

# FOUR OAKS PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Next Week—Menu 3

## 14th July 2023

**Dear Parents and Governors**

### End of the Year

Well, you blink and another school year passes by. This is our last newsletter of the year and so I would like to say a huge thank you to our wonderfully supportive parents who constantly work in conjunction with us at school to provide the best possible opportunities for the children. It has been a very hectic and busy year, and I'm sure that everyone is looking forward to a long summer break. I hope that all of our families enjoy their rest and come back to school on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September for a great first day back at school.



### Transition Day

Two days ago we had a very successful transition day where all pupils moved up to their new classrooms to spend a day with their new class teachers. They had a fantastic time and there were lots of smiles on view as I walked around school. All parents were sent a letter showing them which teachers will be where next year, so hopefully our school organisation for 2023-24 is very clear.

### An Invitation for Parents' to Visit Classrooms

On Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July we have our traditional invitation to parents to come into school from 2.30pm onwards and visit their child's classroom to look at their children's work, either in the classroom or in the corridors. Once you have finished looking at the work together you may then take your child home a little early if you wish.



### Reports

All reports were sent out to parents on Wednesday of this week and we hope you have enjoyed reading through them and talking to your children about their many successes this year. If you would like to book an appointment to talk to your child's class teacher about any aspect of their report, then please do this for some point between 4pm and 6pm on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July.

### A Chance to Say Goodbye

Sadly, as you may be aware, we will have some staff moving on to pastures new at the end of this term. Mrs Barton has decided to retire, and she has been with us at Four Oaks for 14 years. She will be spending a lot more time with her family, and also taking life at a slower pace aboard her narrow boat. Miss Fowkes, who arrived in 2013 will be reducing her hours so that she can spend some precious time with her young son before he begins his own school adventure, and she will be working one day a week in Year 1 next year. Miss Graham, who has been working as a Teaching Assistant in Year 6 this year is off to begin her own adventure as she starts her own training to become a teacher - who knows, we may see her back at Four Oaks at some point! Both Mrs Clifton, who joined us in 2020, and Mrs Loizou, who joined us in 2018, have been working tirelessly as Teaching Assistants in Year 6 and Year 1 respectively, and they are also off to pastures new, so we wish them the best of luck.

**GOOD  
BYE &  
GOOD  
LUCK!**

All of these valued staff members have given freely of their time and energy for the benefit of our school and will be very sadly missed by pupils, parents and staff alike. I would like to thank them for her total dedication, enthusiasm and hard work over the years and wish them the very best of luck in their new adventures.....they will always be part of our Four Oaks Family and will be welcome back at any point!



## Y6 Leavers Assembly - Thursday 20th July

Next Thursday will see a day full of celebration for our Year 6 pupils who are coming to the end of an amazing 7 years at Four Oaks Primary. They will perform their Leavers Assembly for the rest of the children on Wednesday morning, but at 9.15am on Thursday all Year 6 parents can come along to the Infant Hall to watch the children perform, and be involved with a presentation of some gifts that the PTA have funded for Year 6.

After this celebration Year 6 parents can then stay for lunch with their child and partake in Debbie's dinners for possibly the very last time. If parents want to stay for lunch they must go through 'School Money' to book a lunch. Please be aware that this is an opportunity to have lunch just with Year 6 pupils at this special time, so siblings will not be able to come out of class to join you.

In the evening our wonderful PTA will then put on our Leavers Barbeque and Disco for all of the Year 6 pupils between 6pm and 8pm. Can I stress that this is a pupil only event and parents will simply drop the children at the front gate at 6pm. Parents will then be allowed back on site at 8pm and can come up to the side of the hall to collect their children. We hope that everyone enjoys this celebratory event and that it creates some lovely memories!

