

Friars Primary Foundation School

Newsletter

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Dates for Autumn term

New items in red

World Kindness day:

Next Friday (13th November) is World Kindness day. Although our focus value for this half term is resilience, kindness and compassion are what we see on a daily basis from the children and what we promote all the time. We will use the ideas of the organization "Life Vest Inside" who say that In the stormy seas of life, **KINDNESS**, like a life vest, keeps the world afloat. Our "life vest" is "inside" each and every one of us – we simply need to recognize our potential and realize that **we MATTER**, therefore our **choices MATTER**. So... **choose kindness!** To celebrate this occasion we will be having a not so secret flashmob dance in the school. A life jacket is normally orange or yellow and we are asking if possible that children wear a plain yellow or orange top or tshirt underneath their usual uniform next Friday. However, please do not worry if your child does not have either of these colours.

Parent consultations:

Thank you to all the parents who have returned their parent consultation request slips for the week beginning November 23rd. A further letter will go out next week with your actual appointment times. As you know, this year, we have to do all the appointments by phone. Please remember: a. each appointment is strictly for 10 minutes only, b. to have your phone nearby at the time of the appointment and c. that if the teacher is using their own phone it will appear as "no caller ID" on your phone.

Remembrance day:

Next Wednesday (11th November) is Remembrance day. We will be marking the occasion with a two minute's silence in the play ground and the classrooms.

Latest lockdown guidance:

Schools have now received guidance about what to do in light of the latest national lockdown. For primary schools there is very little difference from before. We are open to all, face masks are not required on site and regular outside providers (such as our dance teacher and PE coach) can still attend. Clinically extremely vulnerable people are advised not to attend but we do not have any child or adult in the school who are in that category. Please also remember the previous guidance about child care provision: The following people can provide childcare support in private homes and gardens:

- registered childcare providers, including nannies
- people in your support bubble
- people in your childcare bubble

A childcare bubble is where someone in one household provides informal (unpaid and unregistered) childcare to a child aged 13 or under in another household. **For any given childcare bubble, this must always be between the same 2 households. Friends or family who do not live with you and are not part of a support or childcare bubble must not visit your home to help with childcare. Childcare bubbles are to be used to provide childcare only, and not for the purposes of different households mixing where they are otherwise not allowed to do so.**

Thought for the week:

Hang on to your hat.
**HANG ON TO
YOUR HOPE.**
And wind the clock, for
tomorrow is another day.
E.B. White

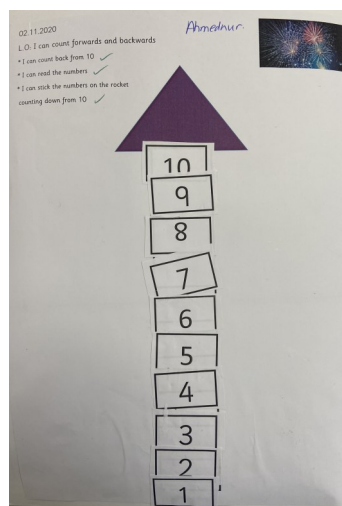
Have a lovely weekend!

Yours sincerely,

J. Burt, Executive Headteacher:

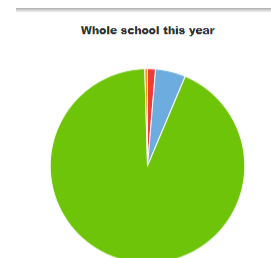
Children's learning at Friars:

It's a bumper curriculum share from Reception this week! All their learning this week has linked to fireworks and the story of Guy Fawkes. In phonics Rayan has improved his ability to segment sounds in simple words. He sounded the words out and recognised the sounds in each word. In maths Ahmednur showed that he can count forwards and backwards and had fun doing a countdown for setting an imaginary rocket off. In Expressive arts and design, the children chose different materials to make their own rockets and Catherine wheels.



Attendance:

Attendance for the whole school this year so far is **94.55%**. This is another improvement on the last figure before half term which is fantastic! Well done yet again to Y3 who are still currently the best attending class with an impressive **97.27%** attendance so far!



The green section of the pie chart shows the percentage of children who are in school.

Stars of the week



EYFS / Y1—Y3

Y1

Andrian

For working hard in phonics. He is doing really well with learning all his sounds.

Y4-6

Y5

Alessa

for producing consistently fantastic work

Well done!

Values stars

Compassion	Neriah Y1
Creativity	Layla G Y2
Endeavour	Maria Y3
Resilience	Piper Y4
Respect	DJ Y5
Responsibility	Felipe 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.

Our focus value for this half term:

Resilience

Achieving excellence in a happy, nurturing and safe environment

Compassion, Creativity, Endeavour, Resilience, Respect, Responsibility