

Newsletter

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Dates for the Autumn term

New items in red

Happy New Year!

Welcome back to a brand new term, and indeed, decade at Friars. Although we are only at the end of the first week, the teachers and children have wasted no time getting back into some fantastic learning. There are lots of sporting and musical events to look forward to in the coming term (see upcoming dates) as well as all the other subjects in our new curriculum.

We are really pleased to announce the new building is now ready to be used. This week, the teachers have been touring their classes round the building so they can all get a feel for it. We have already sent out a text about this, but please remember, our official opening ceremony will be from 3:30—4pm on Wednesday 15th January and all parents are welcome to be there and have a look around. The building will officially be open for business from Thursday 16th and we will tweet pictures and information about its use as the children get used to it.



Thought for the week:

**If you want others to be happy,
practice compassion. If you want
to be happy, practice compassion.**

Dalai Lama

Monday 13th January—Wick Court meeting for Y5/6 parents 5pm

Wednesday 15th January—**New building opening ceremony 3:30—4pm**

Thursday 16th January—final football match vs St Joesph's Borough at GMH park after school

Tuesday 21st January—Y2 Parent IMPACT workshop 9-10 (postponed from 4th December); Y1 to Museum of Childhood

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 **postponed**; 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; Y5 to football festival @ GMH park

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

Tuesday 25th February—Y3 start swimming

Wednesday 26th February—parent coffee morning

Monday 2nd March—Fire Brigade workshops with Y2 and Y5

Tuesday 3rd March—Y4 to Tate Britain

Tuesday 10th March—Spring term parent consultations

Wednesday 11th March—Spring term parent consultations

Tuesday 17th March—Governing Body visit day (to include a meet the parents session)

Wednesday 25th March—Y3 parent IMPACT workshop, 9-10

Tuesday 31st March—Y5 to Into University

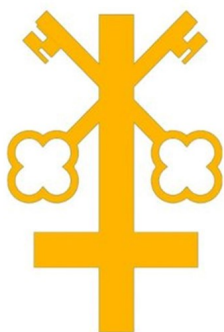
Wednesday 1st April—Y5 jazz project performance at South Bank centre 5pm

Have a lovely weekend!

Yours sincerely,

J. Burt, Executive Headteacher:

I have begun my time as executive headteacher of Friars and St Peters in Walworth this week. Please remember I will split my time equally between the two schools and Miss Wratten, as head of school, will be on hand for any headteacher related queries when I am not here. It has been a fascinating experience so far. It's a really lovely school and the staff, children and parents are fantastic. It appears we already had some links between the two schools as there are children here who have cousins at St Peter's and a parent who attended St Peter's as a child! In the coming term we will be inviting parallel classes from both schools to get together and have some shared learning experiences.



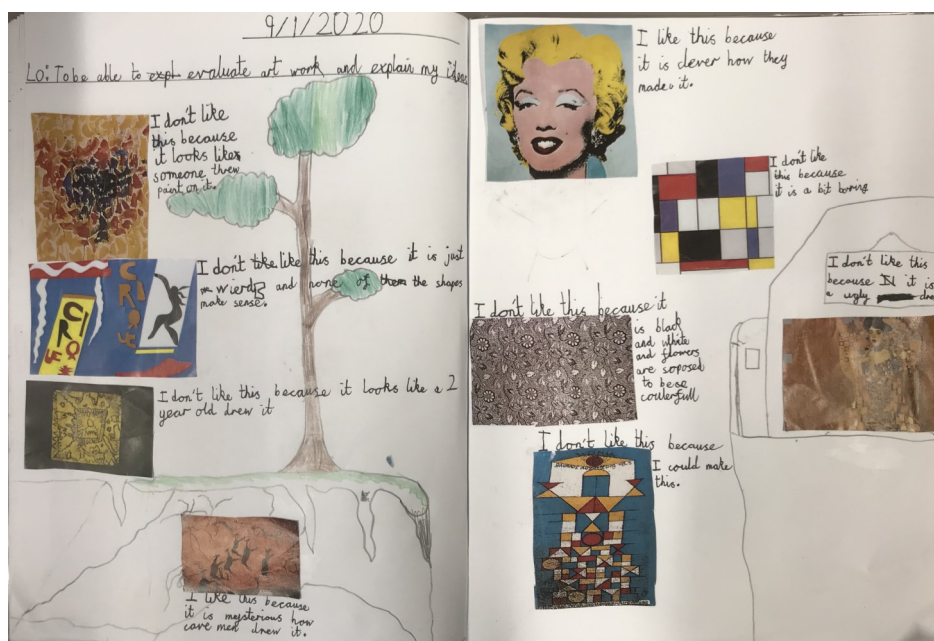
We would like to welcome Mr Maragh who has taken over from Miss Craft as the cover teacher on Thursdays and Fridays. He will be teaching Y4 and Y5 on Thursdays and Y2 and Y6 on Fridays. We also welcome Lindsay Sutherland who is a PGCE student from Roehampton University doing a teaching practise in the Early Years. She will be here until the end of term.

Miss Neal, as part of her Teach First course will be spending a week at Charles Dickens school at the end of March and Year 3 will be fully covered for that week.

We will also be saying good bye temporarily to Mrs Wignall at the end of the first half of the summer term as I am delighted to let you know she is pregnant and will be going on maternity leave! We will let Y5 parents know about staffing arrangements for the last half term of the year in due course.

Children's learning at Friars:

Year 5 have begun their new art unit on printing by evaluating the work of notable artists and the attempts by children to work in their style. Alex has some very firm opinions about what he likes and does not like and he can give good reasons too!



"We had to decide if we liked the art or not and give a reason. I like art that has people and animals in it. I also like Andy Warhol's work because it has been done really carefully"

Alex Y5

Attendance



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

This week's whole	below
95.43%	1.57%

	Class	ATTENDANCE
1st	3	98.19%
2nd	6	96.3%
3rd	1	95.69%
4th	5	95%
5th	4	94..64%
6th	R	94.32%
7th	2	90.38%

Punctuality

	Class	ON TIME
1st	R & 2	100%
2nd	5	99.58%
3rd	4	98.81%
4th	6	98.15%
5th	3	97.74%
6th	1	96.12%
7th	-	-



Stars of the week



EYFS / KS1

Year 1

Logan

for coming up with good ideas for questions to ask about old toys.

KS2

Year 4

Alessa

for great homework over the holidays around multiplication and division.

Well done!

Values stars

Compassion	Alfie Y1
Creativity	Maria Y2
Endeavour	Cavani Y3
Resilience	Dina Y4
Respect	Miilee- Lee Y5
Responsibility	Serena & Shashani Y6

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:**

Compassion - tolerance of different cultures & religions (British Values)

Achieving excellence in a happy, nurturing and safe environment

Compassion, Creativity, Endeavour, Resilience, Respect, Responsibility