## Transfer to Secondary School in 2024

Next week all Birmingham maintained Primary, Junior and All-Through schools will be sent a letter which will be distributed to their current Year 5 pupils born between **01/09/2012 - 31/08/2013**, who live in Birmingham and do not have an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP). There is key information included regarding deferred entry and children being taught outside of their normal year group, so it is important that this letter is read carefully. Parent/carers will be able to submit an online application from 1 September 2023 and are urged to apply for their child to transfer to secondary school by the **national closing date of 31 October 2023**. Further Information about the application process will be available on the council's website from 1 September 2023.



## Arthur Terry Open Evening

The date of the Arthur Terry Open Evening for next year's cohort has now been set and will take place on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September with the doors opening at 6pm.

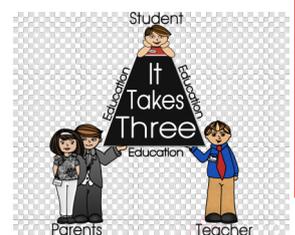
## Attendance Reminder

We would like to congratulate the many parents who make sure their children attend school regularly and I'm sure they will see a reflection of this in their child's academic performance.

Absence from school always disrupts the education of individual pupils and research shows that children who do not attend regularly do not achieve well in exams, find it difficult to cover lost ground academically, and can find it difficult to maintain friendships as they grow up.

I would like to point out to all parents that Four Oaks Primary School will be working in partnership with the other LTE schools and the Local Authority from September to renew our efforts to improve school attendance. Please remember that family holidays in term time are not allowed in law and are unlikely to be authorised. Family emergencies also need careful consideration. It is not always appropriate or in the best interests of the child to miss school for emergencies which are being dealt with by adult family members. Parents **MUST** notify school of any planned leave in term time, but this does not necessarily mean it will be authorised.

Please note that from September, where parents fail to ensure their child attends school regularly, legal action, including penalty notices, may be considered by the Local Authority. The Governing Body of Four Oaks Primary School are in full support of this positive action to improve pupils life chances.





**Super Stars and Acorns**



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

Bumblebees	Ananya
Ladybirds	Sophie
Owls	Toby
Hedgehogs	Didar
Turtles	Ralph
Sharks	Finley W.
3E	Aima
3R	Aaryan
4B	Adam
4W	Emily
5AC	Aneka
5MC	Harry
6B	Kierath
6S	Connor



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

Bumblebees	Ava-Mae
Ladybirds	Joshua S.
Owls	Jovan B
Hedgehogs	Poppy
Turtles	The Whole Class
Sharks	Not awarded—trip
3E	Freddie
3R	Shay
4B	Ezra
4W	Athier
5AC	The Whole Class
5MC	The Whole Class
6B	Not awarded—trip
6S	Not awarded—trip

**Courtesy Cup Winners ~ last week**

Reception	Penny / Zara
Year 1	Rose / Aavai
Year 2	Theo / Oliver
Year 3	Bella / Heidi
Year 4	Jessica C. / Yian
Year 5	Leo / Ben B
Year 6	Martha / Oliver T.



Well done to all the winners!

