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Dear Parents,

Attendance:

You will see from page 2 of the newsletter we are now publishing our weekly whole school attendance and comparing it with our new target of 97%. As you can see, our whole school attendance this week is **92.25%** which is **4.75%** lower than the target. We can and will do better! Today we also celebrated the 69 individual children in assembly who have 97% attendance or above from the beginning of the school year to today. Among those children were 12 who have hit the magic 100%. They are: Chelsea (Y1), Hayyu (Y2), Omar (Y4), Josiah (Y4), Sokraya (Y4), Rahaj (Y4), Akhmed (Y4), Aisha (Y5), Janelle (Y6), Mike (Y6), Charlie (Y6) and Mekere (Y6) . Well done everybody!

Water bottles:

As the weather improves children can bring in water bottles to keep themselves hydrated although we do have several fully functioning water fountains around the school. We must all be aware of the issues around single use water bottles and the potential damage they do to the environment. If possible please give your child a water bottle that they can use repeatedly.

Children's learning at Friars:

On Wednesday of this week, our Year 6 took part in a dance competition run by the PE and school sports network. They travelled to Crystal Palace and competed against 8 other schools. Theirs was a street dance and they per-

formed brilliantly. Although they did not win the competition they had a great day and represented the school really well! Thanks to Chantal for teaching them sol well!





Dates for the Summer term

New items in red

Monday 3rd June—1st day of summer 2; Y5/6 swimming (for children not going to Wick Court) Monday 3rd—Friday 7th June—Y5/6 to Wick Court

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Week beginning 10th June—Y1 phonics screening; Y5 to a concert at the Barbican Wednesday 12th June—final chess lesson for Y5

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 **Wednesday 26th June**—2019/20 Reception registration for parents

Friday 28th June—Governors to meet school council

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

Thursday 11th July—Y4 "bees" trip *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. Y6 home at 12, rest of school at 2pm. NO PLAYCENTRE!

Growth mindset thought for the week:

Mistakes are the portals of discovery. - James Joyce

Tel: 020 7207 1807 **E-mail:** office@friars.southwark.sch.uk **Web:** www.friarsprimaryschool.com Have a lovely half term break! 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.



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 th September 2019	Friday 18 th October 2019	Tuesday 29 th October 2019	Thursday 19 th December 2019
Spring Term (59 days)	Tuesday 7 th January 2020	Friday 14th February 2020	Monday 24th February 2020	Friday 3 rd April 2020
Summer Term (60 days)	Tuesday 21 st April 2020	Friday 22 nd May 2020	Monday 1 st June 2020	Tuesday 21 st July 2020
Total = 190 days				

INSET days (total = 5 days)

(School is not opened for children on these days)

Monday 2nd September 2019 Tuesday 3rd September 2019 Monday 28th October 2019 Monday 6th January 2020 Monday 20th April 2020

Public holidays that fall during term time:

Monday 4th May 2020 (Bank Holiday)