

FOUR OAKS PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Next week



Dear Parents and Governors

End of Term

As the term draws to a close I am sending out a final newsletter and would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents for their continuing support, I can assure you that it is very much appreciated. I would also like to thank the children for their continuing hard work and excellent behaviour. In particular thank you to our Year 6 students, who leave us next week, for their hard work enthusiasm and positive attitude to all aspects of school life. We wish them every success and happiness for the future and hope that they keep in touch. Thank you also to the PTA, Governors and all my staff for their continuing dedication, hard work and total commitment to improving our school for the benefit of all our children. We hope that you all have a fantastic holiday and look forward to welcoming you back on Tuesday 3rd September.

Year 6 Leavers Assembly, Parent Lunch and Leavers Disco

We look forward to the Year 6 Leavers Assembly on Wednesday morning which will take place in the Infant Hall, I'm sure it will be fantastic! Parents are free to join us for both the assembly and lunch. Thank you once again to Debbie and her team for preparing another lovely lunch, just as they have done for parents of all year groups throughout the year. Thank you in advance to the PTA for providing the Leavers BBQ and for providing the Leavers gifts. We are very lucky to have such supportive parents and such a dedicated PTA Committee!

Mrs Longden Reading Award

Every year for the past 8 years we have awarded the Mrs Longden Reading Award for Improved Reading to a child from each year group. Mrs Longden worked in school for many years before she passed away and she always had a love of reading. We are indebted to Mrs Longden's family for enabling us to give each of these children a £10 book token as a result of donations received in her memory. We will give out these awards next week...I wonder who the lucky winners will be?



Boreatton Park Meeting—Current Year 4

Thank you to everyone who attended the meeting this week in relation to the trip to Boreatton Park in September 2019. Parents will have received a reminder via SchoolMoney if they have any outstanding payments could these please be paid by the end of the school year.

SchoolMoney - Parental Consent

A reminder to parents that news of school trips is now on our new SchoolMoney system. When paying for trips there is also a box to check which denotes that a parent has given consent for their child to go on the trip. I must stress that without checking this box we are not allowed to include your child on the trip. Can I also take this opportunity to thank all of the parents who have given so much positive feedback about our new cashless system. It is gratifying to know that such a development, which parents have been asking for, for quite a while, has made a positive impact and made parents lives easier!



Parental Questionnaire Feedback and Analysis

Many thanks to all of those parents who returned their Parental Questionnaires for 2019. It is really important that as parents you get a chance to have a say in the way that our school develops and also that we get a good representation of parental feeling. We had 102 replies, which is the second highest number of replies ever, and as we have 338 families in our school this represents a 30% return. The analysis of the results and school feedback on the issues raised are now available to view on our school website. Just use the OUR SCHOOL tab at the top of the home page and then select SCHOOL POLICIES & REPORTS and then you will be able to click on the two documents.



Super Stars and Acorns



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

Bumblebees	The Whole Class
Ladybirds	The Whole Class
Owls	Oliver M.
Hedgehogs	Ava H.
Turtles	Sapphire
Sharks	Joshua Mc.
3E	Amelia S.
3S	Lewis /Reuben
4S	Akarl
4K	The Whole Class
5F	Ben
5G	Harleen
6JO	Harley
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	Benjamin
Ladybirds	Arvin
Owls	Mia
Hedgehogs	Emily
Turtles	Maelynn
Sharks	Sarjan
3E	Jessica /James
3S	Martha / Shriya
4S	Kyan /Ethan
4K	Alexander
5F	Toby
5G	The Whole Class
6JO	Bethan
6W	Liam

Courtesy Cup Winners ~ last week

Reception	Faith / Scarlett
Year 1	Daniel / Pola
Year 2	Molly / Keirath
Year 3	Jane / Seth
Year 4	Isabella A / Ashmi
Year 5	Kaleb / Dhanesh
Year 6	Cosmo / Max



Well done to all the winners!

Courtesy Cup Winners ~ this week

Reception	Athier / Oliver J
Year 1	Oswald / Thea Carl.
Year 2	Miles / Conan
Year 3	Gracie / Alex
Year 4	Lexie / Molly
Year 5	Laurie / Isobel L.
Year 6	Charlie M / Ruby



Well done to all the winners!

Infant Birthdays



Dinner Money ~ Juniors

Can parents please look on-line via SchoolMoney to view their up to date balance for school dinners and to make payments. Please contact Mrs Johnson with any queries. Thank you.



Milk



If your child is moving into Year 1 or Year 2 in September we will assume that if they had milk this last half term they will continue to have it when we return in September. If you no longer wish your child to have milk could you please advise Mrs Underwood in the Infant Office before the end of the school year. Payment will be made in September using SchoolMoney.

School Trips

Year 5—Had a great time at Birmingham Museum on 10th July. Thank you to all the helpers.

