

FOUR OAKS PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Next week



Week 3

Dear Parents and Governors

Welcome back to the start of a new school year and a particularly warm welcome to our new families. We hope that you have all had a very enjoyable summer holiday and are looking forward to the exciting year ahead.

Copies of Newsletters

This newsletter is being distributed in paper format to all families in Reception this week. In future we will only distribute paper newsletters to parents who request one, in an aim to save paper. If you received a paper copy last year we will assume that you still want a paper copy. If you no longer require a paper copy please let us know.

Kitchen Issues!

Can I say a big thank you to all parents for their patience and consideration over the lack of hot lunches this week. We have now heard from the Local Authority that the remedial work on our gas supply will be completed during October half-term when everyone is away from the building. Debbie now has temporary electric ovens in place so hot lunches will return to us all next week!

Building Work

The work to install our brand new Infant boilers carries on apace. All exterior work has now been completed and the workmen are now hard at work in the boiler house linking up the new boilers to the new gas supply. Hopefully the Infant children will be toasty warm by the time the colder weather arrives. Many thanks for your patience whilst the exterior work was completed.



Flu Vaccinations

On Tuesday 15th October all children from Reception to Year 6 will have the chance to have the annual nasal flu vaccination. Consent forms have come out this week to all parents, could these please be returned asap and by no later than Friday 20th September. Thank you.

Music Lessons

Music lessons with YMES will commence next week. Hopefully you have heard from them with all appropriate details. If you are interested in purchasing music lessons for your child then please contact Mrs Underwood in the infant office who will give you the contact details for YMES.



Boreatton Park ~ Year 5

Year 5 are off to Boreatton Park on Friday 20th September and we hope they all have a fantastic time. A reminder that any medication needs to be handed to Mrs Greening or Mr Clarke during Friday registration in an envelope with your child's name on and any instructions. Please remember to ensure everything is named and as children will be taking part in messy activities they will need clothes and trainers they can get wet!

Curriculum Notes and Spellings

Curriculum Notes and Spellings will continue to be available via Wordpress. If you are unable to access the internet or Wordpress please inform your class teacher so that we can ensure you receive a paper copy of the curriculum notes. New to Wordpress this term are "Curriculum Overviews" showing you the entirety of your child's curriculum targets and activities in Reading, Writing, Maths and their creative curriculum topics. Please note this is available in 'view only' format. We hope that this will give parents even more clarity about what the children are learning in school, and enable you to have really constructive and fun learning conversations with your children!



Change of Date of Bank Holiday

A reminder that next year, the date for May Bank holiday has been moved. This Bank Holiday is usually on the first Monday in May (4th May) but this will now be moved to Friday 8th May to coincide with the 75th anniversary of VE Day. School will be closed on this day.



Super Stars and Acorns



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

Bumblebees	Not awarded
Ladybirds	Not awarded
Owls	Esme
Hedgehogs	Adam
Turtles	The Whole Class
Sharks	The Whole Class
3E	The Whole Class
3R	The Whole Class
4C	Hannah
4G	Mykola
5C	Jack N.
5G	Ceris
6E	Henry J.
6W	Arooj



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

Bumblebees	Thomas / The Whole Class
Ladybirds	Freddie
Owls	Subhaan
Hedgehogs	Ben S.
Turtles	Lily
Sharks	Harry
3E	Kiran
3R	Oliver D.
4C	Jasmine
4G	Aimee
5C	Oliver N-L / Holly
5G	Scarlett
6E	Jack
6W	Jaden

Courtesy Cup Winners ~ last week

Reception	Not awarded
Year 1	James / Mahaan
Year 2	Elise / Alexia
Year 3	Georgina / Luca
Year 4	Lauren / Elisia
Year 5	Viraj / Laci
Year 6	Daniel B / Max



Well done to all the winners!

Courtesy Cup Winners ~ this week

Reception	Hajra / Surbani
Year 1	Ava / Faith
Year 2	Etta / Taran
Year 3	Maisie / Miles
Year 4	Isabella B. / Dylan S.
Year 5	Molly / Daniel G.
Year 6	Kareena / William



Well done to all the winners!

