

# FOUR OAKS PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## 15th July 2020

**Dear Parents, Children and Governors**

Well, we've finally got to the end of one of the strangest school years I can ever remember!

Hopefully you have all seen the document we have put on the school website this Monday detailing how we are proposing to welcome back all 421 pupils to Four Oaks Primary School when we all return on 2<sup>nd</sup> September. Within that it talks about what the start and finish of each day will be like, the things that the children will be allowed to bring to school, how lunchtimes and break times will happen, and how the children will be organised whilst both inside and outside the building. We hope that the document helps to answer as many of your questions as possible but please feel free to contact school through this email address: [enquiry@fouroaksprimary.bham.sch.uk](mailto:enquiry@fouroaksprimary.bham.sch.uk). This account will be checked weekly during the summer break and we will endeavour to get back to you as quickly as we can.

Obviously the summer break is usually a time for relaxation and taking a break from classroom learning and we would certainly recommend this for some of the time but if you want to keep brains ticking over then obviously all of the distance learning from the last four months will remain on WordPress and will still be easily accessible. Please continue to read with your child daily as this is a key skill and a fluent reader always settles in quickly in September.



### First Week Back

All of the arrangements for coming back in September were in the document that we sent you earlier this week but please remember that Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September is a staff training day and no children will need to be in school. Once the children return they can bring in their transition booklet that was on WordPress last week as this will form part of their learning during the first week and their new teacher and teaching assistant will be interested to see it. We would ask parents to keep all Bug Club books and Reading Challenge books safe over the holidays and return them in September. During this first week we will also endeavour to return any items left in school by the children when lockdown began in March.

### The Return of Debbie's School Dinners

Just to make sure that everyone knows Debbie and her ladies in the kitchen will resume serving hot dinners in September...HOORAY I hear you say. She has had so many people asking when she will be able to get back to normal, and with the addition of staggered lunchtimes and Perspex screens at the serving hatch we have now been given the go-ahead, so all of you who have been missing her chicken curry, chocolate crunch and lasagne can rest easy and look forward to the return of the best school dinners in Birmingham once we all come back to school!



### Musical Instrument Lessons 2020-21—Years 2-6

YMES are the company that we use at Four Oaks to teach children how to play musical instruments. To learn more about how their service operates and how to book lessons for next year beginning in September, just visit the Home Page of our school website and follow the link with the YMES logo. You will then be able to view a PDF containing details of lessons and prices and then access a registration form. YMES will be offering lessons in keyboard, violin and guitar.



## Well-Being

Just a reminder to all parents that in these tough times there are still lots of places to turn to if you need support with well-being. If you visit our school website, hover over the PARENTS tab at the top of the Home Page, and then select the WELL-BEING option from the drop down menu then there are links to many services that can offer help free of charge and on a totally confidential basis.

### Term dates for next Academic Year

Below you can see the important dates for next year and they are also available on the school website under the NEWS tab at the top of the Home Page and then by selecting DIARY DATES. Please note that at the bottom of the dates list there is still one more Staff Training Day to finalize. This is a day when all staff from our LTE Trust schools normally get together and would have happened in the Autumn Term 2020 but Government guidelines have not allowed for this. As soon as we have re-arranged this we will communicate this information with parents. The calendar of dates attached to this newsletter obviously looks a little empty at the moment due to present government restrictions on adult gatherings. This means that we are still not sure when we will be able to invite parents in for year group assemblies or lunches, or what the format of Parents' Evenings will be. If and when restrictions are lifted then we will communicate with all parents in the Autumn Term, but we feel it is still useful for you to have a perspective of the whole year. We hope you all have a lovely restful summer break and we look forward to welcoming you all back to school in September!