Year 6— Had a very informative session at 'Safeside'. We hope they have a great time on their end of year trip to Woodlands on 18th July. Could we please ask parents to pay any outstanding money for the trip on-line and complete the consent box.



Sports days

Thank you to everyone who attended our Junior Sports Day yesterday. I'm sure you will agree that the children showed excellent sportsmanship. It was a delight to see them all enjoying themselves and competing in a fair and friendly manner. We look forward to our Infant Sports day next Monday afternoon. The children will begin to come out of classrooms at around 1.45pm.



School Walkabout

At 2.30pm next Monday, 15th July there will be the chance for pupils to take their parents around school when we hold our annual school walkabout. Once our Infant Sports afternoon is complete at approximately 2.30pm children are allowed to take their parents around school and show them their current classroom, corridor displays and maybe even their new classroom.

Diary Dates



Please find attached all the known diary dates for the academic year 2019/20. As usual all dates are also on our calendar on our website.

Year 6

Thank you to Father Adrian and Mrs Cox for coming into school on Tuesday last week to talk to our Year 6 pupils and present each child with a 'Transition Book'.

Year 4 Cricketers

Good luck to our Year 4 cricketers playing at Edgbaston on Monday 15th July. A reminder that they will need to be in school by 8.30am so the minibus can leave on time.



Athletics

Well done to our Athletics Team who made the final of the athletics tournament, we hope they had a great time today at King Edward's School.

Netball

Our Year 6 netballers were chosen to represent our District at the Birmingham Games. It was a new format for the girls, called 'Fives' so we hope they have enjoyed themselves and the challenge!



PTA News



The PTA have advised us that they raised an amazing £3,600 from the School Ball and a further £3,900 from the Summer Festival. The money raised will be spent on the children.

Thank you to everyone who attended these events and contributed so generously. Thank you also to all the organisations and businesses who donated prizes and vouchers.

We would also like to advise you that the next PTA meeting is on the 12th September at Streetly tennis club and will be the AGM. Any new members will be warmly welcomed!



PTA Quiz—Save the date—27th September

We are pleased to announce we are reintroducing a PTA Quiz night!

It will be held on Friday 27th September 2019 7:30/8pm in the Juniors Hall. Come along and join us for a night of pub quiz fun, with extra Play Your Cards Right game - a Chip Shop Tea will also be provided and the bar will be well stocked and open! Teams can be made up of 8 people (max) with tickets costing £10 per head (includes food) - you can make up your own teams or apply and we will place you in a team.

Details of how to register your interest, make payments etc will be released the first week back in September! Watch this space!



Current Year 5—Secondary Transfer

All Year 5 children will be coming home with a letter early next week regarding the on-line process for applying for Secondary schools. Please read this carefully and note all the deadlines for the applications. All applications will be made on-line. If the letter does not make it home safely please speak to Mrs Johnson for a further copy.

Streetly Methodist Church Eco "Grow Your Greens" Competition

For those pupils with green fingers we have a summer holiday growing competition which is linked to one of our local community churches. Streetly Methodist Church will be holding a summer event on 21st September from 11am - 5pm, and details of all the events happening on the day are included in the flyer below. As part of their day any child is welcome to go along and show what they have been able to grow during the summer break. From peas to giant pumpkins, everything will be gratefully received!



School Closes to pupils on Friday 19th July.
School reopens to pupils in Years 1-6 on Tuesday 3rd September.
Enjoy the Summer!



ICT Tip of the Week

"Telegram is an app we have heard is becoming popular. In its latest app update 'Add People Nearby' allows users to start a conversation with other users that are nearby at the click of a button. All without the need for a direct phone number. If you use this app or allow your children to use it, be sure to know all the risks."

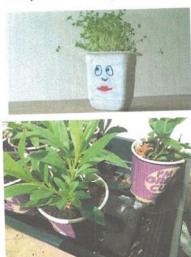
If you have any queries regarding any of the above please do not hesitate to contact me.
Yours sincerely

Mr M Benton
Head Teacher

Grow your Greens!

For this year's Eco Challenge at Streetly Methodist Church

1. Choose some seeds- the packet will tell you how long they take to grow and how much soil they need.
2. Find a container- it could be anything from a yoghurt pot to a bucket but it will need drainage holes in the bottom. Ask an adult to help.
3. Decorate the out side of your pot then add soil or compost
4. Add seeds, stand your pot where it will get some sun and be sure to water it regularly
5. Watch your plants grow and harvest them when ready. Some leaves grow quickly and you may be able to plant more seeds and get several crops over the season.

