

Newsletter

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The end of the year: Much like last year, this has been a year full of the unexpected. There has been so much uncertainty and disruption. Schools have had to become adept at responding immediately to Government announcements and changes in policy at a local and national level. More than ever we have needed to rely on our values of Creativity, Compassion, Endeavour, Resilience, Respect and Responsibility to ensure we have survived as a community and the education and wellbeing of all our children has been at the centre of all our efforts. All our staff have stepped up to the plate and shown enormous levels of resourcefulness, mutual support and relentless hard work. My gratitude and respect for them is unwavering. Our Governors, whilst unable to be in school in person very much, have kept up their responsibilities of holding us to account and ensuring we are operating according to our strategic aims and we thank them for that. You as parents have had a really tough deal and we understand that. We really appreciate how adaptable and understanding you have been all year! It was a real joy to see so many of you at the sports days last week and we look forward to working more closely in person with you next year. And of course our amazing children have lived and breathed our values—their grit, determination, resilience and good humour have made the uncertainty and disruption bearable. Thank you all!!

Summer holiday resources: Please remember that all children eligible for benefits related FSM will receive Tesco vouchers to cover the summer holiday period on Monday 26th July courtesy of Southwark. In addition we have already texted all parents details of Family food resources and the Southwark Summer of food and fun. Further information can be found on the letters page of our website.

Operational arrangements for September: Please refer to last week's newsletter for more detail and also remember that as of the beginning of next term (**Thursday 2nd September**) we will be returning to a pre pandemic system of operations. . Start times and finish times will be as follows:

- ⇒ **YN: 9am—12noon (3:20 for full time children)**
- ⇒ **YR,1 2, and 3: 8:55am—3:20pm**
- ⇒ **Y4,5 and 6: 8:55am—3:25pm**

Parents will be able to drop and collect their children from the play-ground. As ever, this information is based on the assumption that there are no further changes to DfE guidance over the summer holiday.

Farewells:

Today we say our good byes to Miss Neal. She joined us as a Teach First student two years ago and this year she has successfully completed her NQT year. We bid her a fond farewell as she starts the next exciting phase of her teaching career at Heber Primary School in Dulwich.

We also say a big goodbye to our wonderful Year 6 class today. Despite the disruptions to their final year of primary school they have been amazing. They will always be remembered here at Friars and we wish them all the luck in the world as they move onto the next stage of their educational journey!

- Thursday 2nd September—**
Au1 start; open morning for EYFS parents
- Friday 3rd September—**open morning for EYFS parents
- Tuesday 7th September—**Y1, Y5 and Y6 meet the teacher sessions 5:30pm
- Wednesday 8th September—**Y2, Y3 and Y4 meet the teacher sessions 5:30
- Thursday 9th September—**Secondary transfer meeting for Year 6 parents 5pm
- Friday 10th September—**Y6 start swimming lessons
- Thursday 30th September—**open morning for prospective 2022 EYFS parents 9:30
- Tuesday 5th October—**flu vaccines
- Thursday 14th October—**open morning for prospective 2022 EYFS parents 9:30
- Thursday 22nd October—**final day of Au1.



Have a lovely summer!
Yours sincerely,
J. Burt, Headteacher: