

# Friars Weekly News

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2021

## Dates for the diary FEBRUARY

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> - Friday 19<sup>th</sup>**

Half term – School closed to all children

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup>**

First day back for children attending provision/Remote learning restarts

## MARCH

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March**

Earliest date schools will return

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> - Friday 9<sup>th</sup> April**

Easter break

## MAY

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Bank Holiday

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup>**

INSET Day

**May/JUNE**

**Monday 31<sup>st</sup> - Friday 4<sup>th</sup>**

Half term

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup>**

First day back

## JULY

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> - Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup>**

**August**

Summer break

## Year Group Emails

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Well, the snow came and despite being a chilly week, we hope it brought you lots of fun! Some of your photographs sent to your teachers certainly prove that it did! The school grounds were transformed by Monday morning with a lovely layer of the white stuff and we had the most incredible icicles hanging from the building.

It was another excellent week of remote learning and we continue to be grateful for everyone's fantastic effort over the past six weeks. Well done! We won't be setting any work on Seesaw over half term but look out for Miss Gibbon's photography project if you want something exciting to do. More details can be found on Seesaw.

On Tuesday, Mr. McClay and Mr. Roche met the Parent Council for a virtual meeting. It was lovely to receive positive feedback about our school's remote learning offer and members gave us some ideas to make what we are doing even better. Thank you to all who attended. If you are interested in joining the Parent Council please email us.

We hope that everyone has a fantastic half-term week. Take care and we look forward to seeing you back either in provision or on Seesaw on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February.

*Mr McClay*

*Mr Roche*



The Friars' outdoor classroom looked even more beautiful this week.



**COVID hotline: If your child is currently in school and needs to isolate or receives a positive test please email [COVIDhotline@friars.southend.sch.uk](mailto:COVIDhotline@friars.southend.sch.uk)**

## Congratulations to all Virtual Celebration Assembly nominees

**Early Years:** Casey, Cooper (Owls) Teddy C, Iqra (Robins)

**Key Stage 1:** George, Annabel (1BF), Caleb, Eva (1GC), Jacob KG, Maisie (2S) Eva, Parker (2B)

**Key Stage 2:** Tate, Alicia (3JD), Amarni, Spencer (3ML), Charlie, Forrest (4S), Thomas, Kyle (4B) Anakin, Alice, Holly (5VB) Mohammed (5W), Faiith, Jessica (6G) Ronnie, Amber, Edward (6D)

**Shout Out:** Class 1GC, Class 1BF, Felicity (3ML), Class 3JD, All of Year 3, Freyaa and Ellie-Mae (5W), Harvey RV (5VB), Class 2B, Class 2S and Alice (Robins) and the whole school on Magic FM.

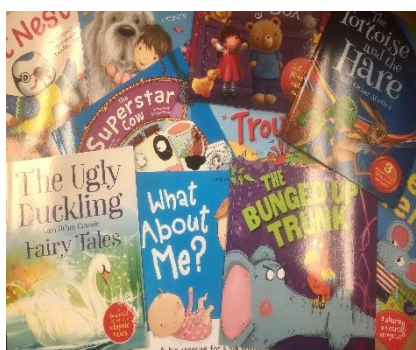


## News Story of the Week

### Reception and KS1 Book Swap & the KS2 Lockdown Library

We are pleased to say that both of our recent reading initiatives are now up and running! Thanks to the Book Swap, children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 can now swap reading books on a Thursday and a Friday. With the KS2 Lockdown Library, children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 can reserve books online and then collect at designated times. Tuesdays between 12:00pm and 2:30pm for Years 3 and 4 and Thursdays between 12:00pm and 2:30pm for Years 5 and 6.

If you are a parent of a child in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 and have not visited us yet, please do soon... there is a **free book** waiting for each child. If you are a parent of a child in Year 3, 4, 5 or 6 please collect your child's Reading Pack from the school office foyer if you have not already. There is a **free book** for KS2 children too. The Reading Packs will be there again across the week commencing Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February. Enjoy!



An example of some of the free books

**If you are experiencing problems with technology that are making access to our home learning difficult, please complete our technology survey by clicking the link below and we will do all we can to help. Thank you**

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=itiMSBXflk2j9Bz-n-ErI0bCB-ga8xILqdx3IRe4LsBUMjFNO1JNUTcxRUE2NUo5U0oxV1VFVU0zTy4u>