

Newsletter

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Dates for the Autumn term

New items in red

Christmas is on its way!

Today has been the national "Save The Children" Christmas jumper day. We saw some very fancy efforts from the children and at the time of writing, we had raised over £107. You can find out about how the money makes a difference to children less fortunate around the world by following this link: <https://www.savethechildren.org.uk/christmas-jumper-day/how-you-help>

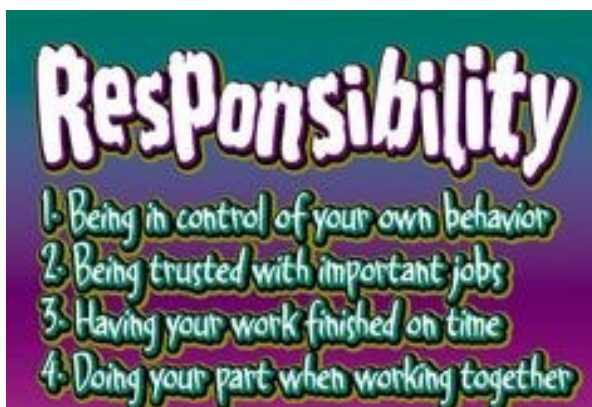


Our Christmas production rehearsals are also well under way. The Early Years and KS1 will be performing "A Christmas Recipe" at 9:30 and KS2 will be performing their version of Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" at 2pm. Both performances will be next Tuesday (17th December).

If you wish to take photos at the production there is a strong possibility that other children staff and parents will also be included within the picture. We are happy for parents and carers to take photos and video of events for personal use but we request that these images are not distributed or put on social media. This is to protect all members of the community.

Also please remember that the performances are very well attended. The audience must use all the seats available and certainly shouldn't block other people's views during the performances.

Thought for the week:



Tuesday 17th December—Christmas performances (EYFS/KS1 9:30am, KS2 2pm)

Wednesday 18th December—children's xmas lunch

Thursday 19th December—Last day of term. **NO PLAYCENTRE**

Monday 6th January—INSET day

Tuesday 7th January—spring term starts for children; Y2 to start swimming lessons

Wednesday 8th January—six week Y4 girls' football course starts today (every Wednesday afternoon)

Thursday 9th January—Globe storytelling project for Years 1 and 2 starts today; **Y1/2 parent workshop for Globe theatre storytelling project 2:15**

Friday 10th January—CHILL project cognitive assessments today

Thursday 16th January—**Meet the governors session for parents 7pm**

Tuesday 21st January—**Y2 Parent IMPACT workshop 9-10 (postponed from 4th December)**

Friday 24th January—Y4 sportshall athletics tournament

Wednesday 29th January—**EYFS Parent IMPACT workshop 9am**; Y5/6 road safety workshops

Friday 31st January—Hi5 Netball tournament @ GMH park

Wednesday 5th February—**Parent open morning 9:10—10**; Y5 to hockey tournament @ GMH park 10-2

Thursday 6th February—Y6 to Junior Citizenship event

Friday 7th February—YR and Y6 height and weight measurements

Tuesday 11th February—final Y2 swimming session

Wednesday 12th February—Y1 parent impact workshop 9-10

Monday 17th—Friday 21st February—half term break

Tuesday 25th February—Y3 start swimming

Wednesday 26th February—parent coffee morning

Have a lovely weekend!

Yours sincerely,
J. Burt, Headteacher:

KS2 2019 league tables

Although the news of 2019 primary school league tables in 2019 being published today has slightly been overshadowed by the main news story of the day, we are really pleased to report that the children's efforts from last year's Y6 have now been officially recognised in comparison with all other schools. **86%** achieved the expected level in reading, writing and maths combined (a 27% increase on 2018 and 21% above the 2019 national average). That puts us in **8th position** out of 86 schools in Southwark. In addition we are in the top 20 Southwark schools for children attaining at the expected level in Grammar punctuation and spelling. Well done again to all those children who we hope are now flourishing at secondary school and of course the staff who helped them get there.



