

FOUR OAKS PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Governors

Half-Term

Today marks the halfway point in our academic year and so next week we all look forward to a well-earned rest with a week off for half-term. I hope everyone has an enjoyable time, whatever they are doing and that all the children come back to school on Monday 24th February well rested and raring to go again!

Miss Fowkes-Good News!



We are delighted to announce that Miss Fowkes has informed us that she is expecting a baby! She will continue teaching the Bumblebees until the end of the academic year. We are sure you will join us in sending her many Congratulations!

Whole School Trip to The Garrick Theatre Lichfield - December 2020

As you will have seen from the letter that went out to all children on Thursday we intend to celebrate next Christmas in a special way with a whole school trip to see the pantomime "Peter Pan" at the Garrick Theatre in Lichfield on Wednesday 16th December. In the Autumn Term you will receive information about prices and times for that day so please keep your eyes peeled!



Year 6 Bletchley Park Trip

Year 6 will be visiting Bletchley Park on Monday 24th Feb, which is the first Monday back after half-term. Parents please note that the coach will need to depart from school at 8.00am so the children must be at school by 7.50am. Please also remember that every child will need a packed lunch as we are unable to supply one from the kitchen on that day. We look forward to hearing all about this exciting trip when our Year 6 pupils return.

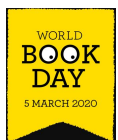


World Maths Day

We will be celebrating World Maths Day in school on Wednesday 4th March when the children will be taking part in all kinds of exciting mathematical activities during the day. They will be learning about famous mathematicians and getting involved in all sorts of puzzles and investigations which will reflect how important mathematics is in everyday life!

World Book Day

On Thursday 5th March we will be celebrating World Book Day and this year we will be having a Four Oaks Primary Vocabulary Parade. You will have received a letter last week detailing how we would like you to help the children dress as a particular word. The letter that went out had examples of how this could be done but if you need any advice or direction then please speak to your child's class teacher or Mrs Glover, our English leader in school. Our World Book Day will end with the children performing poetry to each other so we are really looking forward to that.



A Plea about Parking

Could I ask all parents to please respect the zig zags outside the front school entrance. At dropping off time and collecting time it is illegal to stop on the zig zags whether you are parking or just dropping off. It is a dangerous place for the children to be getting out of cars, especially as there are often vehicles trying to leave the site through that entrance. Last week I was out at the front of school and witnessed quite a number of parents doing exactly this. We all have to take a responsible part in keeping all of our children safe and sound. Thank you for your co-operation.





Super Stars and Acorns



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

Bumblebees	Ella
Ladybirds	Daya
Owls	Samuel C.
Hedgehogs	Rupert
Turtles	Aneka
Sharks	Thea
3E	Harry S.
3R	Miles
4C	Callum
4G	Willow
5C	Leighton
5G	Lilah
6E	Gracie
6W	Jordan



Super Stars and Acorns



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

Bumblebees	Aima
Ladybirds	Zahra
Owls	Jacob M.
Hedgehogs	Jacob L.
Turtles	Elise
Sharks	Isabel B.
3E	Luca
3R	Harry St.
4C	Poppy
4G	Allulah
5C	Sophie
5G	Benjamin L.
6E	Ryan
6W	Edward

Courtesy Cup Winners ~ last week

Reception	Sophia / Poppy H.
Year 1	Penny / Isabella B.
Year 2	Darcey / Annabel
Year 3	Harry Cl. / Harry Ca.
Year 4	Hannah / Guhan
Year 5	Alfie / Rachel
Year 6	Henry B. / Edward



Well done to all the winners!

Courtesy Cup Winners ~ this week

Reception	Avleen / Freddie
Year 1	Scarlett / Lucy
Year 2	Toby / Gabriella
Year 3	Will / Isla C.
Year 4	Evaleen / Absaar
Year 5	Ben W. / Ethan
Year 6	Ryan / Yousuf



Well done to all the winners!



Alison Mander—Kindness award for this Half Term

Infants— Ryan K. (Bumblebees)
Juniors— Mykola S. (4G)



Infant Birthdays



Harry M.

Charlie W.

Salahuddin

Oilly S.

Jacob L.

School Dinners—Juniors

Can parents please ensure they respond to any SchoolMoney requests for payments for school meals. Any problems with payments please contact Mrs Johnson in the Junior office.

Milk—Infants

A reminder that milk should now have been paid for. Could any outstanding payments please be made as soon as possible via SchoolMoney. Thank you.