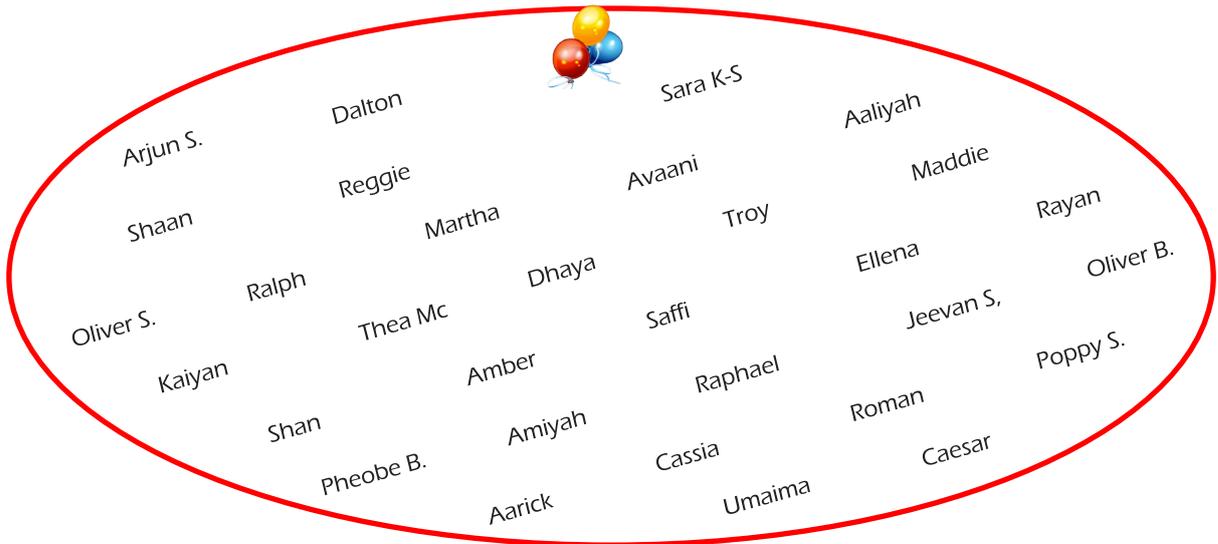
**Courtesy Cup Winners ~ this week**

Reception	Zac H. / Avaani
Year 1	Isla / Mia J.
Year 2	Elliot
Year 3	Hajra / Charlotte
Year 4	Jamilla / Olivia
Year 5	Pola / Oliver
Year 6	Not awarded



Well done to all the winners!

**Infant Birthdays**



**Kindness Tree Award**

Last Week Infants: Kierat (Bumblebees)  
 Last Week Juniors: Harry St (6S)  
 This Week Infants: Olivia (Ladybirds)  
 This Week Juniors: Sahaya (5AC)



### Summer Reading Challenge

The Summer Reading Challenge is back—please see the attached flyer for all the information. Please sign up at your local library. There is a certificate and a medal for each child who completes the challenge and the school with the most children completing the challenge also receives a trophy—Mrs Glover would love it if we win three years in a row!!

### Artists in our Midst!



We can announce the fantastic news that Annie, Katie and Heidi in Year 3 have had their artwork from their Christmas cards that they created in school chosen to be used by Birmingham Children's Hospital when they launch their Christmas Cards this year. A huge well done to the girls.....we are very proud of you!

### Key Stage 2 SATs Results - CONGRATULATIONS

I would like to say a huge well done to the Year 6 children and staff. On Tuesday the children's SATs results were published and yet again the children have done us and you proud. Every child tried their very hardest when taking their tests in May, and we think they all did extremely well.



### Boreatton Park 2023

Our party of Year 5 pupils and accompanying staff had a fantastic time away at the PGL centre at Boreatton Park last weekend. The children were great ambassadors for Four Oaks Primary and had a lovely time, testing their boundaries and discovering new skills along the way. I am sure it is a weekend that will remain in their memories forever.....especially the amount of rain! A huge thank you to all of my staff who went on the trip and gave up their weekend. Considering they have now worked two weeks straight without a break I think they are doing very well to still be standing!

### 5<sup>th</sup> Staff Training Day 2023-24

A few weeks ago, we let all parents know the dates of 4 out of 5 of our staff training days for the next school year and we said we would arrange a 5<sup>th</sup> one at a later date. I can now confirm that 5<sup>th</sup> date will be Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2023. This means that our staff training days for next year when school will be closed to all children will be as follows:

- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023
- Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2023
- Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024
- Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2024
- Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2024



### Milk—Reception and Year 1

Could parents of current Reception and Year 1 children please ask their child if they wish to continue to have milk next year. If you wish to **stop** your child's milk please contact Mrs Underwood in the infant office next week. Your child will continue to have milk next year if we do not hear from you.

### A Big Thank You!

Lastly, but very definitely not leastly, I would like to say a HUGE THANK YOU to my wonderful staff. The last 12 months has been challenging yet highly rewarding and I count myself to be a very lucky man to have a team that work so hard, can take the knocks and yet bounce back to try their very best in all aspects of their chosen profession.

