

Newsletter

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Friday 11th December 2020



Dates for Autumn and Spring term

New items in red

Thursday 17th December—last day of Autumn 2. for children

Friday 18th December—INSET day for staff

Tuesday 5th January 2021—first day of Spring term for children

Friday 12th February—last day of Spring 1

End of term disruption:

As many parents have remarked, we have had such a great run of things with very little disruption to the children's education this term. Most of you will know, that changed slightly this week with two confirmed cases of Covid that resulted in three classes (children and staff included) needing to self isolate for the remainder of term. As we all know this virus does not discriminate and is no respecter of traditions or times of year. Please be assured that we have continued to thoroughly use our re opening Risk Assessment and have followed, to the letter, the advice given to us by the DfE and the Southwark Public health team.

You will also be aware that the Government announced yesterday that schools in England are able to use December 18th as an INSET day. We wrote to all parents yesterday with further information. As we had only scheduled 4 out of our 5 allocated INSET days this academic year we have taken advantage of that offer.

With three classes out, sadly, not all children were able to enjoy their Christmas lunch today. For those that were here, they had a great time and looked fantastic in their fancy Christmas jumpers. **Thanks for all the financial contributions for "Save The Children" Christmas jumper day. We have managed to raise over £120. Well done!** Also not all classes will have been able to put a Christmas production/performance onto Google classroom because of this week's events.

Christmas food voucher offer from Southwark:

As part of the Government's Winter Grant Scheme funding, children who are eligible for benefits related FSM will automatically receive a £30 Tesco voucher next week that covers the two week Christmas holiday period. Southwark have extended this offer for any primary or nursery pupils whose parent requests them. We sent out text messages to parents yesterday, signposting you all to a google form on the home page of our website that asks you to indicate if you require the £30 voucher. Please note, you need a google account to fill this form in. All children in the school have one so that they can access Google classroom. We know some parents have only recently applied for their child to be eligible for FSM. We advise those parents complete the google form to be sure you get the vouchers. **Please make sure you have completed the form by 4pm on Monday 14th December. Any requests after that will not be accepted.** In addition we will also be providing breakfast boxes to eligible families next Wednesday. Look out for further communication on this.

Thought for the week:

*A good half of
the art of
living is
resilience.*

Alain de Botton

Have a lovely weekend!

Yours sincerely,

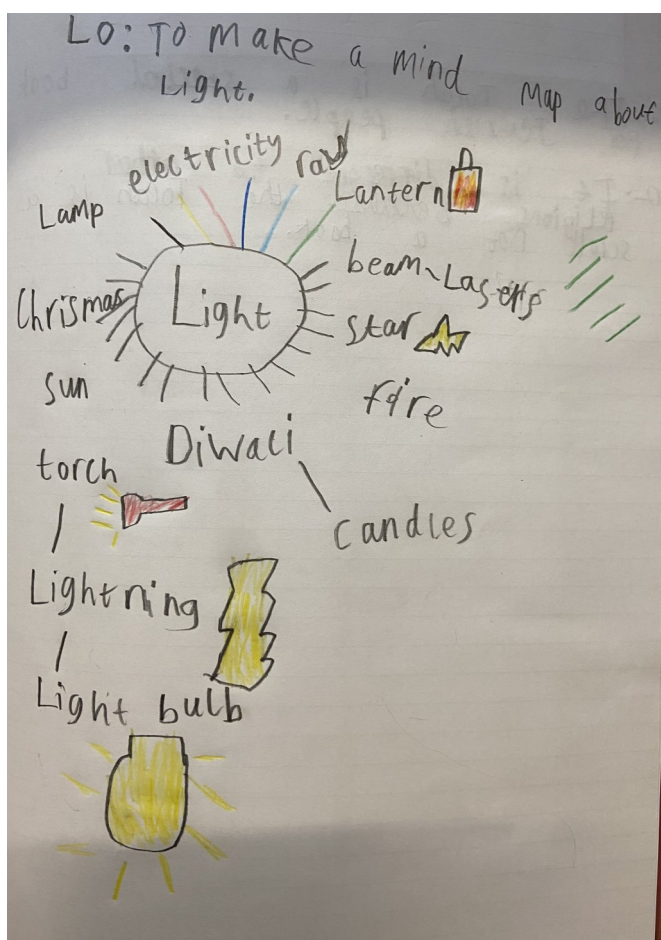
J. Burt, Executive Headteacher:

Children's learning at Friars:

This week Year 3 are sharing some of the work they have done in Geography and RE this half term.

In Geography they are learning about village settlements. They have done lots of map skills based work as well as researching the origins of place names.

In RE they have been learning about the significance of light in different religions. The children reflected on what light is, its meaning, where it is found and what its role is.



LO: Understand how place names are evidence of the people who lived in the past in early settlements

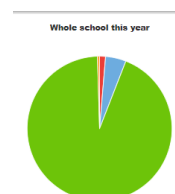
Using your map and the table to show you the language origins, record your findings.

My map is for _____

Place name	Which origin? Celtic = C Anglo-Saxon = A-S Viking = V	What does the name mean?
London	C	hill
Molton	A-S	farm
Brigh-e	A-S	brige
Wareham	A-S	Village
Faringdon	C	hill
Dorking	V	marsh
Bury	A-S	fort
St-Austern	V	hill
Sidmouth	C	harbour

Attendance:

Attendance for the whole school this year so far is **94.89%**. This does not include the three classes self isolating as that is beyond our control. Well done to Y3 who are the best attending class this term with an impressive **97.62%** from the beginning of the year to today!



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