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**Dates for the Summer term**

**Dear Parents.**

### Ramadan:

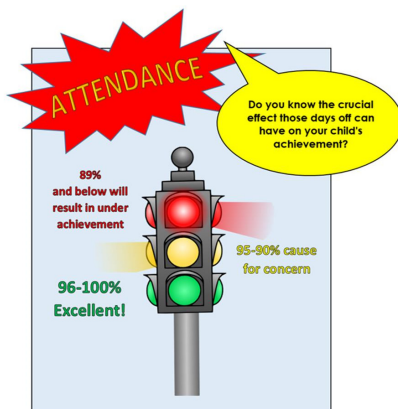
In assemblies this week we have looked at Ramadan. During the month of Ramadan, Muslims won't eat or drink between dawn and sunset. This is called fasting. Fasting is important during Ramadan as it allows Muslims to devote themselves to their faith and come closer to Allah, or God. Ramadan is the ninth month of the Islamic calendar, but the date changes each year. There is a special three-day festival to mark the end of Ramadan called Eid al-Fitr. It is not expected or advisable that children should fast at all during Ramadan. However if older children in the school are to fast it is the parents decision and it is very important that we know at least one day in advance so that we can avoid being charged for school meals that will not be eaten.

### KS2 SATs:

Next week, our brilliant Year 6 children will be sitting their end of KS2 SATs in spelling punctuation and grammar (SPAG), reading and maths. They all deserve to do as well as they possibly can as they have worked incredibly hard in the lead up to the tests. They have also been really well supported by a whole range of staff but not least, of course, by Miss Gethin Jones the year 6 teacher. We spoke in assembly this morning about the rest of the school being supportive and understanding next week.

### Attendance:

In our drive to improve children's attendance at Friars (and it does need improving!) Miss Bridges and I will be inviting parents in to discuss the issues around attendance for children who have less than 90% attendance this academic year so far in the final week of this half term. The importance of attendance can be seen on this simple traffic light graphic!



### **Children's learning at Friars:**

Last half term in Y4, the children designed, planned and evaluated a moving toy using a cam mechanism. Ibrahim had the idea to make a moving toy of a footballer who has just been fouled! All children learned some important DT skills as well as developing their creativity and ability to see a project through from planning to evaluation.



### **New items in red**

**Week beginning 13th May**—KS2 SATs week  
**Tuesday 14th May**—final Y2 swimming session; Y3 road safety training  
**Week Beginning 20th May**—STEM week  
**Tuesday 21st May**—Y6 start swimming  
**Thursday 23rd May**—Y3 walking tour of the Southbank  
**Friday 24th May**—last day of summer term 1; extra swimming classes for Y6 begin  
**Monday 3rd June**—1st day of summer 2  
**Monday 3rd—Friday 7th June**—Y5/6 to Wick Court  
**Week beginning 10th June**—Y1 phonics screening; Y5 to a concert at the Barbican  
**Thursday 13th June**—Y6 to Into University  
**Friday 14th June**—Y2 to Bach2Baby concert  
**Monday 17th June**—parent open morning  
**Wednesday 19th June**—Y3 to London Mithraeum  
**Thursday 20th June**—parent coffee morning  
**Saturday 29th June**—PTFA summer fete  
**Tuesday July 2nd**—book fair in school  
**Wednesday 3rd July**—Y3 to Kew Gardens  
**Week beginning 8th July**—Health week; Y1/2 health morning; Y3/4 health afternoon  
**Tuesday 9th July**—Olympic athlete visiting school  
**Wednesday 10th July**—Sports day at GMH park  
**Friday 12th July**—end of year reports out to parents  
**Wednesday 17th July**—Tate Modern Y3 project; Y6 production and graduation 7pm  
**Friday 19th July**—Last day of term

### **Growth mindset thought for the week:**

**“SUCCESS  
 CONSISTS OF GOING  
 FROM  
 FAILURE  
 TO FAILURE  
 WITHOUT  
 LOSS OF  
 ENTHUSIASM.”**

*~winston churchill*

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**Have a lovely weekend!**  
 Yours sincerely,  
**J. Burtt, Headteacher**

Commitment to keeping children safe:

Paper copies of our safeguarding policy are available for parents from the school office. It is also posted on the policies section of the website.



**EYFS/KS1**

**Year Two**

**Olivia**

for fabulous effort in Maths. She was measuring shoe laces like a pro – even using decimals! What a Star!.

**Well Done!**



**KS2**

**Year Six**

**Polly**

for speeding through so many books recently.

**Well Done!**



**Assembly theme / next week**

**Love - Kindness**



	Class	ATTENDANCE
1st	4	97.37%
2nd	3	97.18%
3rd	2	95.43%
4th	6	95.1%
5th	1	89.23%
6th	5	89.22%
7th	R	87.32%



	Class	ON TIME
1st	4	99.47%
2nd	1	98.97%
3rd	5	97.55%
4th	3	97.18%
5th	6	96.57%
6th	R	96.24%
7th	2	95.43%

# Term and Holiday Dates 2019 - 2020

An academic year is based on a total of 195 days. Children attend school for 190 days and the other 5 are in service training days (INSET) for staff only. The dates given are the days we break up along with the days we start back for each half term or holiday. Children should attend on these days.

	1st Half Term Starts	1st Half Term Finishes	2nd Half Term Starts	2nd Half Term Finishes
Autumn Term (71 days)	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2019	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> October 2019	Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> October 2019	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2019
Spring Term (59 days)	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2020	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2020	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February 2020	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2020
Summer Term (60 days)	Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> April 2020	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2020	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2020	Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2020
Total = 190 days				

**INSET days** (total = 5 days)

**(School is not opened for children on these days)**

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2019

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2019

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2019

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2020

## Public holidays that fall during term time:

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2020 (Bank Holiday)