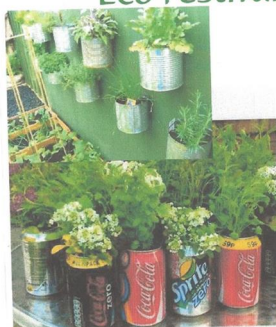


You can grow cress in a yoghurt pot or potatoes in a bucket or carrier bag

Radishes, lettuce, spinach and herbs are easy to grow. Why not try something you haven't eaten before? You can buy packs of 'mixed salad leaves' seeds that are ready to eat in 3-4 weeks. Have fun



Bring your pot and growing greens to our
Eco Festival on September 21st.





DIARY DATES—2019-20

Monday 2 nd September	Staff Training Day – School Closed
Tuesday 3 rd September	Pupils in Y1 – Y6 return
Wednesday 4 th September	20 New Reception pupils start school
Thursday 5 th September	20 New Reception pupils start school
Friday 6 th September	20 New Reception pupils start school
Monday 9 th September	9am – Y3 Parents' Workshop
Tuesday 10 th September	Oliver Twist performance for Y4-Y6
Wednesday 11 th September	2pm – Y2 Parents' Workshop
Thursday 12 th September	2pm – Y1 Parents' Workshop / PTA AGM
Friday 13 th September	9am – Y6 Parents' Workshop
Monday 16 th September	2pm – Reception Parents' Workshop
Tuesday 17 th September	9am – Y5 Parents' Workshop
Wednesday 18 th September	9am – Y4 Parents' Workshop
Thursday 19 th September	
Friday 20 th September	1.45pm – Leave for Y5 at Boreatton Park
Saturday 21 st September	Y5 at Boreatton Park
Sunday 22 nd September	Y5 at Boreatton Park
Monday 23 rd September	Y5 return from Boreatton Park
Tuesday 24 th September	
Wednesday 25 th September	
Thursday 26 th September	
Friday 27 th September	Proposed PTA Quiz
Monday 30 th September	
Tuesday 1 st October	
Wednesday 2 nd October	
Thursday 3 rd October	
Friday 4 th October	
Monday 7 th October	
Tuesday 8 th October	
Wednesday 9 th October	
Thursday 10 th October	
Friday 11 th October	
Monday 14 th October	
Tuesday 15 th October	
Wednesday 16 th October	
Thursday 17 th October	
Friday 18 th October	9.30am – 3pm - Open Day



DIARY DATES CONTINUED — 2019-20

Monday 21 st October	Intra-School Y5 Hockey Competition
Tuesday 22 nd October	
Wednesday 23 rd October	Parents' Evening - 5pm – 7.30pm Intra-School Y2 Multi-skills Competition
Thursday 24 th October	Parents' Evening - 4pm – 6.30pm Intra-School Y4 Orienteering Competition
Friday 25 th October	Staff Training Day – School Closed
	HALF TERM
Monday 4 th November	Pupils return to school
Tuesday 5 th November	
Wednesday 6 th November	
Thursday 7 th November	
Friday 8 th November	
Monday 11 th November	Anti-Bullying Week
Tuesday 12 th November	Individual School Photographs
Wednesday 13 th November	9am – 11am – Year 6 Parents' Assessment Workshop
Thursday 14 th November	
Friday 15 th November	
Monday 18 th November	
Tuesday 19 th November	
Wednesday 20 th November	Afternoon Performance – School Show – “Rock Bottom”
Thursday 21 st November	Evening Performance – School Show – “Rock Bottom”
Friday 22 nd November	Evening Performance – School Show – “Rock Bottom”
Monday 25 th November	
Tuesday 26 th November	
Wednesday 27 th November	
Thursday 28 th November	
Friday 29 th November	PTA Christmas Fayre – Infant Building
Monday 2 nd December	
Tuesday 3 rd December	
Wednesday 4 th December	
Thursday 5 th December	
Friday 6 th December	
Monday 9 th December	Cluster Carol Concert at Lichfield Cathedral
Tuesday 10 th December	
Wednesday 11 th December	
Thursday 12 th December	
Friday 13 th December	