Thank you to all of you and I hope you have a very restful Summer break!



**COMMUNITY NEWS.....COMMUNITY NEWS.....COMMUNITY NEWS.....****Summer Sports Camps**

We have attached flyers regarding Summer Sports Camps being run by Premier Sports and Streetly Tennis Club for your information.

**Just For Starters Nursery—Open Day**

Just For Starters Day Nursery are holding an Open Day on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> July. 10am-12pm.

If you are interested or know someone who is please spread the word. They can be contacted on:

**Tel: 0121 353 9527 / 07483 133350**

**Email: jfors@fouroaksprimary.bham.sch.uk**

**Birmingham Festival 2023**

A **free** family-friendly outdoor festival will be taking over Centenary Square **28th July-6th August** with live music, performances and activities to celebrate the legacy of the Commonwealth Games 2022. There will be something for everyone, with accessible activities, local talent, dance, family-friendly entertainment, the chance to meet B2022's iconic Perry, and the best of Birmingham's food and drink on offer.

No tickets are required - just come along and celebrate the magic and memories of Summer '22 - watch, listen, relax, dance and play.

**Party in the Church—All Saints**

We have attached a flyer which gives all the details for a party which is being held by All Saints Church on 2nd September. All families are welcome.

**Dance and Beats**

The final flyer is for some evening classes over the summer break for Dance and Beats with details of how to sign up if your child is interested.

**ICT Tip of the Week**

*With the summer holidays almost upon us, children will have more opportunity to access the online world. Lots of children will enjoy more time gaming whether it be on PC, phone, tablet or console. All games have a PEGI rating for their suitability for youngsters. You can use PEGI ratings to check the age rating and also see content descriptors, eg Violence, Bad Language, Drugs or Gambling. For more info on PEGI ratings or to check the PEGI rating of a game title visit: - <https://pegi.info/>*

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

Mr M Benton  
Head Teacher





Children's reading can 'dip' during the long summer holidays. The annual Summer Reading Challenge helps get three quarters of a million children into libraries each year

to keep up their reading skills and confidence.

*Because everything changes when we read.*

**SUMMER  
READING  
CHALLENGE**

**SOCT**  
Sutton Coldfield Charitable Trust

**The Summer Reading Challenge encourages children aged 4 to 11 to read six books during the long summer holiday.**

There is a different theme each year. Children can read whatever they like - fact books, joke books, picture books, audio books - just as long as they are borrowed from the library.

Children receive special rewards each time they finish a book and there's a certificate and medal for everyone who completes the Challenge.

The Summer Reading Challenge is open to all primary school aged children and is designed for all reading abilities.

Why not pop into your local Library to join this year's scheme.

It runs from 8<sup>th</sup> July until 12<sup>th</sup> September. You can join any time during this period, it costs nothing!

Mere Green Library is open :

Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursday, Fridays & Saturdays 9am-1pm & 2pm-5pm

