

Friars Primary School & Nursery

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Friday 1st September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you have all had a lovely summer and that the children are excited to return to school. Remember that Years 1 to Year 6 are all back next week. We have of course missed the children and we cannot wait for them to walk through the gates smiling on Monday morning!

The summer has indeed been very busy in school. You will remember that we were having some building work carried out and I am pleased to say that this has mostly gone well although there is some work still to be finished. Our new pupil kitchen has been slightly delayed due to some delivery issues but it will all come together this month. Due to the delay, our Extended Schools provision for at least the next two weeks will be held in the Key Stage 2 Hall. If your child attends Extended Schools, please collect from the KS2 Hall door.

In a few weeks' time we have our curriculum evenings. Please do try to attend:

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

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

Thursday 21st September: 5pm Year 5 / 5:30pm Year 6

Our term dates for this academic year can be found on the school website:

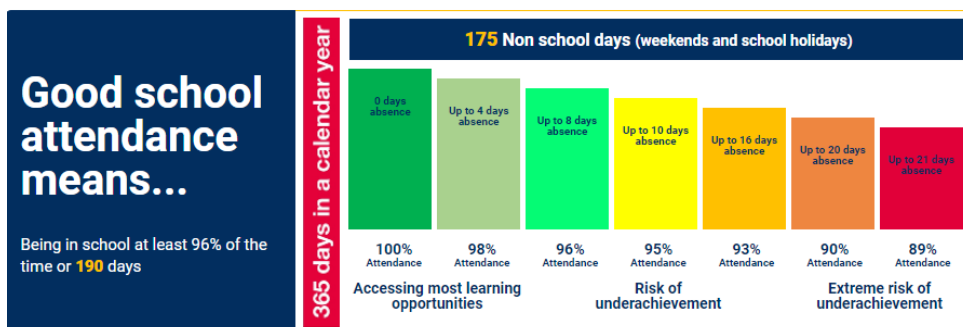
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It might seem a long way off... but we have just agreed our INSET dates for 2024-25. Every school needs to have 190 pupil days and 5 non-pupil (INSET) days. For 2024-25 our INSET dates are:

- Tuesday 3rd September 2024
- Monday 4th November 2024
- Friday 20th December 2024
- Monday 24th February 2025
- Monday 2nd June 2025

These dates will also be on the website very soon.

Please do make every effort to enable your child to attend as many school days as possible this year and for them to arrive on time. Evidence shows that good school attendance and punctuality supports achievement. Last year we had many children achieving 96% attendance or better and a growing number managed 100%!



Finally, just a reminder that should you ever have something 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 always happy to help. For Years 1/2 the Phase Leader is Mrs. Snow, Years 3/4 is Mrs. Dyer and for Years 5/6 it is Mrs. Bailey. Ms. Taylor-Brown is the Phase Leader for Early Years.

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

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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 see you all on Monday.

Yours sincerely,

C. McClay

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Principal