



Friars Weekly News

Friday 23rd April 2021

Dates for the diary

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

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.

Parent Pay

Thank you to all of the parents that have now signed up to Parent Pay. This system is not just for ordering lunches but will also be our main way of keeping in touch with you and keeping you up to date with school events. **To ensure you don't miss out on important letters and information, vitally important that you sign up as soon as possible.**

Survey

Thank you to the parents that have already completed our lockdown reflection survey – it is helpful to hear your views. Please help us to continue to support you by sharing your thoughts with us.

It has been a really thought provoking week at Friars. As part of our 'Earth Day' celebrations, the children have been thoroughly engaged in thinking about our planet and what we can do to help protect it. There has been some brilliant work across the whole school and we look forward to continuing this theme with our 'single-use plastic free' lunch next week, which Miss Baylis wrote to you about on Tuesday.

Thank you to the parents that have already expressed their interest in our extended schools offer. It is looking as if we have sufficient numbers to proceed with our plans to restart this in early May and more details will follow next week. Each session will cost £8 and will run every day until 5:30pm. No food will be provided but the children can bring a snack to have during the session. There is still a chance to register by scanning the QR code below and completing our application.



This week, Mr Webster, Mr Telling and Mrs Brady restarted our multi-sports club for Years 5 and 6 and this week we have had more of our amazing staff members volunteer their services to run further clubs. We hope to be in a position to offer a club to as many year groups as possible and will let you know more about these next week.

As we are sure you are aware, The Greggs Foundation fund our breakfast club and had kindly agreed to fund a fruit snack in Key Stage 2 whilst our Breakfast club was running at reduced levels. With effect from next, **Key Stage 2 fruit will no longer be available** so children will need to bring their own healthy snack instead. Our continued thanks go to The Greggs Foundation for their amazing support.

You may have noticed that our school building work to replace the cladding has stopped. Unfortunately, there has been a delay in delivering our Friars purple panels to go at the top of the building and it is now anticipated that work will not be completed until June.

Having done such a good job with the home learning during lockdown, we are sure you are keen to continue supporting learning at home. Each week, our teachers provide the children with homework that reinforces the learning that has taken place in school that week. This will have been explained to the children, but to enable you to support your child a brief summary of the homework can also be found on the website.

Please can we remind all parents that we are a 'nut free' school. This also includes chocolate flavoured spreads that may contain hazelnut etc. This is very important to keep those children and staff safe who have nut allergies.

We have also been excited to talk about our plans for the late summer term this week. As you are well aware, it has not been a normal school year by any stretch but we are still putting plans together to give the children some exciting opportunities before the end of the term. Obviously in a COVID safe way!

Have a great weekend!

Mr McClay

Mr Roche

Review of The Week

Early Years

Nursery

In Nursery this week, we have been thinking about natural and manmade objects. We went on a nature hunt. We collected lots of wood, stones, sticks and leaves and used these to make our own pictures. Whilst doing so we talked about some of the things that are made out of natural objects; the children were very good at this. Following the story 'Messy Magpie', we also discussed recycling and how we can reuse materials to help our Earth.

Dinner Menu - Week 3

Monday

- Chickpea & vegetable curry with rice
- Homemade vegan burger with baked sweet potato
- Pasta with tomato & vegetable sauce
- Broccoli florets
- Carrot & apple flapjack

Tuesday

- Spaghetti bolognese
- Vegan mince & vegetable pasta bake
- Jacket potato with baked beans, cheese or bolognese
- Carrots & peas
- Lemon drizzle cake

Wednesday

- Roast turkey with roast potatoes & gravy
- Lentil & bean vegan loaf with roast potatoes & gravy
- Wholewheat pasta with cheese & leek sauce
- Green cabbage & roast carrot
- Banana & sultana cake with custard

Thursday

- Sweet & sour chicken with steamed rice
- Margherita pizza with potato salad
- Jacket potato with baked beans or cheese
- Sweetcorn
- Chilled rice pudding with berry compote