Parents Evening and Book Fayre

A huge thank you to all the parents who attended our Parents' Evenings this week, we had yet again, a tremendous turnout. It was lovely to talk to so many parents who were thrilled to hear about their child's progress at this mid-point in the academic year, which is a genuine reflection of all the hard work that goes in at school from all the children and staff!

Also a big thank you to anyone who visited the Book Fayre in the Science Lab in the Infant building and bought a book. We rely on your generosity with the Book Fayre as for every book you buy we get a free book for school. The money that you spend in there instantly creates new reading resources for the children in school!



KES Concert Party

We had a visit from four very talented musicians from King Edward's School in Edgbaston last Friday afternoon. The children were treated to some wonderful performances by the four boys and got the chance to ask them questions about the music that they performed. This is just another example of a benefit to our children from being in The Four Oaks Learning Trust, as KES are one of our partners who offer us many exciting learning opportunities.



Advice for Parents

We have been asked by the Department of Education to communicate to parents their latest advice around the Coronavirus which you can read below:

Advice for parents/guardians

You should not be unduly worried about the possibility of your children catching the Coronavirus.

There is no reason why your children should not continue to attend their early years, school or further education setting as normal.

We recognise that some families or children may be planning to travel to China during the forthcoming half term period. If so, please refer to the FCO's latest travel advice on-line.

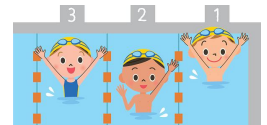
What action you can take

A UK wide campaign has been launched to provide clear advice on how to slow the spread of Coronavirus. Please help to support the campaign which promotes basic hygiene practices, such as regularly washing hands and always sneezing into a tissue, to stem the spread of viruses.

Latest information and advice can also be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Year 4 Swimming

4G have enjoyed their swimming session at Wyndley for the last two weeks, a reminder that 4C will commence lessons on Tuesday 25th February for 2 weeks.



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Netball News (Written by the Y5 and Y6 girls)

On Thursday 16th January our fantastic Year 6 netball team went to Sutton College for a couple of primary league matches. Our first game was against Little Sutton. We all played really well but they were a little bit better. The final score was 8-4 to Little Sutton, but our player of the match was Lexie. Our second game was against The Deanery. They were good but this time we were better, the final score being 15-0 to Four Oaks! This time our player of the match was Isabella! Well done girls!

On Monday 27th January the Year 6 red netball team played at Bishop Vesey's Grammar School against Sutton Town Netball Club. The game was very close, however we finally won with a score of 6-5. Congratulations girls! Both teams were asked to choose a player of the match from the opposing team Sutton Town decided that they thought Kareena did a great job playing for Four Oaks. Well done girls and keep up the good work!



Just recently our Year 5 red netball team went to Bishop Vesey's Grammar School and played a match against Sutton Town Netball Team. The event took place on Monday 3rd February and all of the girls played extremely well. Unfortunately we lost with a score of 0-7, however we came away with many positives. The game was very exciting and each and every girl played with enthusiasm. Like every other netball match there had to be one player of the match for each team. It is with pleasure we announce that Sophie in Year 5 gained that title this time round. Good work girls, we are very pleased with all of your time and effort - keep it up!



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PTA Comedy Night

Well, if you weren't at the PTA Comedy Night on Friday 7th December then you missed an absolute treat! The assembled throng of parents and friends of the school were treated to a superb night of mirth and merriment by the two headline acts. Everyone left the Junior hall with huge smiles on their faces after laughing almost constantly for three hours and raising much needed funds for the pupils in school along the way!



A huge, huge thank you to all the members of the PTA who put in such hard work and made the night possible. If you did come along then please spread the word about how good the event was and then maybe we can sell even more tickets next time!

PTA 200 Club

The winners of the February draw are:

£50 No 35	Mrs Johnson
£10 No .126	Mrs S. Cook
£10 No 44	Mrs J Wallace
Voucher No .75	Mrs J Samuel
Voucher no.	Mrs P Talabani

Congratulations!

ICT Tip of the Week

"A recent survey suggests that by the age of 11, 90% of children have their own mobile phone. 39% of whom say they couldn't live without it. On average they spend 3 hours 20 minutes per day on the device. With these stats in mind, it is vital that parents set parental controls, that the devices are used appropriately, and that a healthy balance is maintained between the online world and offline world."

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

Mr M Benton
Head Teacher