

# FOUR OAKS PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Next Week—Menu 3

## 10th December 2021

### Dear Parents and Governors

Well, we're nearly at our Christmas break and at this point I would like to say a huge thank you to lots of people. Firstly to our pupils for being their normal bubbly, talented selves through a very busy Autumn Term. Secondly, to my staff who have maintained their high levels of resilience and commitment through a very testing Autumn Term, when many of them have had to isolate and do two jobs in one, teaching children both in school and at home. And lastly to you, our parents, for constantly being supportive and following all COVID guidelines. Although we have had a steady stream of positive cases every week since September, compared to other local schools, our numbers are very low indeed and thankfully we have not had to send any groups of children home. Long may this continue!

### Lichfield Garrick Pantomime—Wednesday 15th December

Next Wednesday sees our long awaited trip to the Lichfield Garrick Theatre to see their pantomime 'Peter Pan'. Taking the whole school off for a trip is no mean organisational feat, so this is the way that the day will work:



- Children will come in as normal wearing school uniform.
- Children will all have a sandwich party-style lunch in their classrooms between 11am and midday.
- At 12.15pm children will get on board the coaches on Edge Hill Road—it is vital that parents do not come to see the children off as all 7 coaches will need room to park on Edge Hill Road to allow the children to board safely.
- At 1.30pm the performance starts. It is a performance of approximately 2 hours with a break in the middle. The PTA have kindly organised refreshments for the children in the intermission.
- Allowing for traffic we will arrive back at school at approximately 5.15pm—it is vital that no parents park on Edge Hill Road at this point, as again, 7 coaches will be parking along it's length. Please walk to school to collect your child or if you must drive please park away from school and walk. If coaches are left in the middle of the road, to maintain safety, we will not let the children get off. If we have to wait for parents to move cars, then everyone will be delayed.
- At this point **ALL CHILDREN** will be taken back into school and will be dismissed as normal from their classroom doors. No parent will be allowed to take their child from the coaches—this is by far the safest way for all children to be matched up to parents or FOSBACS staff in the dark of deepest December.
- No child will need to bring their school bag with them, but they all need to bring in their water bottle for refreshments.

### Christmas Celebrations Film

We are busy putting the finishing touches to our festive film, keep an eye on our School Jotter app for an announcement early next week for the release date! We hope you all enjoy watching the children perform and hope it puts you in the festive mood!



### Christmas Fayre

Can I just say a massive thank you to the PTA, my staff and all the parent helpers who made our Christmas Fayre such a success on Saturday. We hope that everyone who attended had a lovely time and it got them into the Christmas spirit, despite the gales at the end!!

### Remote Work

Can I remind all parents that the only circumstances in which remote work will be set for any pupil, is when they are off school due to a positive PCR result and they are either asymptomatic or recovered to the extent that they are well enough to work, or if they end up isolating as a group due to another pupil being PCR positive. If children are off school for any other reason or illness, then they are obviously not well and are not fit to complete work.

### School Choir at Good Hope Hospital



We look forward to our school choir going off to sing carols outside Good Hope Hospital next Tuesday between 1pm and 2pm. Mrs Smith, Mrs Bambury and Mrs Brown will be escorting our group of talented singers who I am sure will represent Four Oaks Primary with pride.

### PTA Film Night—Thursday 16th December

If you would like your child to take part in this fun Christmas activity and have not yet bought a ticket, then just visit our website, go to the Parent's tab at the top, click on PTA and click on the link on the right hand side entitled 'PTA Events and News'. If your child is staying for this event after school they can bring their pyjamas to school in a bag and change into them at the end of the day.



### Help with School Uniform Labelling

One of our very creative PTA members has been able to set up a partnership with two companies who offer services to parents to help with the perennial school uniform headaches. Just read the following information and visit our school website to find out more!

#### Stikins Name Labels

We have teamed up with Stikins to offer parents the opportunity to purchase quality labels for your children's school uniform, whilst earning the school commission at the same time! This money can then be used to continue to help purchase some of the fantastic resources that benefit our children's learning.

How it works:

Each order placed quoting the school reference number 7508 will provide the school with 30% commission.

Click on the link below to place your order:

<https://www.stikins.co.uk/>

#### Stamptastic Name Stamps

Stamptastic is the fastest way to name your children's belongings. Step away from the ironing board and put that needle and thread away. Stamp instead with Stamptastic. Stamptastic's magic ink withholds 50 washes on care labels without fading. Customise your personal name stamps online.

Each order placed earns 15% commission for the PTA when you buy any stamptastic product, using the affiliated link which can be found on our website. PLUS £4.99 discount when you order the School Name Labels Deluxe Bundle, using the PTA code. The PTA code for commission is B744PA.

### Christmas Dinner



A big thank you to Debbie and her team for cooking 380 Christmas dinners on Thursday! The children all enjoyed the songs, food, party hats and merriment in the hall with their friends.

### Christmas Parties

On Friday 17th December the children will have their Christmas Party Buffet and their parties. There may even be a special visitor for the Infants. Children in the Infants can wear party clothes as is tradition but please remember they will be going outside to play and our classrooms have to be well ventilated! Children in Juniors can wear PE style kit with Christmas jumpers.





### Super Stars and Acorns



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The following children received Stars (Infants) and Acorns (Juniors) in Assembly last week. Well done to them all!!