DIARY DATES CONTINUED—2019/20

Monday 16 th December	pm - Infant Christmas Performance – Reception Parents
Tuesday 17 th December	am - Infant Christmas Performance – Year 1 Parents
Wednesday 18 th December	pm - Infant Christmas Performance – Year 2 Parents
Thursday 19 th December	
Friday 20 th December	Christmas Party Afternoon / School closes for Christmas
	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
Monday 6 th January 2020	Staff Training Day – School Closed
Tuesday 7 th January	
Wednesday 8 th January	
Thursday 9 th January	
Friday 10 th January	
Monday 13 th January	
Tuesday 14 th January	
Wednesday 15 th January	9am – 10.30am – Reception Parents' Workshop
Thursday 16 th January	
Friday 17 th January	
Monday 20 th January 2020	
Tuesday 21 st January	
Wednesday 22 nd January	
Thursday 23 rd January	Year 3 Parents' Assembly & Lunch
Friday 24 th January	
Monday 27 th January 2020	
Tuesday 28 th January	
Wednesday 29 th January	
Thursday 30 th January	Year 4 Parents' Assembly & Lunch
Friday 31 st January	
Monday 3 rd February	
Tuesday 4 th February	Year 4 Swimming
Wednesday 5 th February	Year 4 Swimming
Thursday 6 th February	Year 4 Swimming
Friday 7 th February	Year 4 Swimming
Monday 10 th February	
Tuesday 11 th February	Safer Internet Day Intra-School Y1 Gymnastics Competition Year 4 Swimming
Wednesday 12 th February	Parents' Evening - 5pm – 7.30pm Year 4 Swimming
Thursday 13 th February	Parents' Evening - 4pm – 6.30pm Year 4 Swimming
Friday 14 th February	Year 4 Swimming Intra-School Y3 Basketball Competition School closes for Half-Term
	HALF TERM



DIARY DATES CONTINUED—2019-20

Monday 24 th February	School Re-Opens
Tuesday 25 th February	Year 4 Swimming
Wednesday 26 th February	Year 4 Swimming
Thursday 27 th February	Year 4 Swimming
Friday 28 th February	Year 4 Swimming
Monday 2 nd March	
Tuesday 3 rd March	Year 4 Swimming
Wednesday 4 th March	Year 4 Swimming World Maths Day
Thursday 5 th March	Year 4 Swimming World Book Day
Friday 6 th March	Year 4 Swimming
Monday 9 th March	
Tuesday 10 th March	
Wednesday 11 th March	
Thursday 12 th March	Year 5 Parents' Assembly & Lunch
Friday 13 th March	
Monday 16 th March	
Tuesday 17 th March	
Wednesday 18 th March	
Thursday 19 th March	Reception Parents' Assembly & Lunch
Friday 20 th March	
Monday 23 rd March	
Tuesday 24 th March	
Wednesday 25 th March	
Thursday 26 th March	Year 1 Parents' Assembly & Lunch
Friday 27 th March	
Monday 30 th March	
Tuesday 31 st March	
Wednesday 1 st April	
Thursday 2 nd April	
Friday 3 rd April	Staff Training Day – School Closed
	EASTER HOLIDAYS
Monday 20 th April	School Re-Opens
Tuesday 21 st April	
Wednesday 22 nd April	
Thursday 23 rd April	
Friday 24 th April	



DIARY DATES CONTINUED—2019-20

Monday 27 th April	
Tuesday 28 th April	
Wednesday 29 th April	
Thursday 30 th April	
Friday 1 st May	
Monday 4 th May	Bank Holiday – School Closed
Tuesday 5 th May	
Wednesday 6 th May	
Thursday 7 th May	
Friday 8 th May	
Monday 11 th May	Key Stage 2 SATs Week
Tuesday 12 th May	
Wednesday 13 th May	
Thursday 14 th May	
Friday 15 th May	Group & Class School Photographs
Monday 18 th May	
Tuesday 19 th May	
Wednesday 20 th May	
Thursday 21 st May	
Friday 22 nd May	School Closes for Half-Term
	HALF TERM
Monday 1 st June	School Re-Opens
Tuesday 2 nd June	
Wednesday 3 rd June	
Thursday 4 th June	
Friday 5 th June	
Monday 8 th June	Phonics Testing Week
Tuesday 9 th June	6pm – Reception New Parents' Induction Evening
Wednesday 10 th June	
Thursday 11 th June	
Friday 12 th June	
Monday 15 th June	
Tuesday 16 th June	
Wednesday 17 th June	Year 2 Parents' Assembly & Lunch
Thursday 18 th June	
Friday 19 th June	



DIARY DATES CONTINUED—201-20

Monday 22 nd June	
Tuesday 23 rd June	
Wednesday 24 th June	
Thursday 25 th June	
Friday 26 th June	
Monday 29 th June	
Tuesday 30 th June	
Wednesday 1 st July	
Thursday 2 nd July	
Friday 3 rd July	Reports distributed to parents
Monday 6 th July	
Tuesday 7 th July	6pm – Boreatton Park Parents' Evening
Wednesday 8 th July	
Thursday 9 th July	PM – Junior Sports Afternoon
Friday 10 th July	
Monday 13 th July	PM – Infant Sports Afternoon 2.30pm – Parents' Walkabout 4pm – 6pm – Parents' Evening
Tuesday 14 th July	
Wednesday 15 th July	9.30am – Year 6 Leavers' Assembly & Parents' Lunch 6pm – 8pm – Year 6 Leavers' BBQ & Disco
Thursday 16 th July	
Friday 17 th July	School closes to pupils for summer holidays
	SUMMER HOLIDAYS
Monday 20 th July	Staff Training Day – School Closed