<b>Autumn Term 2020</b>
Tuesday 1st September (Staff Training Day)
Wednesday 2nd September to Friday 23rd October
Half Term Holiday: Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October (1 week)
Monday 2nd November to Friday 18th December
Christmas Holiday: Monday 21st December to Friday 1st January (2 weeks)
 <b>Spring Term 2021</b>
(Monday 4th January - Staff Training Day)
Tuesday 5th January to Friday 12th February
Half Term Holiday: Monday 15th February to Friday 19th February (1 week)
Monday 22nd February to Thursday 1st April
Easter Holiday: Monday 5th April to Friday 16th April (2 weeks)
 <b>Summer Term 2021</b>
(Monday 19th April - Staff Training Day)
Tuesday 20th April to Thursday 27th May
(Friday 28th May - Staff Training Day)
Half Term Holiday: Monday 31st May - Friday 4th June (1 week)
Monday 7th June to Wednesday 21st July
(1 further staff training day to be confirmed)



### OPEN DAY      Saturday August 1<sup>st</sup>

**Just for Starters Day Nursery (on Four Oaks school site)**

are opening their doors for an open day

We cater for 2 - 5-year olds. Open 7.30 am to 6 pm, 51 weeks

Enquiries welcome 0121 353 9527 <https://jforstartersdaynursery.co.uk/>

Anyone unable to attend, please contact us for an alternative date/time.

## Four Oaks Playgroup

Playgroup have spaces available for September for children aged between 2-4. If you are interested in booking a space please contact the manager Brenda on 07966147584.

If you have any queries regarding any of the above please do not hesitate to contact me.  
Yours sincerely

Mr M Benton  
Head Teacher



## DIARY DATES—2020-21

Monday 31st August	Bank Holiday– School Closed
Tuesday 1st September	Staff Training Day—School closed to pupils
Wednesday 2nd September	Pupils in Y1-Y6 Return 20 New Reception pupils start school
Thursday 3rd September	20 New Reception pupils start school
Friday 4th September	20 New Reception pupils start school
Monday 7th September	
Tuesday 8th September	
Wednesday 9th September	
Thursday 10th September	
Friday 11th September	
Monday 14th September	8.15am—M&M Productions—Virtual Scrooge Performance Y4/5/6
Tuesday 15th September	
Wednesday 18th September	
Thursday 17th September	
Friday 18th September	
Monday 21st September	
Tuesday 22nd September	
Wednesday 23rd September	
Thursday 24th September	
Friday 25th September	Proposed PTA Adult Quiz
Monday 28th September	
Tuesday 29th September	
Wednesday 30th September	
Thursday 1st October	
Friday 2nd October	
Monday 5th October	
Tuesday 6th October	
Wednesday 7th October	
Thursday 8th October	
Friday 9th October	
Monday 12th October	
Tuesday 13th October	
Wednesday 14th October	
Thursday 15th October	
Friday 16th October	Open Day—Arrangements still to be confirmed
Monday 19th October	Parents Evening Week—Arrangements still to be confirmed
Tuesday 20th October	
Wednesday 21st October	
Thursday 22nd October	
Friday 23rd October	School Closes for Half Term

HALF TERM



## DIARY DATES — 2020-21(cont.)

Monday 2nd November	Pupils return to school
Tuesday 3rd November	
Wednesday 4th November	
Thursday 5th November	
Friday 6th November	
Monday 9th November	
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Individual School Photographs
Wednesday 11th November	
Thursday 12th November	
Friday 13th November	
Monday 16th November	Anti-Bullying Week
Tuesday 17th November	
Wednesday 18th November	
Thursday 19th November	
Friday 20th November	
Monday 23rd November	
Tuesday 24th November	
Wednesday 25th November	
Thursday 26th November	
Friday 27th November	
Monday 30th November	
Tuesday 1st December	
Wednesday 2nd December	
Thursday 3rd December	
Friday 4th December	
Monday 7th December	
Tuesday 8th December	
Wednesday 9th December	
Thursday 10th December	
Friday 11th December	
Monday 14th December	
Tuesday 15th December	
Wednesday 16th December	Provisional Pantomime –at Lichfield Garrick—TBC
Thursday 17th December	
Friday 18th December	Christmas Party afternoon 3.30 pm School closes for Christmas

