



Friars Primary School & Nursery

Principal: Mr C McClay
Vice Principal: Mrs S Halls



Friday 30th August 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you have had a fantastic summer holiday and that the children are raring to return next week. After the unpredictable weather of the early part of the summer, it has been lovely that the six weeks have been mostly filled with sunshine. Let's hope it continues for September!

Every year, the school is very busy over the break and this year has been no exception. As well as teachers and support staff organising classrooms and all of the usual maintenance and decorating jobs, there have been other things happening such as the installation of a colourful mural in the lunch hall thanks to our catering company Pabulum. We have also taken receipt of some new hot trolleys which will help with our food service. Please remember that children are entitled to free school meals right up to the end of Year 2. If you think your child might be eligible for free school meals after Year 2, please complete the form on the council website: <https://www.southend.gov.uk/help-costs/free-school-meals-1>. Please do book meals in advance through ParentPay.

Just a reminder that with Ms. Taylor-Brown leaving the school in July, our school's Senior Leadership Team now consists of Mr. McClay, Mrs. Halls and Mrs. Turner. As well as being the school's SENDCo, Mrs. Turner will be taking over the leadership of Early Years from Ms. Taylor-Brown. Should you ever have a problem you need to share, please remember that our class teachers will likely be your first port of call. After this we also have Phase Leaders who are very experienced and are always happy to help. For Years 1/2 the Phase Leader is Mrs. Snow, Years 3/4 is now Miss Gibbons and for Years 5/6 it is Mrs. Bailey.

Our safeguarding team comprises: Mr. McClay and Mrs. Halls as Designated Safeguarding Leads and Mrs. Turner and Mrs. Sharkey as Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads.

We still have our year group email accounts where you can email regarding non-urgent matters. Our class teachers will do their best to reply as soon as possible:

reception@fps.porticoacademytrust.co.uk
year1@fps.porticoacademytrust.co.uk
year2@fps.porticoacademytrust.co.uk
year3@fps.porticoacademytrust.co.uk
year4@fps.porticoacademytrust.co.uk
year5@fps.porticoacademytrust.co.uk
year6@fps.porticoacademytrust.co.uk

We do really value good communication with parents and carers so please do not hesitate to talk with us.

Have a great weekend and we will see many of you on Wednesday when school returns for Years 1 to 6. A last reminder that both Breakfast Club and Extended Schools will begin from this first day.

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