Bumblebees	Ren
Ladybirds	Ariya
Owls	Isaac
Hedgehogs	Leo
Turtles	Shay
Sharks	Reuben
3B	Subhaan / Joshvir
3E	Benjamin
4B	Daniel
4R	Daisy
5C	Clark
5ST	Will
6B	Callum
6E	Daya

The following children received Stars (Infants) and Acorns (Juniors) in Assembly this week. Well done to them all!!

Bumblebees	Amber Chaya / Amelia
Ladybirds	Emily
Owls	Madeleine
Hedgehogs	Umaina
Turtles	Rocco
Sharks	Ronnie
3B	Amelia
3E	Jack L.
4B	Oz
4R	Jayden
5C	Oliver D.
5ST	Hasan
6B	Noah
6E	Dylan

### Courtesy Cup Winners ~ last week

Reception	Maya P. / Oliver
Year 1	Lucia / Ria
Year 2	Georgiana / Sheng
Year 3	Harriet / Adam
Year 4	Taran / Jack
Year 5	Seren / Luca
Year 6	Hannah / Erin



Well done to all the winners!

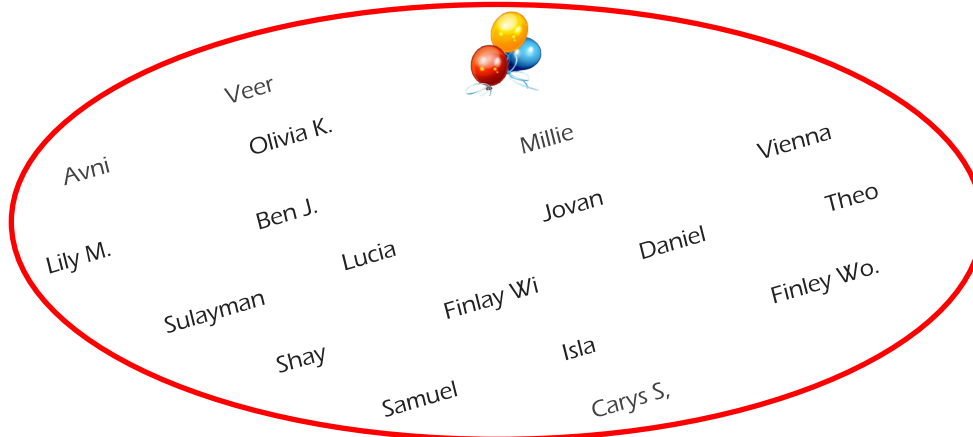
### Courtesy Cup Winners ~ this week

Reception	Alfie C. / Emilie W.
Year 1	Mati / Ralph
Year 2	Mustafa / Charlotte
Year 3	Mahaan / Elsie
Year 4	Kiera / Amirah
Year 5	Harry St / Maryam
Year 6	Jasmine / Jack



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### Infant Birthdays



### Kindness Tree Award

Last week Infants: Enzo (Hedgehogs)

Last week Juniors: Rosie (5ST)

This week Infants: Thea (Ladybirds)

This week Juniors: Lily L-C (4R)



### Individual and Sibling Photographs

The deadline for orders in school has now passed for the photographs, should you wish to order any photographs please follow the instructions regarding late orders and contact Academy Photography direct.

### Data Sheets and Language Updates Years 1-6

Data sheets and a form about collecting and recording data on English as an additional language came out last week to all parents of Year 1-6 children. Could we please ask that you check the data sheets carefully and make any alterations that are needed. Please also complete the form regarding English as an additional language and return both forms to school as soon as possible. Please return the data form even if no alterations are required. Thank you.

### Admission Arrangements

Just a reminder to all present and new parents that our arrangements, including the set criteria for gaining a place at Four Oaks Primary School can be found on our school website under the 'Our School' tab at the top of the homepage. The deadline for online applications for a Reception place, including sibling applications, for September 2022 is 15th January 2022.

### Vacancy for a Cleaner

We have a vacancy for a cleaner at school. 10 HRS/ WEEK TERM TIME ONLY. Please see our website for more details. If you are interested in joining our team please download an application form off our website [www.fouroaksprimary.bham.sch.uk](http://www.fouroaksprimary.bham.sch.uk) or collect one from our school from the Junior Office. Closing date Friday 17th December 2021 at 12.00

### Messy Church at All Saints

On 11th December 'Messy Church' is taking place at All Saints. The idea of Messy Church is to share fun, creativity, celebration and fellowship. Take a look at the poster which is on our website to read further details.



### ICT Tip of the Week

#### Account takeovers

*Just a few personal details could be enough for a scammer to take over your online bank, building society or credit card account and start making fraudulent payments – with your money. Criminals could use phishing, malicious Wi-Fi or malware to steal your details, so don't click links in unexpected emails or open their attachments, and don't give out confidential information over the phone.*

*Change your online passwords regularly and use a unique one for each of your online accounts. Be careful with your social media – lock down your security settings so that no one can find your email address, phone number or date of birth.*

*Do not respond to Social Media Polls or surveys asking for your favourite colour, DOB, place of birth etc. These can all be security questions for online systems and fraudsters use these techniques to build a picture of you.*

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

Mr M Benton  
Head Teacher