



# Friars Primary School & Nursery

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Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are close to the end of the 2022-23 academic year. Even though both of us have worked in schools for more than twenty years, we are still amazed at how quickly each year passes! This year has certainly been a great one with so many positive things to celebrate. A big thank you to the children, staff, parents and carers, family members and all of our other stakeholders.

Today you will receive your child's end of year report. We hope you enjoy reading it and would appreciate it if you and your child could write down comments on the final page and return this to your child's class teacher.

In our end of year letter last year, we shared that there would be a focus on writing in the school for 2022-23. This was certainly the case and we are pleased to shared that our children did better in both the end of KS1 and KS2 writing assessments this summer. We will continue to drive writing standards forward but in 2023-24 we also want to particularly concentrate on times tables (or multiplication facts). We will talk more about this in the autumn term at our curriculum evenings. Please see the dates below and add these to your diaries:

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September: 5pm Year 1 / 5:30pm Year 2

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September: 5pm Year 3 / 5:30pm Year 4

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September: 5pm Year 5 / 5:30pm Year 6

School pupil attendance continues to be below the 96% we achieved before the COVID-19 pandemic. As a guide, our whole school attendance for this academic year is 93.3% compared to 93.7% nationally and our unauthorised absence rate is 1.3% compared to 1.5% nationally. These figures will allow you to make comparisons with your own child's attendance. We are very hopeful that attendance continues to improve and that we return to our higher attendance levels in the next academic year as we know there is a correlation between attendance and learning success.

Although the school's doors close for the summer break, the work to prepare for the autumn does not stop. An exciting project beginning this holiday is the creation of a new pupil kitchen. If all goes to plan, we should have lots of photographs to share with you on our return.

We really hope that everyone has a very enjoyable summer. If your child is in Year 6 and you have no other children at Friars, we wish you all the best and thank you for having been part of our Friars family. For everyone else, we will see you when school returns for Years 1 to 6 on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September. Both Breakfast Club and Extended Schools will begin from this first day. Don't forget that we are still open until this Thursday...

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

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