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS





## DIARY DATES—2020/21 (cont)

Monday 4th January 2020	Staff Training Day – School Closed
Tuesday 5th January	School re-opens
Wednesday 6th January	
Thursday 7th January	
Friday 8th January	
Monday 11th January	
Tuesday 12th January	
Wednesday 13th January	
Thursday 14th January	
Friday 15th January	
Monday 18th January 2020	
Tuesday 19th January	
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Wednesday 27th January	
Thursday 28th January	
Friday 29th January	
Monday 1st February	
Tuesday 2nd February	
Wednesday 3rd February	
Thursday 4th February	
Friday 5th February	
Monday 8th February	Parents Evening Week—Arrangements still to be confirmed
Tuesday 9th February	Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 10th February	
Thursday 11th February	
Friday 12th February	3.30pm School closes for half term

HALF TERM



## DIARY DATES –2020-21 (cont)

Monday 22nd February	School Opens
Tuesday 23rd February	
Wednesday 24th February	
Thursday 25th February	
Friday 26th February	
Monday 1st March	
Tuesday 2nd March	
Wednesday 3rd March	World Maths Day
Thursday 4th March	World Book Day
Friday 5th March	
Monday 8th March	
Tuesday 9th March	
Wednesday 10th March	
Thursday 11th March	
Friday 12th March	
Monday 15th March	
Tuesday 16th March	
Wednesday 17th March	
Thursday 18th March	
Friday 19th March	
Monday 22nd March	
Tuesday 23rd March	
Wednesday 24th March	
Thursday 25th March	1st Aid Training for Y5 & Y6 Pupils
Friday 26th March	
Monday 29th March	
Tuesday 30th March	
Wednesday 31st March	
Thursday 1st April	School Closes for Easter
Friday 2nd April	Good Friday

## EASTER HOLIDAYS





## DIARY DATES —2020-21 (cont.)

Monday 19th April	Staff Training Day—School closed to pupils
Tuesday 20th April	Pupils return
Wednesday 21st April	
Thursday 22nd April	
Friday 23rd April	
Monday 26th April	
Tuesday 27th April	
Wednesday 28th April	
Thursday 29th April	
Friday 30th April	
Monday 3rd May	KS1 SATs Month begins
Tuesday 4th May	
Wednesday 5th May	
Thursday 6th May	
Friday 7th May	
Monday 10th May	KS2 SATs Week
Tuesday 11th May	
Wednesday 12th May	
Thursday 13th May	
Friday 14th May	
Monday 17th May	
Tuesday 18th May	
Wednesday 19th May	
Thursday 20th May	
Friday 21st May	
Monday 24th May	
Tuesday 25th May	
Wednesday 26th May	
Thursday 27th May	3.30pm School Closes for Half Term
Friday 28th May	Staff Training Day

HALF TERM



## DIARY DATES —2020-21 (cont.)

Monday 7th June	School opens to pupils Year 1 Phonics Screening Week / Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check 3 week period begins
Tuesday 8th June	Provisional Reception Induction Evening
Wednesday 9th June	
Thursday 10th June	
Friday 11th June	
Monday 14th June	
Tuesday 15th June	Boreatton Park Meeting for Y5 Parents
Wednesday 16th June	
Thursday 17th June	
Friday 18th June	
Monday 21st June	
Tuesday 22nd June	
Wednesday 23rd June	
Thursday 24th June	
Friday 25th June	
Monday 28th June	Aspire Paralympic Sports in School
Tuesday 29th June	Aspire Paralympic Sports in School
Wednesday 30th June	
Thursday 1st July	Reports go out to Parents
Friday 2nd July	Boreatton Park Residential Trip—Y5
Saturday 3rd July / Sunday 4th July	Boreatton Park Residential Trip—Y5
Monday 5th July	Boreatton Park Residential Trip—Y5
Tuesday 6th July	
Wednesday 7th July	
Thursday 8th July	
Friday 9th July	
Monday 12th July	1.45pm—Infant Sports Day
Tuesday 13th July	1.45—Junior Sports Day
Wednesday 14th July	
Thursday 15th July	
Friday 16th July	
Monday 19th July	Y6 Leavers' Celebrations
Tuesday 20th July	
Wednesday 21st July	School Closes for Summer Holidays

## SUMMER HOLIDAYS

