

Newsletter

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Coronavirus update

As we are all no doubt aware, the worldwide pandemic of Coronavirus is right-fully causing concern. We are now in the delay phase of the 3 part Government strategy to help manage the virus.

We are receiving regular information from the DFE and Public Health England and the main points for us all to consider are:

- We must all follow the guidance given about coughing/sneezing into a tissue, disposing of the tissue in the bin and washing hands thoroughly and regularly (this is also known as "Catch it; Bin it; Kill it!").
- Schools should continue with normal cleaning processes and there is no expectation that specialist "deep cleans" need to happen unnecessarily.
- As we are now in the delay phase of the virus if anyone feels unwell with a new prolonged and dry cough, and a raised temperatures they will be asked to self isolate for 7 days.
- As is often the case there are other viruses present in Southwark schools including Scarlett fever - Not all illnesses are Coronavirus.
- There is no formal advice about swimming pools but if anything the chlorine in the water is likely to kill off the virus. If an individual swimming pool decides not to open it is up to them. As such our Year 3 children will continue to go swimming on Tuesday afternoons unless our pool closes or we are given any other specific guidance not to go.
- The DFE and public health England don't want to close schools unnecessarily for many reasons not least of all the impact it could have on parents who work particularly in public services such as the NHS and the Police.
- Children are appearing to be the most resilient group of people and the virus is affecting them much less than any other groups.
- Information about the virus is changing rapidly and we will do our best to keep parents upto date with any new information that schools have.
- Friars will close for one of two main reasons: 1. there are not enough staff to maintain the safety and well being of the pupils and 2. current Government advice changes and all schools are instructed to close.
- If we do close we will clearly communicate the reasons why and if it is for a prolonged period we will provide a list of resources and ideas to help children's learning continue during the closure. We will also do our best to offer support and advice to our most vulnerable families.

Thought for the week:

... staying cool and
keeping your mind
calm always pays off
for the better.

Penelope Holmes

Tuesday 17th March—Governing Body visit day (to include a meet the parents session); Y4 Into University workshop

Wednesday 18th March—Y5 jazz project rehearsal

Wednesday 25th March—Y5 jazz project rehearsal

Thursday 26th March—London Fire Brigade in with EYFS

Tuesday 31st March—Y5 to Into University; final Y3 swimming session

Wednesday 1st April—Y3 parent IMPACT workshop, 9-10; Y5 jazz project performance at South Bank centre 5pm

Friday 3rd April—last day of Spring term

Monday 20th April—INSET day

Tuesday 21st April—Summer term starts; Y4 start swimming

Wednesday 22nd April—Y3 to London Mithraeum

Friday 24th April—Parent coffee morning 9-9:30

Wednesday 29th April—Y5 to Into University

Friday 8th May—Bank Holiday

Monday 11th—Thursday 14th May—KS2 SATs week

Monday June 1st—Friday June 5th—Y5/6 school journey to Wick Court

Tuesday 2nd June—final Y4 swimming session

Monday 8th June—Y1 phonics screening check week begins

Thursday 11th June—parent open morning

Tuesday 16th June—Y4 to Into University

Thursday 2nd July—Y6 to Into University

Week beginning Monday 6th July—Health week

Tuesday 7th July—Y6 to Into University

Wednesday 8th July—Sports day

Tuesday 14th July—final Y4 swimming session

Wednesday 15th July—Y6 production

Tuesday 21st July—Last day of the school year

Have a lovely weekend!

Yours sincerely,

J. Burt, Executive Headteacher:

Governor visit day

Our Governors are very keen to raise their profile with the parents at Friars as well as finding out for themselves how well the children are doing. They will be visiting the school next Tuesday and all parents are invited to meet with them as a group.



Parent Questionnaires

Thankyou to all those parents who were able to make it to parent consultations this week. We hope you found it useful. Please take the time to complete the paper questionnaire handed out by March 20th. We really do welcome your views of how the school is doing!

Summer term clubs

Letters will be going out in the next couple of weeks regarding summer term clubs. Ann in our office will do her best to accommodate your children's wishes.

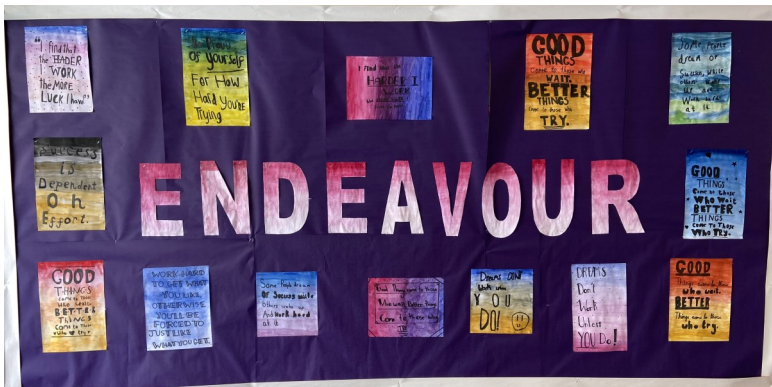
Children's learning at Friars:



Our new hall displays have been created to reflect our school values of:

Compassion, Creativity, Endeavour, Resilience, Respect and Responsibility.

Here are two lovely examples where Y2 have shown great **Creativity** with their artwork and Y6 have thought about how we can show **Endeavour**.



Attendance



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

This week's whole	below
90.76%	6.24

	Class	ATTENDANCE
1st	4	96.7%
2nd	3	96.1%
3rd	5	95.3%
4th	R	88.7%
5th	2	88%
6th	1	84.3%
7th	6	83.5%

Punctuality

	Class	ON TIME
1st	5	100%
2nd	3	99.3%
3rd	6	99.2%
4th	2	98.8%
5th	4	98.6%
6th	R	97.1%
7th	1	96.4%



Stars of the week



EYFS / KS1

Year 1

Stephanie V
for super measuring this week.

KS2

Year 4

Freddie
For always trying his best at everything he does.

Well done!

Values stars

Compassion	Hibba Y6
Creativity	Leila B Y1
Endeavour	Masud Y2
Resilience	Dre Y3
Respect	Erinta Y4
Responsibility	All of Y5

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 sec-
tion of the website.

Assembly theme /
value next week:

**Creativity—inventiveness and
ingenuity**

Achieving excellence in a happy, nurturing and safe environment

Compassion, Creativity, Endeavour, Resilience, Respect, Responsibility



Public Health
England



Advice on the coronavirus for places of education

How serious is the coronavirus?

- it can cause flu-like symptoms, including fever, cough & difficulty breathing
- the infection is not serious for most people, including children
- there is currently no vaccine
- most people get better with enough rest, water to drink and medicine for pain

How likely are you to catch the virus?

- you can only catch it if you have been close to a person who has the virus
- the chance of being in contact with the virus is currently low in the UK
- if you have travelled to areas where many people are infected, your chance of catching the virus is higher, i.e. China and any affected areas

How can you stop coronaviruses spreading?

If you need to cough or sneeze



Catch it
with a tissue



Bin it



Kill it
by washing
your hands with
soap & water or
hand sanitiser

You should wash hands with soap & water or hand sanitiser



After breaks
& sport
activities



Before
cooking
& eating



On arrival at
any childcare
or educational
setting



After using
the toilet



Before
leaving
home



Try not to touch your
eyes, nose, and mouth
with unwashed hands



Do not share items that come
into contact with your mouth
such as cups & bottles



If unwell do not share items
such as bedding, dishes,
pencils & towels



Stop germs spreading with our e-Bug resources on hand and respiratory hygiene lesson plans for KS1, 2 and 3: campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/schools

What should you do if you feel unwell?

Keep away from others and stay at home to stop the infection spreading. Avoid public transport if you think you have symptoms of coronavirus. If you become unwell at a place of education, tell a member of staff and let them know if you have travelled to any other countries in the last 14 days.

If your staff member or parent thinks you have symptoms of coronavirus, they should call **NHS 111** for advice. Follow the UK Government advice for childcare or educational settings gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19. Parents can visit NHS.UK to find out more information. Teachers and support staff should follow the UK Government advice.

Staff, students and pupils who have returned from Iran, specific lockdown areas in northern Italy, special care zones in South Korea or Hubei province China (returned in the past 14 days) should self isolate, and NOT attend education or work for 14 days.

See NHS.UK for advice on coronavirus.

If there is an emergency, call 999 immediately

