

FOUR OAKS PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Next week



Dear Parents and Governors

School closes today for half term and will re-open to pupils on Monday 3rd June. I hope you all have an enjoyable half term and a well earned rest.

School Website

A reminder that our school website has been updated, we hope you have had a chance to look at this. 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!

Musical Instrument Tuition - Years 2-6 Next Year

You will all have received a letter and leaflet regarding musical instrument tuition last week. We are excited to announce that there will be a new provider for music lessons from September. If your child currently has music lesson you will need to sign up for lessons with YMES in order for them to continue in September. We hope that if your child does not currently have lessons you may consider this service. They are going to be offering lessons in violin, cello, guitar, flute, clarinet and keyboard. **Please note the deadline for signing up is 7th June.** As explained in the letter students will have to rent instruments but the lessons are cheaper so we hope that overall the cost will be about the same. We also hope that this will avoid us having long waiting lists for students wishing to learn an instrument as well as ensuring that the school is no longer making a loss on this tuition.



Summer Festival — Saturday 22nd June

Volunteers and Donations for the Summer Festival



The team of dedicated parents are working very hard to make sure the our annual Summer Festival 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 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.

Parents can also help in the following ways:

- Donations of any raffle prizes.
- Donations of good quality old school uniform that their children have grown out of for the second hand uniform stall.
- Bottle Stall—We shall be holding a Non-uniform day on Friday 21st June in return for the children bringing in a donation for the bottle stall.
- Cake stall—donations of cakes for the cake stall.





Super Stars and Acorns



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

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|------------|-----------|
| Bumblebees | Jamilla |
| Ladybirds | Max |
| Owls | Milo |
| Hedgehogs | Sayhaya |
| Turtles | Luca |
| Sharks | Anna |
| 3E | Noah |
| 3S | Lauren |
| 4S | Daniel W. |
| 4K | Alfie N. |
| 5F | Erin |
| 5G | Lucas |
| 6JO | Yuvi |
| 6W | Zaina |



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| Bumblebees | Isabella B. |
| Ladybirds | Harry C. |
| Owls | The Whole Class |
| Hedgehogs | Mrs Upton |
| Turtles | Fraser |
| Sharks | Oliver D. |
| 3E | Alex P. |
| 3S | Erryn |
| 4S | Rhoan/Haydn/Oliver N-L |
| | George/Ethan |
| 4K | Leighton |
| 5F | The Whole Class |
| 5G | The Whole Class |
| 6JO | Eesa / Dylan |
| 6W | Oliver J. |

Courtesy Cup Winners ~ last week

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|-----------|----------------------|
| Reception | Jessica C. / May-Lou |
| Year 1 | Paige / Leo |
| Year 2 | Harry C. / Lily |
| Year 3 | Erin / Gregory |
| Year 4 | The Whole Year |
| Year 5 | Olivia R. / Fina |
| Year 6 | Olivia-Jo / Luke |



Well done to all the winners!

Courtesy Cup Winners ~ this week

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|-----------|-------------------------|
| Reception | Nikki / Esra |
| Year 1 | Lily-Mae / HH not given |
| Year 2 | Conan / Molly |
| Year 3 | Amelia S / Kira |
| Year 4 | Evan H / 4S not given |
| Year 5 | Isabella S / Daniel B. |
| Year 6 | Oliver W. / Isabel |



Well done to all the winners!



Alison Mander—Kindness award for this Half Term

Infants— Ben (Owls)
Juniors— Reuben S. (4S)



Infant Birthdays



Max W Ned
Isabel B. Charlotte M.
Scarlett B. Sapphire Molly L.
Libby Amelia J
Lily W. Maryam

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.



School Fund

Thank you to all those parents who have already set up donations for our new school fund. We will obviously be grateful for any further contributions, all money donated will go straight back to the children

Governing Body News

It is with great sadness that I have to inform parents of the passing of one of our school Governors. Harold Birkett was a Governor at Four Oaks for many years and was a man of great integrity who supported the school in so many ways, not just while his daughters were here, but long afterwards as well. He had the best intentions of all the children at the forefront of his mind at all times and will without doubt leave a large void in the governing body and in the life of the school that will be hard to fill.

Year 2 Assembly and Parent Lunch—Friday 14th June

We look forward to welcoming parents of Year 2 children to watch their assembly and have lunch with them on Friday 14th June. The assembly will take place at 10.30 am followed by lunch at approximately 11.30 am. Letters will be coming out soon to order lunch.

