



Friars Weekly News

Friday 29th November 2019

Dates for the diary

DECEMBER

Tuesday 3rd

Year 2 Christmas Decorations 2pm

Wednesday 4th

Boccia at Thorpe Hall

New Age Kurling at Thorpe Hall

Owls Christmas Decorations 10.30am

Robins Christmas Decorations 1.45pm

Thursday 5th

Coffee morning

Year 6 Christmas Decorations 2pm

Friday 6th

Year 3 Christmas Decorations 2pm

Tuesday 10th

Choir at Cliffs Pavilion

Wednesday 11th

Reception Nativity - 9am

Year 1 Christmas decorations - 2pm

Thursday 12th

Coffee morning

Year 1 and 2 Nativity 9am & 2pm

Nursery stay & play

Nursery Christmas Decorations 2pm

Friday 13th

Year 4 Christmas decorations - 2pm

Monday 16th

Christmas dinner

Tuesday 17th

Carol concert

Christmas parties

Wednesday 18th

Nursery Christmas party

Christmas sing along

Last day of term

JANUARY

Monday 6th

Children return to school

Please remember that our decoration days are for one person only and that no younger siblings are able to attend. Thank you for your understanding.

It was great to see such a good turnout at the Christmas Fair on Friday, thank you to everybody that came along to support this year and also to our PTA for all of their hard work in organising this annual event. This week across the school, the children have been demonstrating their learning and understanding through our termly assessments tests. It has been extremely encouraging to see how well the children applied our core Friars values of resilience, perseverance and independence to these challenges. We look forward to welcoming many more parents to our Winter Wonderland decoration afternoons next week. Please remember to check the dairy dates for all of the upcoming Christmas events.

Have a great weekend!

Mr McClay

Mr Roche

Review of The Week

Early Years

Nursery

Following a good sort out of our shed, the children have this week been exploring some outdoor equipment that they never knew we had. They have practised their skills on wobble boards and had fun on balance boards and beams. We have also restocked our outdoor PE equipment and some new games have been created with various size and shaped balls. Some children have enjoyed a game of football where they have been taught to keep score, others have learnt how to use the sport nets and hooked cups. It been a very physical, active week.

Reception

We have recently had a new delivery of sand and mud in our garden, so the Reception children have been loving playing in our sandpit and mud kitchen. We have been making assault courses with planks and tyres and have been practising balancing along them. Inside, we have been learning how to make playdough using rice flour and have enjoyed mixing and squeezing the dough. We have been doing lots of singing and learning some lovely songs and actions.

Key Stage 1

Year 1

It's that exciting time of year when we are rehearsing for our Christmas show! Our production will be at 9:00am and 2:00pm on Thursday 12th December, all of the children will be in both shows and you are welcome to choose which one to attend. The children have been very excited to visit Santa's Grotto today. As part of our RE week we have been discussing the Jewish festival of Sukkot with the children building a Sukkah (tent) using various equipment.

Dinner Menu – Week One

Monday –

Homemade spaghetti bolognese and a bread roll
Cauliflower and broccoli pasta bake
Jacket potato with cheese, baked beans or tuna
Peas and seasonal salad selection
Fruit crumble and custard

Tuesday -

Sweet and sour chicken and rice
Cheese and tomato omelette
Jacket potato with Cheese, baked beans or tuna mayonnaise
Green beans and seasonal salad selection
Fruit raffle

Wednesday -

Roast pork, apple sauce and crispy roast potatoes
Vegetable Ravioli
Jacket potato with Cheese, baked beans or tuna mayonnaise
Mixed vegetables and seasonal salad selection
Ice cream tub

Thursday -

Homemade ham, cheese and tomato quiche and new potatoes
Cheese pastry
Jacket potato with Cheese, baked beans or tuna mayonnaise
sweetcorn and seasonal salad selection
Marble sponge and custard

Friday -

Cod fish fingers and chips
Veggie fingers and chips
Jacket potato with Cheese, baked beans or tuna mayonnaise
Baked beans and seasonal salad selection
Biscuit

Available daily

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

Attendance

Whole school 95.3%
KS1 – Robins– 99.3%
KS2 – 4G - 99.3%

House points

KS1 – Windsor
KS2 – Caernarfon

Year 2

In maths Year 2 have been looking at statistics and investigating different ways to display information such as tally charts, bar charts and pictograms. We then answered questions on the data provided. In English, we have been plotting a story in preparation for writing it in our own words next week. We have also completed some test comprehensions and the children coped really well and gave their best effort – we were very impressed! This week we have also started rehearsing for our Christmas production, sending out lines and costume information. If there are any problems with costumes, please do not hesitate to talk to one of the Year 2 teachers.

Key Stage 2

Year 3

We have been very busy in Year 3 this week. During our English lessons we have been learning about conjunctions, using both coordinating and subordinating conjunctions and applying them accurately into our sentences. In Science, we have been exploring magnets and have experimented with different objects to determine those that are magnetic or not.

Year 4

This week Year 4 have started looking at different settlements in Geography. We used our knowledge of the Anglo-Saxons and Normans and thought about what they would need when looking for a settlement site. We discussed factors and then had a great debate about which site would be the best. Our justified answers were very convincing! We also began our assessment tests this week, and it's been a brilliant start... we hope to keep this up next week!

Year 5

Year 5 have shown high levels of determination, perseverance and commitment this week during our tests. We discovered what type of peasants we would have been like if we had been part of the Peasants' Revolt of 1381 through a quiz. In geography we used compasses to aid us with work on directions. We have also begun using modroc to create our own plague masks.

Year 6

Greenwich Meantime is just one of the areas that the children have learnt about this week and how this, together with lines of longitude and latitude created the different time zones we have around the world. The children found it quite fascinating that in some parts of the world it is already tomorrow and in others, it had only just become today. The week was rounded off with the Christmas Fair 'It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas.....'

Sports

Well done to our girl's football team who battled to a 1:1 draw with Eastwood in their first match of the season. Our boy's team also performed really well in the recent football tournament, narrowly missing out on a semi final place by just a single goal. Good work Team Friars!

Important message

Please note that the school gate nearest to the Children's Centre will be closed on Monday morning, 2nd December, due to building work at the front of the Children's Centre. We hope to open it again by the end of the day.



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