



Friars Weekly News

Friday 4th December 2020

Dates for the diary

DECEMBER

Friday 11th
Christmas Jumper day

Wednesday 16th
Christmas Dinner

Friday 18th
INSET Day

Monday 21st – Friday 1st January
Christmas break

Monday 4th January
First day back

FEBRUARY

Friday 12th
INSET Day

Monday 15th - Friday 19th
Half term

MARCH

Monday 29th - Friday 9th April
Easter break

MAY

Monday 3rd & 31st
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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Another busy week at Friars has seen many of the children go from strength to strength as they demonstrated their learning within our autumn assessments. They have all done themselves proud with their effort and attitude.

You may have already read our poster that came home with the children today but from Monday we are launching a new event that we hope will prove really popular... our Christmas Sweet Raffle! By buying tickets, the children have the chance to buy some much needed items for the indoor play boxes in their classrooms as well as winning some delicious festive sweets or chocolate. There are 50 different prizes to be won including our top prize hamper with over £20 of goodies inside.

As we are sure you're aware, typically any fundraising that we do is to support very worthwhile charities. This time however, all of the proceeds from this raffle will be put straight back into the children's classrooms to purchase new games for any play times that have to be spent indoors. This will be of particular benefit with the colder and wetter weather approaching and is extremely poignant this year, with all of the COVID restrictions meaning that the children's break times have been limited in what they can do.

Tickets will cost £1 per strip and will be available from Monday 7th December, directly from their class teachers. If you would like to buy tickets, the children should bring the money into class with them. The draw will be made on the last day in school, live during our morning assembly! Any winners will be given their chocolate to take home and a list of winners will be published on the homepage of our school website.

Thank you in advance for your continued support.

Have a good weekend.

Mr McClay Mr Roche



Health and Safety

Schools across Southend are joining up with Essex Police for an important project called Operation Encompass. This will involve reporting to schools, prior to the start of the next school day, when a child has experienced domestic abuse.

Operation Encompass will ensure that a member of the school staff, known as a key adult, is trained to liaise with the police and to confidentially use the information that has been shared following a domestic abuse incident. We can then ensure that the school is able to make provisions for possible difficulties the children, or their families, might have.

We are keen to offer the best support possible to all our pupils and we believe this will be extremely beneficial for all those involved.

Review of The Week

Early Years

Nursery

Nursery has transformed into a winter wonderland this week with the arrival of our Christmas tree and decorations. The children were very excited on Monday morning when arriving at Nursery and have enjoyed dressing the tree with a variety of decorations. Some children have chosen to write out Christmas cards, dress up in festival outfits or share one of our seasonal stories. Of course all of our other provisions continue to happen along with our daily focus group time.

Reception

This week we have all really felt the weather changing! It's been great to see more children able to do their zips or even just attempt them before asking for help. Please keep practising this. We do spend time outside everyday - so hats, gloves and warm coats are essential. Can we also remind everyone that children should only bring water to school in their bottles.

With Christmas in mind, we also put up our tree but unfortunately we had no decorations! Luckily the children have been brilliant at making lots in the art area- using pens, crayons, scissors, hole punchers and wool. In maths the children have been learning to subitise. This means that they can recognise dots, numbers of fingers or arrangements of objects into small groups of up to 5- and can instantly say how many there are without counting. Dice and dominoes are great ways to practise these skills at home too. Outside we have been wrapped up warm but cooking up all sorts of treats in the mud kitchen - and sweeping up afterwards too!

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 savoury 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

Key Stage 1

Year 1

What a fabulous week it has been in Year 1. The children have been involved in making a DIY shop outside, collecting different items for the shop and making some shelves too! We have been talking about different materials, such as wood, plastic, metal and paper, finding classroom items that are made out of these materials and discussing their properties. In maths the children have been weighing items finding which are heavier and lighter than each other as well as trying to make the scales balance.

Year 2

Year 2 have kicked off the week in style and have decorated our rooms to be in the festive spirit! This week in Year 2 we have been busy learning the story of Theseus and the Minotaur in English. We listened carefully to the story, sequenced the story and then rewrote it. In maths we have been collecting data, displaying it in various graphs such as tally charts, bar charts and pictograms. We then used the data we collected, interpreted it and answered various questions. During science, we have learnt about another scientist called John McAdam and his invention of tarmac and how he helped road building.

Key Stage 2

Year 3

This week Year 3 have written instructions for their own "Marvellous Medicine". We looked at features of instructions and included lots of adverbs, conjunctions and prepositions when writing how to make our different exciting concoctions! In Maths this week we have learnt about angles and have identified right angles, obtuse and acute angles in 2D shapes. See how many right angles the children can find at home! We have continued our health and nutrition topic in Science and enjoyed finding out what different animals eat. We used the internet to research this and were able to sort animals into carnivores, herbivores and omnivores. Our computing lesson this week linked to our Science, and we had the opportunity to produce different animals using the Paint program. We have continued developing our French conversational skills this week and can now ask how old somebody is, as well as saying our own age in French.

Year 4

This week has been a very fun week in Year 4! In English we have been learning all about fronted adverbials and using them in our story writing to make our sentences more interesting! In Maths we have been focusing on rounding numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000 as well as developing our understanding of angles. The afternoons have consisted of looking at invertebrates and vertebrates in Science, learning all about the Royal Family in History, looking at how to be safe around medicine in PSHE and creating our own coat of arms in Art... Phew!

Year 5

Year 5 this week have written their own versions of a 'portal' story, where their character is transported to a goblin world. In Maths, they have looked at 3D shapes and angles. Discussing and comparing the shapes properties (faces, edges, vertices) and identifying different angles. 5S have enjoyed their week in the environmental garden and 5VB are excited for their turn next week.

Year 6

During the week, the Year 6 children have been having their first taste of practising SATs papers. Whilst the SATs seem a long time in the future, it is best to begin to prepare the children so that they can get used to the timings of the tests, the conditions that they will be expected to take them in and the type of questions that they will be answering. The knowledge and skills that the children will be relying on, are concepts that they have been taught throughout their time at Friars. Year 6 have also been continuing the study of their 'Extreme Earth' topic. The children are enjoying learning about the most extreme incidents that nature can challenge the human race with.

If you haven't already viewed the new Relationships and Sex Education information on the school website, please do so and complete the survey via the link. Thank you

PE Days

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