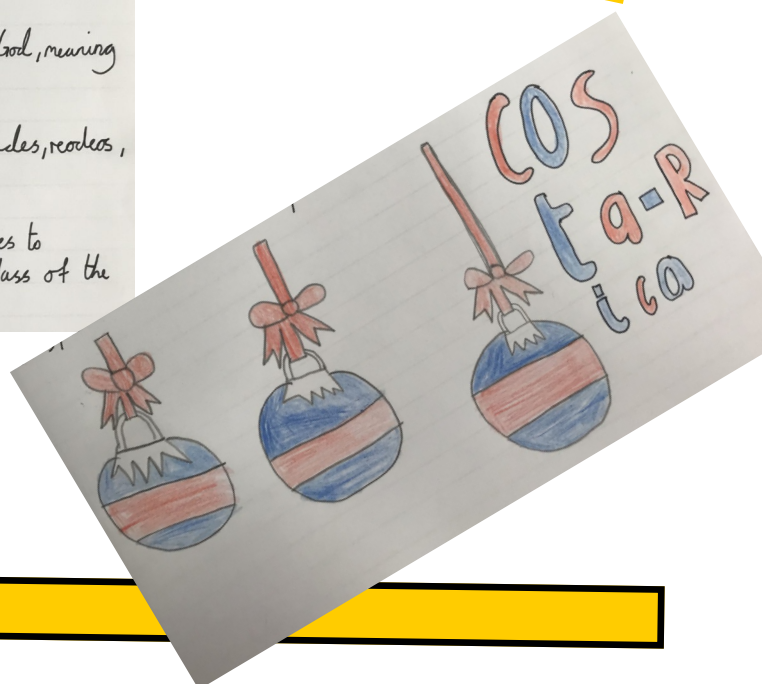
Children's learning at Friars:

In RE in Year 5 the children have learned about Christmas traditions around the world. They were shown a map of the world. They then chose a country and researched the traditions and customs using the internet. Here Sokraya shows the work she did on Costa Rican Christmas traditions.

L.O. to understand that Christmas is celebrated in different ways in other countries.
Costa Rica

- Apples are popular in the run up to Christmas with apple stands appearing at the sides of the road.
- Christmas in Costa Rica comes at the end of the school year and the start of the holidays.
- In Costa Rica, the gift bringer is often 'Niño dios' (Child God, meaning Jesus) or 'Colacho' (another name for St. Nicholas).
- During December and into January, there are lots of fiestas, parades, readings, street parties, bull runs and choral and dance festivals.
- On Christmas Eve, everyone puts on their best clothes and goes to Midnight Mass. In Costa Rica it's called the 'Misa de Gallo' (Mass of the Rooster); it is also called that in Spain.

"I got the information from a website called Why Christmas. I decided to draw some decorations using the colours of the Costa Rican flag. I enjoyed doing this because I learned something new!"
Sokraya Y5



Attendance



**Our whole school
attendance target is
97%!**

This week's whole school attendance	Above or below?
87.75%	9.25% Below

	Class	ATTENDANCE
1st	5	97%
2nd	3	96.67%
3rd	4	91.43%
4th	6	87.41%
5th	R	86.52%
6th	2	85.38%
7th	1	68.97%

Punctuality

	Class	ON TIME
1st	5	99.67%
2nd	R	99.57%
3rd	4	99.05%
4th	6 + 3	98.89%
5th	1	98.28%
6th	2	96.92%
7th	-	-



Stars of the week



EYFS / KS1

Year 1

Azaiyah

for being a fantastic role model and always showing fabulous behaviour for learning.

Well done!

KS2

Year 6

Anika

for working really hard to make great progress in maths.

Well done!

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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.

Assembly theme /
value next week:

Christmas

Achieving excellence in a happy, nurturing and safe environment

Compassion, Creativity, Endeavour, Resilience, Respect, Responsibility

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