Russell Bank Road Gully Gate

After some vandalism on site, for the first week back after half-term the gate at the bottom of the gully will be closed at 4pm to deter any people not associated with school from using school as a short cut to Edge Hill Road. If you are picking up from FOSBACS after 4pm could you please collect from the Edge Hill Road school entrance. I apologise for any inconvenience caused for this short period.

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.

Class Photographs

Class photographs were taken on Friday 17th May. Proofs have been sent out to classes. Please note the deadline for returning the forms and payment is 10th June.



School Trips



Reception—Letters have been sent out for Reception's trip to Cannock Chase on 4th June. We hope they have a lovely time. Could any outstanding slips and contributions be sent to school on Monday.
Year 2—Will be visiting Aston Hall in connection with their Great Fire of London topic on 21st June.
Year 3—Are also visiting Cannock Chase on Wednesday 12th June. Letters have again been sent out and any outstanding consent slips and monetary contributions should be sent into school as soon as possible.
Year 4—Will be visiting Blist's Hill Museum on 20th June—letters will be coming out soon.
Year 6—A change of date for Year 6 to visit Safeside— in order to avoid a clash with Area Sports the date of the Year 6 visit to Safeside has been changed to 4th July. They will also be having their end of year trip to Woodlands on 18th July. Letters will come out in due course.

Netball

A massive WELL DONE to our girls' netball team, after a hard fought campaign, they have become District Champions! Thank you to Miss Fowkes and Mrs Goldspink for their time and expertise in coaching the girls and attending all the matches.



Donations for Food Bank

A Year 4 child is requesting your help.

"I am one of the eldest children in Brownies and I would like to work towards earning my 'Brownie Gold Award'. To do this I am working towards getting my 'Charity' badge. For this I need your help. I am going to deliver an assembly to the whole of the Juniors on Tuesday 4th June, teaching the children about the purpose of food banks. Then I will ask all children to bring in a donation of a non-perishable item of food so I can donate them to the food bank. These need to be handed in to the office by Friday 14th June. Thank you in advance, Holly."



FOSBACS Newsletter

A reminder that the latest FOSBACS newsletter is now available on our website.

Exemplar reply slips

Forms for Exemplar were sent out recently to parents could any outstanding slips please be returned to school as soon as possible.

Half Term Holiday – Poster Competition

Over the half term we need you to design a poster for our school Summer Festival.

There will be 1 winner per class. Their poster will be used to advertise the Summer Festival and the winner will win **£5** to spend at the Summer Festival (they will collect their prize at the gate upon entry).

Details that you will need:

Date: Saturday 22nd June

Time: 12.00 – 2.00pm Fayre, 2.00–4.00pm Festival

Venue: Four Oaks Primary School

Activities: Raffle, Bottle Stall, Guess the Balloons in a Van, BBQ, Tuck Shop, Bar, Uniform Sale, Bouncy Castle, Jaws Splat the Teacher, Science Stall, Football Crossbar Challenge, Tattoos, Face Paints, Coconut Shie, Infant Driving Car Range, Dance Show, Veseyans Rugby Demonstration, Live Music...

Your poster must be informative, eye catching and handed in by Wednesday 5th June.

DON'T FORGET TO WRITE YOUR NAME AND CLASS ON THE BACK OF YOUR POSTER.

Good Luck!!

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Concerts in the Park—29th and 30th June

On **29th and 30th June** there will be an unforgettable weekend of music in the beautiful surroundings of Sutton Park as "Concerts in the Park" returns for a third year. The City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra will once again headline the Saturday night concert, with UK jive act the Jive Aces as support. Bring your friends and enjoy good company and good music as the sun goes down. Sunday's family concert sees Alice in Wonderland themed family fun and games in Sutton Park, with the CBSO's mini orchestra on the main stage and Sutton Coldfield's local choirs and performers creating a magical community music day for families.

For tickets for this event visit www.suttoncoldfieldtowncouncil.gov.uk/concerts



ICT Tip of the Week

"The NHS recommends that children should have no longer than 2 hours screen time per day. Set a strict time limit with your child and give your child a 5-10 minute warning when time is nearly up"

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

Yours sincerely

Mr M Benton
Head Teacher