

FOUR OAKS PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Next Week—Menu 3

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Dear Parents and Governors

Book Fair



During the week beginning 6th February the Book Fair will be visiting school again. During the week each teacher will take their children to the Book Fair to browse amongst all the goodies and then parents and children are welcome to visit the fair every morning between 8.30 and 9am and every evening between 3.30 and 4pm. The Book Fair will be in the Infant building reception and Science Lab area. Remember, every book that is bought by you and the children earns school extra funds with which to select our own extra books...please be generous! We will be taking card payments this time as the feedback was that this was most people's preferred payment method. Thank you for your support.



Industrial Action

You may be aware from media coverage that the NEU union has declared strike action, which will take place on 1st February, 1st March, 15th March and 16th March 2023. The strike is happening because of a national dispute between the teaching unions and the government over teachers' pay, and not because of any issues at our school.

I wrote to all parents earlier this week, but I will take this opportunity again to confirm that Four Oaks Primary School will be open as usual on the above dates as far as we know. Please send your child in as normal. If this situation changes due to our staff's own children's schools closing then I will inform parents as quickly as possible.

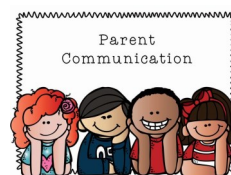
Use of Social Media - Year 6

Unfortunately, I find myself asking for parental help and support in this matter again.

This week we have had to deal with highly inappropriate language and behaviour by Y6 pupils on social media sites. I would ask all Year 6 parents to carefully police their children's use of any social media chat groups, on phones or any other devices, and to take responsible steps if they encounter any inappropriate language or behaviour. Every child has the right to be able to come to school without feeling stressed or threatened, and no child has the right to make any other child feel uncomfortable. This matter is totally out of staff's control, but totally within parents' control, and we would ask that everyone works together to make sure our children are happy and can learn effectively when they come to school.

Reception Parents Workshop

A big thank you to all the parents who took the time to come along to our Reception Parents' Workshop on Monday. We hope it proved useful and gave you yet more insights into the EYFS curriculum and how your children learn effectively through structured play. Please feel free to contact the EYFS team if you have any questions following on from the workshop, and please complete the one-page sheet in your child's reading folder to feed into their learning journal.



Sporting Superstars

Recently we sent a team of sporting superstar pupils to take part in the North Birmingham Para Athletics event. They all represented Four Oaks Primary exceptionally well and, in the end, finished in an amazing 2nd place, all winning wonderful silver medals. Well done to all the competitors and thank you to Mrs. Barton for accompanying them.



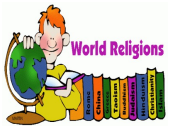
Governor Pen Portrait – Mrs. Van Arkadie

I joined the Board of Governors in November 2020, as a Foundation Governor. In addition to sitting on the Full Governing Body, I am a member of the Finance Committee, and take a special interest in Literacy at the school. This variety of roles enables me to bring to the school some of the skills I've developed at work, and supports my belief that reading is the foundation for learning. I am lucky to work with a passionate and diverse set of governors, and together we do our best to support and develop the school, always with the children's best interests at the heart of our decisions.

I have 2 children currently at Four Oaks, and another daughter who has already completed her primary education there, so I'm also a member of the parent community. Outside of school life I work in Human Resources, with a special interest in diversity and inclusion. I try to fit in some running and always make time for reading. I love to spend time walking the dog in Sutton Park and at the weekends I'm often watching my daughters play netball.

PTA

A big thank you yet again to our wonderful PTA. Firstly for organizing the two children's film nights last week – the children had a wonderful time in their comfy clothes and enjoyed the films. Secondly, after meeting last Monday they agreed to help finance the purchase of further resources within the RE curriculum and for pupils with SEND at school. All of the money that all of our families help to raise via the PTA always comes straight back into school and benefits our pupils!



Rags2Riches—14th February

Having a clothing clear out? If so, please fill any bag with good quality clean clothes for our second Rags2Riches clothing collection of the school year (no uniform of any kind, please). Think, would you pass the item on to a friend? If not, it won't be suitable. For more information please see attached flyer.



On 14th Feb, drop your bags into the junior outdoor classroom. Use any bags (they're not providing any this time) and please label 'FOPS'. This raises money for our school without spending a penny yourself. Thank you!

Parking and Driving

I would like to thank parents who seem to be taking notice of our pleas for more sensible parking and driving around the school entrances. There has definitely been an improvement in this recently, with fewer people stopping on the zig zags or parking both sides of the road. This is really good to see as it means that all children will be able to enter the school grounds more safely. I look forward to this improved attitude to keeping our children as safe as possible continuing.

School Rebuilding Programme



Just to keep all parents up to speed with where we are in this process, we had further surveys last week. Over the weekend Dean, my Site Manager, and I opened up school so that an asbestos survey could be completed. This survey is another in a long line of information finding visits that have taken place since September. I had a telephone conversation with our Project Manager from the DfE last week and he said that this series of surveys should be coming to a conclusion soon, and that another meeting on site would then be arranged to discuss the findings and decide on a way forward.

Reception Balance Bikes

Our very excited Reception children had a wonderful time taking part in their 'Balance Bike' sessions on Monday and Tuesday. They thoroughly enjoyed themselves, practicing their safe bike skills. This is yet another way that here at Four Oaks Primary we try to provide our students with important skills for future life. The skills that they learn now will be picked up again in Key Stage 2 when they have the chance to take their 'Bikeability' course to support them in being safe whilst on their bikes on the road.





