

Newsletter

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Dates for Autumn term

New items in red

Welcome back:

It has been an absolute joy seeing all the children back with us this week. School is where they need to be! We have all really enjoyed seeing them re connect with their classmates, playing and of course getting back into their learning properly. What they have shown us yet again is just how resilient and adaptable they are. For so many it is as if they've never been away. As parents you should be very proud! Thankyou once again to all those parents who became honorary members of the teaching profession throughout lockdown. You did an amazing job balancing your own lives with helping your children. And now you can breathe and let us do the heavy lifting of education!

As we said in last week's update, our absolute main focus has been about reacclimatizing children to school life and doing everything we can to promote their wellbeing. We have also done some low key assessments to get a sense of what learning gaps there are and will use this information to help close any gaps that have emerged.

Thought for the week:



Wednesday 31st March 2021—last day of Spring term for children

Monday 19th April—first day of Summer 1 for children

Wednesday 5th May—"Into University" working with Y4 and Y5 all day

Friday 28th May—last day of Summer 1.

Monday 7th June—first day of Summer 2

Friday 23rd July—last day of the school year



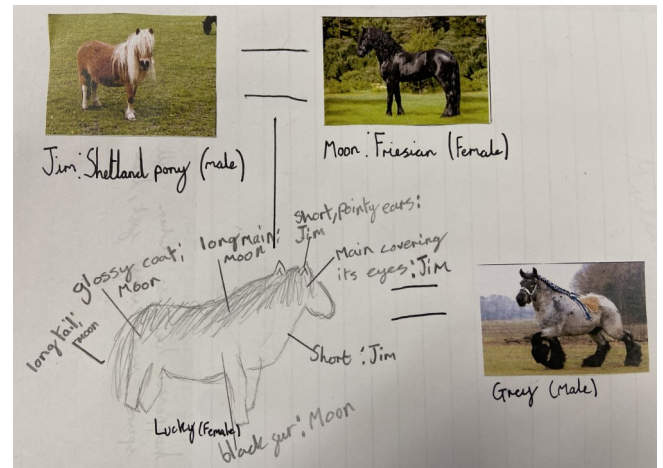
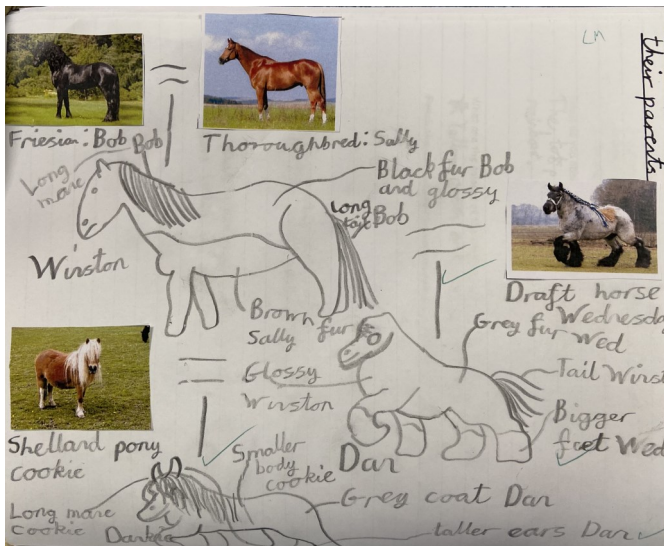
Have a lovely weekend!

Yours sincerely,

J. Burt, Headteacher:

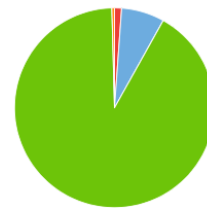
Children's learning at Friars:

And so back to business! We have wasted no time at all getting back into our curriculum. Year 6 have carried on their science unit on evolution and inheritance in science. By studying the physical characteristics of different horses, they have learned how to recognise that living things produce offspring of the same kind, but normally offspring vary and are not identical to their parents. Eva, Millee and Alex imagined what the offspring of two parents would be like and then created a family tree.

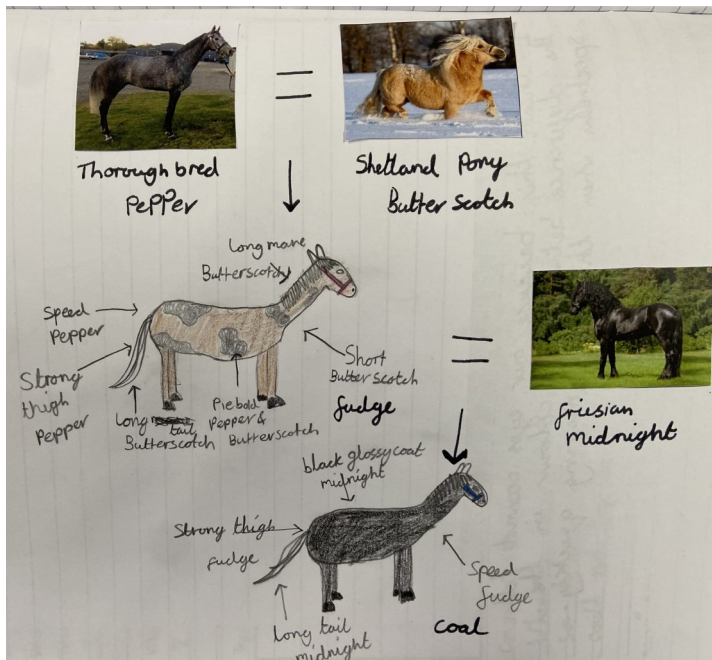


Attendance:

Attendance for the whole school this week is a fantastic **97.20%**. This is a great start to us all being back at school. Well done to Year 3 who are the best attending class this week with a faultless **100%** attendance!



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



Stars of the week



EYFS / Y1—Y3

Y2—Logan

For making a fabulous return to school and trying hard with all his work

Y4-6

Y4—Davion

For working hard and making great improvements in maths despite being in lockdown.

Well done!

Values stars

Compassion	Kamaya—Y1
Creativity	Leila B—Y2
Endeavour	Rhema—Y3
Resilience	Bailey—Y4
Respect	Freddie—Y5
Responsibility	Jayquarn—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:

Respect

Achieving excellence in a happy, nurturing and safe environment

Compassion, Creativity, Endeavour, Resilience, Respect, Responsibility