Green Beans & Cauliflower
Fruit Burst Jelly

Friday - Fish Finger Bap with

Homemade Tartare Sauce & Side Salad

Vegetarian Finger Bap with

Homemade Ketchup & Side Salad

Pasta with Creamy Mushroom Sauce
Baked Beans & Sweetcorn

Chocolate Orange Cookie

Fresh Baked Bread available daily

House points winners

KS1 – Stormont (green)

KS2 – Carnarvon (yellow)

Attendance cup winners

KS1 – 1BF with 100%

KS2 – 3JD with 98.3%

Whole school attendance was 96% this week

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 fun week it has been! The children have been developing their scientific skills with a range of different investigations, including finding out what affects ice melting, which materials protect an egg to stop it breaking when it is dropped and exploring waterproof materials. In maths, we have continued to work on understanding number fact families. Please can you check at home for any outstanding library books from last year. If you do find any, please return them to us after Easter. Thank you.

Year 2

In Year 2 this week the children have had a great time during our afternoons, making their own cars using wood and glue to make the body, before making a chassis and axles. We have also been on TT Rockstars to improve our times tables skills, please try this at home as the children really enjoy earning coins to change their avatars. We have thought about and created informal letters from some of the characters in our story, 'Into the Forest' to the main character. The children have really enjoyed this book by Anthony Browne and had a great time looking at the pictures in the backgrounds (there is a lot to see!)

We hope you have a restful two weeks off for Easter and we look forward to seeing the children back again for the summer term.

Key Stage 2

Year 3

This week Year 3 have been using their investigative skills in Science to find out which materials are transparent, translucent or opaque. We made predictions and tested these using torches as light sources. In English, we have continued with our Pompeii topic and have produced our own newspaper reports about the eruption of Mount Vesuvius. Our history work this week has focused on how the Romans influenced Britain and how many of their inventions are still used today. In maths, we have been learning how to use a calendar, and how to compare durations of time. Please practise telling the time on an analogue clock at home over Easter.

Year 4

This week in English we have been creating our own riddles! Here is one for you try think about: **You might be called this animal - If someone thinks that you're afraid - This is something that you might eat - As well as the eggs that it laid**

It is of course a chicken!

In maths, we have been focusing on using an analogue clock to tell the time to o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to times. At first, we found this quite tricky but we soon got the hang of telling the time really well! In the afternoons, we have been thinking about online advertising and being safe and careful when using the internet. We have also been finding out about how different mountains are made! After our busy week, we are very thankful for the Easter holidays!

Year 5

This week in Year 5, the children have been investigating poetry. We have explored performance poetry and composed some of our own too. In Science, we studied complete and incomplete metamorphosis and compared the two processes. We have been investigating problems and puzzles in maths, tackling them independently as well as part of a team. Well done this term, Year 5, have a wonderful Easter break!

Year 6

This week in Year 6 the children have been solving problems in maths. They worked hard alongside Farmer Giles to re-fence and turf his fields to keep his sheep in! We had to work out the perimeter and the cost of the fences, calculate discounts using percentages and then re-turf the field calculating the areas. They needed to use a range of skills in order to be able to complete this - reading the questions, understanding what is expected of them, identifying which of the four rules they needed to use and then completing the calculations. Problem solving is a life skill and all the children have worked hard to be as successful as possible. In English, the children have started reading 'Holes' for layered reading and this week, they became Stanley Yelnats, the main protagonist from the book, in order to use empathy to write diary entries from his perspective.

We have also enjoyed continuing our map work in geography and learning about the French Revolution in History. Please ensure that you have received the letter about Bikeability after Easter. Despite only being in school for three weeks, the children have worked very hard and we do wish them an enjoyable Easter break.