

FOUR OAKS PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Next week



Dear Parents and Governors

Unavoidable Closure—Thursday 23rd May—European Elections

The Government has confirmed that European Elections on Thursday 23rd May 2019 will go ahead, as such, the Elections Office is required to make the necessary plans to deliver a poll on 23rd May.

Due to this we have been informed that Four Oaks Primary School will be required as a polling station in the European elections on THURSDAY 23rd MAY 2019 from 7.00am to 10.00pm. Unfortunately due to this situation, and the safeguarding issues that it raises on our school site, that date will now mean an unavoidable closure for our school.

We apologise for the short notice, unfortunately this is not within our control.

School Website

Our school website will have a new look from Monday. We have stayed with the same provider but have brought our website up to date with a new modern look. But even though it looks quite different it works in exactly the same way. All of the drop down menus that have been on the left hand side of our website for the last few years can now be found along the very top of our new website and contain all of the really useful information about all aspects of school life.

This new up to date website also comes with a free App so you can get almost instant updates of any breaking news. If you have an android phone then just go to Play Store, or if you have an iPhone then just go to the App Store and search for School Jotter. You can then search for B74 4PA or Four Oaks Primary. With this new App you can instantly get to the school calendar to check important dates, see new items that appear on the website and get access to our newsletters at the very moment they are published. We hope you find all of these changes really useful!

Miss Jennings



It is with much sadness that I have to announce that Miss Jennings will be leaving our school at the end of the year. I would like to thank her for her hard work, enthusiasm and dedication to our children and school. We will be very sad to see her go but wish her well in her new teaching post.



Year 6 SATs



Good Luck to our Year 6 pupils who will be sitting their KS2 SATs test next week. They have put in a tremendous amount of work to get to the point where they can truly try their best. Also a huge thank you to all the staff and in particular to the Year 6 team who have supported the children since September. A reminder to Year 6 parents that all children need to be in school every day next week if they are to fulfil their potential!



School Fund

You will have received a separate letter all about our new "School Fund" yesterday. This has been organised after suggestions from parents that they would be willing to make donations to help school with funding shortfalls. We will be very grateful for any help that parents can give us and all money donated will go straight back to the children.

Class Photographs—Friday 17th May

Class photographs will be taken on Friday 17th May. We will forward proofs of these to parents once received from the photographer.





Super Stars and Acorns



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

Bumblebees	Rupert
Ladybirds	Emily
Owls	Ben B.
Hedgehogs	Amira
Turtles	Edward
Sharks	Maryam
3E	Henry
3S	Amreet
4S	Haydn
4K	Kian
5F	Toby
5G	Jordan
6JO	The Whole Class
6W	The Whole Class



Super Stars and Acorns



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

Bumblebees	Reeva
Ladybirds	Zachary
Owls	Daniel C.
Hedgehogs	Darcey
Turtles	Isla
Sharks	Kiran
3E	Erin
3S	Freya
4S	Not awarded—school trip
4K	Not awarded—school trip
5F	Claudia
5G	Florence
6JO	Shula / Jacob
6W	Georgia

Courtesy Cup Winners ~ last week

Reception	Jack N./ May-Louise
Year 1	Aarun / Libby
Year 2	Harry St. / Daniel C.
Year 3	Jack R / Jessica Ho.
Year 4	James / William
Year 5	Alice / Hannah R.
Year 6	Oliver J / Eric



Well done to all the winners!

Courtesy Cup Winners ~ this week

Reception	Ned / Mahaan
Year 1	Theo / Elise
Year 2	Edward / Ted
Year 3	Elisia / Erryn
Year 4	Not awarded—school trip
Year 5	Arnie / Isobel L.
Year 6	Charlie B. / Kieron



Well done to all the winners!

Infant Birthdays

Zara



Reeva

Lilly-Mae S.

Dinner Money ~ Juniors

Letters will be coming out from Mrs Johnson weekly detailing the amounts due for school meals. Dinner money should be paid in advance, either termly, half termly or weekly (£12.50) on the first day of every week. Please make cheques payable to: City of Birmingham School Meals Collection and write your child's name and class name on the reverse. Thank you.



Milk Money ~ Infants



Milk money for this term is £11.88 for the full term. If you wish to pay for the first half term only this will be £4.18. Please make cheques payable to City of Birmingham School Meals Collection and write your child's name and class on the reverse. If you are paying with cash a reminder that we do not have change readily available so would ask that the correct change be sent into school please. Thank you.

Current Year 5—Birmingham Grammar Schools Entrance Test

The entrance test for Birmingham Grammar Schools for September 2020 entry will be held on Saturday 7th September 2019 and parents of Year 5 children considering a Grammar School education for their child will need to register them for the test by 4pm on **Friday 28th June 2019**. Children only need to sit one entrance test to be considered for one or more of the Grammar Schools in Birmingham.

Parents can find more information on the schools admission policies and can register their child for the test by visiting www.birminghamgrammarschools.org.

Easter Holiday Science Project—Don't be 'Board' - Save the Planet!



Thank you to everyone who brought in their Easter Holiday Science Board Games last Friday. They were all amazing!. It was a very tough task for Miss Jennings to judge the winners of the certificates went to:

- Thea C. (Owls)
- Louis J. (Turtles)
- Lauren T. (35)



Playground Equipment

A reminder that children should not be playing on the playground equipment at any time after school. It is the responsibility of parents to look after their children once they have been picked up from the classroom door. At least twice in the last two weeks Miss Appleby and myself have had to ask children to get down from equipment and the children have not even known where their parents have moved to. Children's safety is always of paramount importance!

Sutton Town Council Funding

We hope that Year 1 had a great time when the time travelling Professor McGinty came into school last week and that Year 3 had a great time today when the Freshwater Theatre Company came in to entertain them. Both of these activities have been financed by funding from Sutton Town Council in order to enrich children's cultural education. A big thank you to them.

Dressing Up Clothes



If any parents have old dressing up clothes at home and are looking to find them a good home then we will always be happy to accept them in school. Especially dressing up clothes linked to any of our themes / topics that we are covering this year, particularly in relation to our Year 2 India topic.



Year 4 visit to Birmingham Botanical Gardens

Our Year 4 pupils had a great time yesterday at the Birmingham Botanical Gardens. Thank you to those parents who assisted on the trip.



Year 3—Ogden Trust Science Evening



Thank you to all the parents and children who came along to the Ogden Trust Science evening yesterday. We hope you would agree it was a fantastic event and really enthused the children. Thank you to Miss Jennings for organising this.

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PTA 200 Club

The winners of the April draw are:

£50	No. 85	Miss P. McKoy
£10	No. 101	Ms J Matthews
£10	No. 65	Mr B Hill
Voucher	No. 38	Mrs S McDermott

Congratulations

A Plea from the PTA

Volunteers and donations for the Summer Festival



If any parent can donate any raffle prizes to the PTA for the Summer Festival which will take place on Saturday 22nd June they would be very grateful. In addition if any parents have good quality old school uniform that their children have grown out of could they donate this for the stall at the Summer Festival. The team of dedicated parents are working very hard to make sure the day is a success and raises lots of funds to spend on the children in school. If you think you can help them in any way, ring Mark Watkins on 07798 708052. Volunteer help for the day is also required, if you can help for half an hour (or more) either setting up, helping on a stall or helping tidy away please ring Kelly Roscoe on 07894 088904 or email kellyjroscoe@gmail.com. Thank you.



ICT Tip of the Week

"Our advice is to use strong passwords and use different passwords for different services. Always treat your password like your toothbrush. Do not share it!"

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

Mr M Benton
Head Teacher