**DANCE AND BEATS**

£25 FOR 4 CLASSES

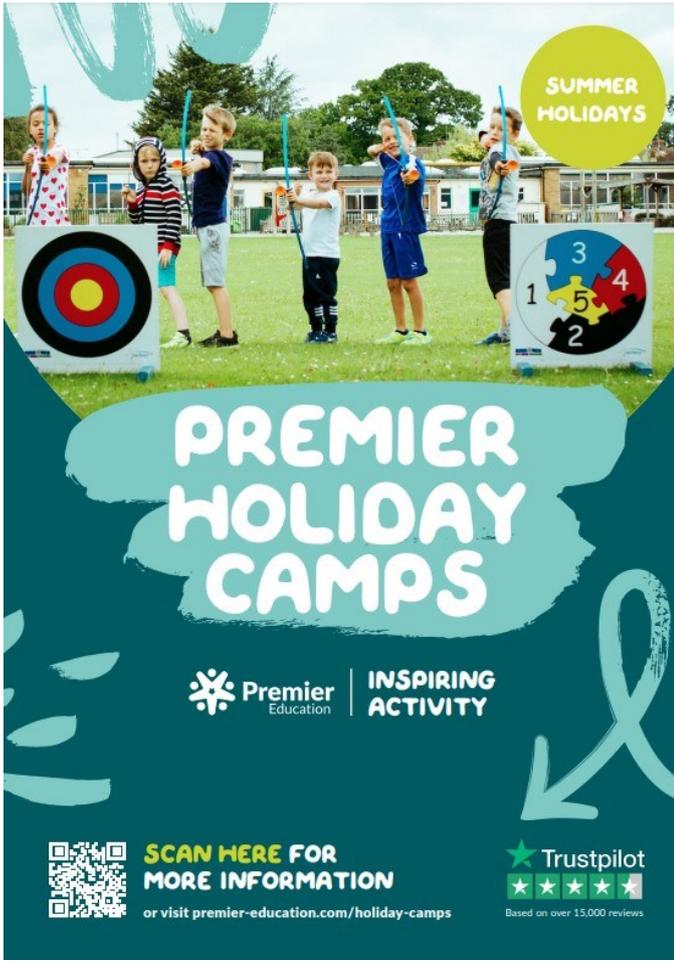
**SUMMER BREAK EVENING CLASSES**

31st July, 7th, 14th & 21st August

**STREET/HIP-HOP CLASSES**

Beginner (age 4-8) - 5:00-5:45pm  
Junior (age 9-12) - 5:45-6:30pm

Based in Mere Green Community Centre  
To book, email [beth@danceandbeats.co.uk](mailto:beth@danceandbeats.co.uk)



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**YOUR NEAREST MULTI-ACTIVITY CAMP**

**Venue:** Four Oaks Primary, B74 4PA

**Dates:** 26th July - 28th July 2023

**Times:** 9:00am - 4:00pm

**Price:** £30

**Ages:** 4-11, half a day for 4 year olds

**Additional info:** Get 10% off when booking all 3 days

**PLEASE BRING**

- A packed lunch
- Plenty of water
- Suitable clothing
- Loads of energy!

Mix it up this Summer with our multi-activity holiday camps!

These camps are a perfect blend of activities for all ages, combining different sports with a variety of team games.

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\*T&Cs apply. Refer a Friend discount on new bookings only.



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**Streetly TENNIS CLUB**

**SUMMER HOLIDAY CAMPS**

**9am - 3.30pm | 25 July - 2 Sept Monday - Friday**

*Our tennis camp is an excellent way for children to spend fun time during the school holidays keeping active and fit, making new friends and improving their tennis skills.*

**CAMP DETAILS**

- On court tennis coaching sessions
- For ages 6 - 12, grouped according to age, ability & friends
- Led by qualified and licensed coaches
- Wrap around care available from 8.30am - 4pm - £5 per session
- Kids to bring packed lunch if required

**TIMINGS**

Full Day: 9am - 3.30pm  
Half-Day AM: 9.00am - 12.30pm  
Half-Day PM: 12.30pm - 3.30pm

**PRICES**

**FULL DAY**  
Members | £16 per session  
Non-members | £18 per session  
**HALF-DAY**  
Members | £10 per session  
Non-members | £12 per session

**Book online at [www.streetlytennisclub.co.uk](http://www.streetlytennisclub.co.uk)**

For further information call Neil on 07974 672 699 or email [neilgold@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:neilgold@hotmail.co.uk)

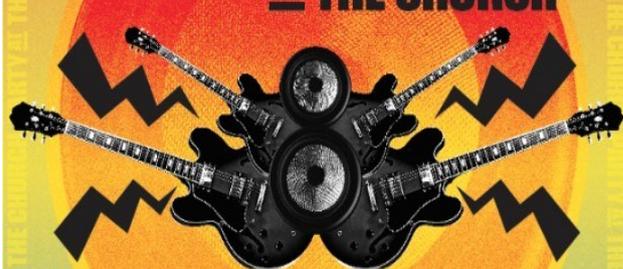


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