Friday

- Fish fingers with oven baked chips
- Vegetable & lentil croquette with oven baked chips
- Pasta with Lentil & bean sauce
- Baked beans & garden peas
- Chocolate 7 raisin shortbread

House points winners

KS1 – Windsor (Red)
KS2 – Carnarvon (Yellow)

PE Days

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

Reception

Another wonderful week in Reception! The weather has been changing lots again so we have had some gorgeous days in the sunshine rolling down our giant hill, splashing around in the water area and even planting some seeds- but there have also been some windy and chilly days too! The children have had great fun going on a spring scavenger hunt with our student Eliza- perhaps you could do some hunting near where you live too? In phonics, the children continue to learn new sounds and are now using them in their writing during their play. We have been extremely impressed with the children's handwriting this week! We have also been practising l, i and t. Perhaps you could practise them at home.

Key Stage 1

Year 1

For Earth Day, we have used our Power of Reading approach to learn about Greta Thunberg using the book "Greta and the Giants." We explained that Greta is an 'activist' who cares for the environment. There were lots of questions and comments about how to look after our environment. The children used their phonics knowledge to read the names of different types of animals and the foods they eat and we discussed caring for animals and forests. The children then created their own posters about them.

Year 2

In Year 2 this week we have been recapping on division in our 2s, 5s and 10s. We have learnt different methods such as sharing to help us work out the answers. In English, we researched a man called Ernest Shackleton, who was a famous expedition pioneer. He started travelling across the Antarctic but tragedy struck when his boat froze and sunk! He managed to make it to Elephant Island and saved his shipmates. We took the information found and put it into a biography. We also took part in Earth Day on Thursday and researched why we should start to look after the world we live in, including the sheer amount of plastic in our oceans.

Key Stage 2

Year 3

In English this week, Year 3 have been learning how to write amazing character descriptions. The children designed their own dragons and used expanded noun phrases, similes, and adjectives to write descriptions of their magnificent beasts. Some of them were very ferocious! In Science, we have started our new topic of 'Plants' and talked about the functions of each part of a plant. We have planted cress and beans and will monitor how they grow. Our history work on Vikings has continued this week and we enjoyed asking and answering some questions about who they were and what they did....watch this space for more exciting Viking learning! 3ML have enjoyed a fantastic week of outdoor learning. They have learnt how to put up and take down a tent, and enjoyed toasting and eating their own dough twists over the campfire.

Year 4

A very busy week this week in Year 4! Continuing on from our World War 2 hook day we have been busy making our own WW2 diamante poems (meaning diamond in Italian) and creating our own propaganda posters in the afternoons! These will be used for our fantastic new WW2 display. As well as this, we also celebrated Earth day on Thursday, learning all sorts of new things such as the differences between renewable and non-renewable energy! We are also very proud of the children for their hard work during the Maths tests this week.

Year 5

This week in history, Year 5 investigated Tudor gardens and we even created our own fantastic designs. We are going to plant our own Tudor garden in the next few weeks. In Science, we looked at plant reproduction following our practical investigation lesson last week. In English, we created newspaper reports based on The Battle of Bosworth, possibly the most famous and the last battle of The War of the Roses.

Year 6

Information texts have been the chosen area of study in English this week. We began the week by learning about killer whales, through our comprehension. We practised how to make factual writing interesting on Tuesday - a tricky skill to acquire; Wednesday was spent taking concise and purposeful notes about their chosen topic to be written about. This ranged from rabbits and sharks to Formula 1. After all of the hard preparation work, Thursday and Friday were spent actually creating our information texts. In maths, the children have been working hard at their spring assessments, which will help us identify any learning gaps that may have been caused by the two lockdowns.

Year 6 Bikeability

For next week and next week only, due to Bikeability taking place, girls can wear **black** trousers or **dark coloured** leggings or jogging bottoms to school if they would prefer to.

When the children arrive on Monday, if they are bringing their own bike to school, please can the children bring their bikes through the gate that they come in every morning and come round to the library door. They will be directed where to go from there by a member of staff. Please **DO NOT leave any bikes in the bike shed at the front of the school.**

Thank you to all the parents who have returned the bike-ability forms.