Super Stars and Acorns



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

Bumblebees	Ranveer
Ladybirds	Adam A.
Owls	Ranvir
Hedgehogs	Alfie C.
Turtles	Sulayman
Sharks	Umaina
3E	Jai S.
3R	Ronnie
4B	Mahaan
4W	Mrs Burton / Esme
5AC	Fatimah
5MC	Theo
6B	William
6S	Lily



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

Bumblebees	Adam K.
Ladybirds	George
Owls	Charlotte
Hedgehogs	Alfie G.
Turtles	Finley L-J
Sharks	Caesar
3E	Carter M.
3R	Sam
4B	Penny
4W	Jake
5AC	Pippa
5MC	Gabriella
6B	Maelyn
6S	Jessie / Nicole

Courtesy Cup Winners ~ last week

Reception	Benjamin O. / Joshua S.
Year 1	Amelie / Aavai
Year 2	Harry C. / Phoebe B.
Year 3	Aalia / Sara-Sophia
Year 4	Jamilla / Valentino
Year 5	Daisy / Daniel C.
Year 6	Harry Sm. / Daniel



Well done to all the winners!

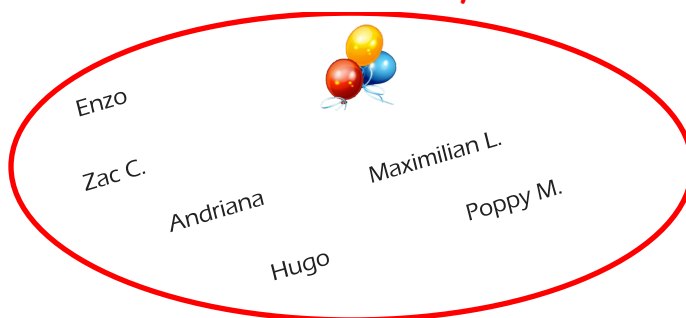
Courtesy Cup Winners ~ this week

Reception	Zoia / Arjun S.
Year 1	Rose / Amber Chaya
Year 2	Eden / Isaac
Year 3	Sophia / Ronnie
Year 4	Rhett / Ben S.
Year 5	Thea (5AC) / Mia
Year 6	Maisie / Louis



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Infant Birthdays



Kindness Tree Award



Last Week Infants: Nisharne (Sharks)
 Last Week Juniors: Lily (6S)
 This Week Infants: Avaani (Turtles)
 This Week Juniors: Martha (6B)



SchoolMoney

We would like to inform parents that if they are having a problem accessing SchoolMoney they should contact Mrs Johnson (in the Junior office) in the first instances to try and rectify the issue. However should problems persist we are able to take a payment over the telephone via credit card. This should mean that we have no outstanding amounts on SchoolMoney for dinners or other payments. Thank you.

More Sporting Superstars!

A huge well done to our Year 6 Basketball team who competed on Thursday. After some great matches they came out on top winning gold!



Humanist Assembly

On Wednesday we invited Mark Taylor from the Humanist Society into school to deliver an assembly around Humanist philosophy to our KS2 pupils. Many thanks to him for enabling us to support the children in their learning within the RE curriculum.

Parents' Evenings—15th / 16th February

You will soon be receiving a letter to choose a Parents' Evening time slot for your child. You will be informed on TEAMS when you can come into school to view your child's work in their books at some point in the **week beginning 6th February**. Please keep an eye on your child's TEAMS account for news of this from your child's teacher.



Birmingham Children's Hospital—Charity Event—8th February

Following our recent assembly where the children learnt all about how our fund raising efforts will help the Birmingham Children's Hospital we are pleased to announce our first event. On Wednesday 8th February we will be asking the children to bring in their teddy with a bandage or plaster attached. We will talk about the 'injury' and how we look after



ourselves as part of our 'Well-being Wednesday'. As part of our message for the day, we will explain to the children that we can see if we are physically healthy or if we have an injury but we also need to look after our mental health which we can't see. Our mental health affects how we feel and behave. We are asking for a donation of £1 for the charity which should be paid through SchoolMoney. Please do not send cash in. Thank you.



Reception—Eye Tests

The Optometrist from Good Hope Hospital will be coming into school on Friday 10th February to carry out eye examinations on the children in Reception. A letter has come out to parents to explain the details. You only need to return the slip on the letter if you DO NOT wish your child to be examined.



Year 2 Trip—Tuesday 14th February

Year 2 will be travelling to the National Memorial Arboretum on 14th February in connection with their topic of World War I. Can parents please pay for the trip via SchoolMoney and please remember to tick the consent box. We hope they have a wonderful time.



Juniors—Gymnastic Competition

Some of our pupils will be taking part in a gymnastics competition at the GMAC at Alexander Stadium on Wednesday 1st February. We wish them the best of luck and we will let you know how they get on.



Just for Starters Nursery—Job Vacancy

Nursery have a job opportunity. Please see the flyer at the end of our newsletter for further details

ICT Tip of the Week

Most of us at some point have been unable to access important data, whether it's work documents, photos, videos, contact details or other personal information. It's important to keep backups of your important data particularly if losing it is likely to cause you harm or distress.

There are lots of backup solutions and lots allow backups to the cloud. Apple iCloud, Google Drive, Microsoft OneDrive all offer some sort of free cloud storage and you can increase your storage capacity for a fee. If you use Amazon Prime, you can backup photo's as part of your subscription.

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

Mr M Benton
Head Teacher



LUNCHTIME NURSERY SUPERVISOR

(POSSIBLE JOB-SHARE)

Job vacancy

Are you looking for a flexible working environment?

Join this experienced team to inspire young learners.

Just For Starters is a 36 place private nursery conveniently located on the site of Four Oaks Primary School.

Please contact (Manager) on 0121 353 9527 for further details or email your CV to jfors@fouroaksprimary.bham.sch.uk

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BOOKS CDs OR ANY UNIFORM

If you are unsure what to put in the bags
STOP AND THINK
WOULD YOU WEAR IT?