

Newsletter

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Friday 6th December 2019



Dates for the Autumn term

New items in red

Christmas is on its way!

Next Friday (13th December) we will be joining in the national "Save The Children" Christmas jumper day. In return for whatever financial contribution you can offer, children can come to school wearing a Christmas jumper. We look forward to some amazing sights! Please ensure children are wearing normal school uniform if not wearing a Christmas jumper. 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>



Save the Children
CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

In addition, our Christmas tree is up and we have set up our post box. Children can put Christmas cards into the box each day and they will be delivered by helpers from Year 6.

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 on Tuesday 17th December.

The children's Christmas lunch is on Wednesday 18th December. Children who normally have packed lunch are welcome to have the school Christmas lunch. Please let the office know if this is the case by Wed. 11th December.

Thought for the week:

As we launch our new values, the thought for the week will not just be about Growth Mindset from now on.

"Respect is how to treat **everyone**, not just those you want **to impress**."

Richard Branson

Tuesday 10th December—flu immunisations; final Y6 swimming session;
Wednesday 11th December—Globe Theatre storytelling session for Y1 and 2
Thursday 12th December—open morning for prospective YN/YR parents 2020/21

Friday 13th December—*Save the Children Christmas jumper day*

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

Have a lovely weekend!

Yours sincerely,
J. Burt, Headteacher:

Di Crouch OBE

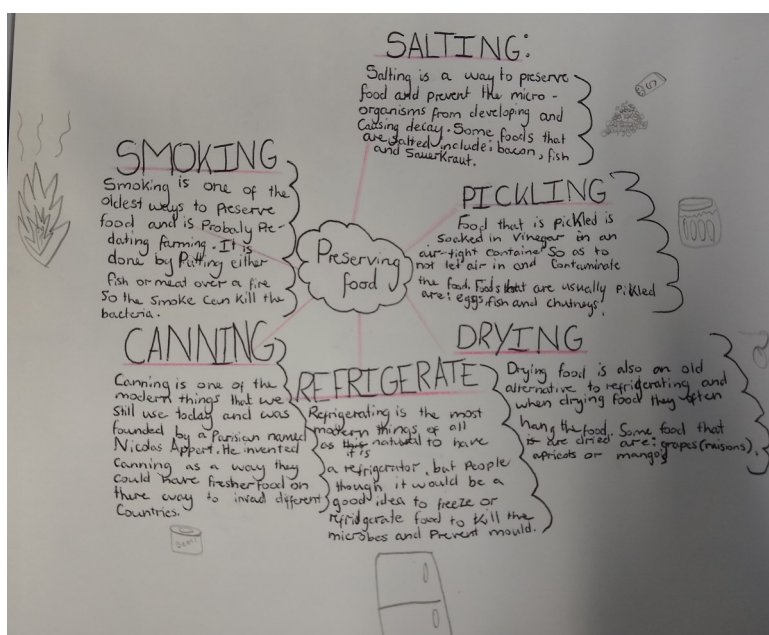
For those of you whose association with us goes back before the early 2000s, you may well remember Di Crouch OBE, a veteran of Friars. She served as a much loved and well respected dinner lady and teaching assistant for over 40 years and retired around 2005. Sadly she passed away a few weeks ago. Her funeral was today and the procession went down Webber Street stopping at Friars for a few moments. A number of staff who knew her, paid their respects.



Children's learning at Friars:

In Design and Technology in Y6, the children have learned why and how food needs to be preserved. They all took great pleasure in making jars of preserved lemons! Here Cassidy shows her understanding of all the different types of preservation techniques used through history in a concept map.

"It was really fun and a good experience to learn how to preserve lemons. It was good to learn how people kept their food fresh in the old days" Cassidy



Attendance



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

This week's whole school attendance	Above or below?
91.24%	5.76% Below

	Class	ATTENDANCE
1st	3	98.15%
2nd	5	97.33%
3rd	6	95.93%
4th	R	92.17%
5th	4	87.14%
6th	1	82.41%
7th	2	82.31%

Punctuality

	Class	ON TIME
1st	5	99.67%
2nd	6	99.26%
3rd	3	98.52%
4th	R	98.26%
5th	1	97.963%
6th	2	97.69%
7th	4	96.19%



Stars of the week



EYFS / KS1

Year 2

Maria

for an imaginative factfile about a dragon of your own creation! Good use of adjectives.

Well done!

KS2

Year 3

Joshua

for reflecting the school values and showing kindness and compassion to all.

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:

Responsibility

Achieving excellence in a happy, nurturing and safe environment

Compassion, Creativity, Endeavour, Resilience, Respect, Responsibility