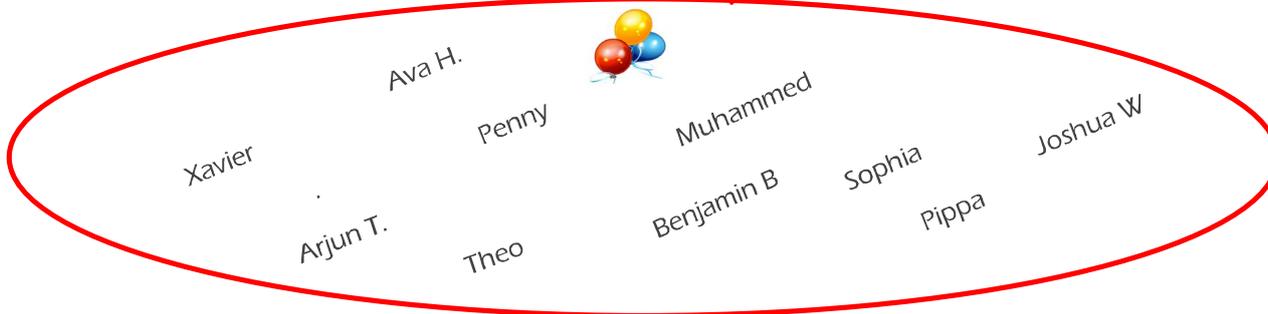


Alison Mander—Kindness award for last Half Term

Infants— Charlie L-M (Reception)
Juniors— Hannah K. (Year 3)



Infant Birthdays



Dinner Money ~ Juniors

Can parents please look on-line via SchoolMoney to view their up to date balance for school dinners and make payments. We are unfortunately still awaiting payment for last years school meals in some cases. Please contact Mrs Johnson with any queries or if there are any financial difficulties affecting ability to pay. Thank you.



Milk

Notification will be coming through shortly to parents via SchoolMoney regarding payment for milk for this term.



Parent Workshops

A huge thank you to those parents who have already attended a Parents' workshop during this first week, and over the next few weeks we look forward to welcoming the rest of our parents to further activities. Following many parents' requests we are continuing to combine the workshops and 'Meet the Teacher' sessions into one calendar item. Please see the diary dates on the website if you need to check the dates.

Attendance and Holidays

As a school we are constantly monitoring the attendance of each pupil and are delighted to announce that the overall attendance last year was a fantastic 97.05%, many congratulations to all our pupils. We are trying to ensure that all pupils achieve 95% attendance and if your child's attendance falls below this level, without medical reason, you will receive a letter informing you of their level of attendance and asking you to try to rectify the situation.

Attendance over the year	Number of days absent	Number of weeks	Hours of lessons missed
95%	9.5 days	Almost 2 weeks	57 hours
90%	19 days	Nearly 4 weeks	114 hours
85%	28.5 days	5 weeks 3.5 days	143 hours

Similarly if your child is constantly late for school you will also receive a letter. Between the ages of 5 and 14 only 14.91% of a child's time is spent in school, so it is very important that their attendance is excellent. **A reminder that the Government now dictates that Head Teachers may not grant any leave of absence for holidays during term time unless there are highly exceptional circumstances.** Thank you in anticipation of your support.

Premier Sports Extra-Curricular Clubs 2019-20

Once again Premier Sport will be offering pupils a chance to get involved with a sporting extra-curricular club this year. The list of activities are as follows:

- Monday 8am-8.45—Handball Club (Y1-Y6) Junior Hall
- Monday 3.30pm—4.30pm—Junior Gymnastics (Y1-Y2) - Junior Hall
- Tuesday 12.30pm -1.10pm Junior Dance (Y3—Y6) - Infant Hall
- Tuesday 3.30pm—4.30pm—Infant Gymnastics (Y3-Y6) - Infant Hall
- Friday 12.20—1.10—Infant Dance (Rec—Y2) - Infant Hall



To view charges and book a place for your child in any of these activities just click on the Premier Sports logo on the Latest News section of the homepage of our school website.

A Few Reminders:

- Please ensure that all items of clothing are named.
- Please make sure that your child has a water bottle in school.
- The Junior children will have outdoor PE, even if it is cold, so the pupils require a tracksuit.
- If your child is in Year 3 or above they can bring a small quantity of money to purchase tuck at morning break. Please ensure that this money is kept in a small purse.
- Please make sure that your child brings a coat to school to keep them warm and dry.
- Nail varnish is NOT allowed.
- For the safety of all concerned PLEASE keep your children away from the play equipment in the infant and junior playgrounds both before and after school.
- Please keep to the paths around school and refrain from walking on the grass, across the car park or down the driveway.
- Please take care when parking - do not park across our local residents' drives or ON their drives!!
- As mentioned in the newsletters numerous times, please DO NOT park on the zigzag lines, on corners, or on the pavement.
- Please remember that if your child is absent from school you must phone school to inform us of the situation by 9.30am (0121 675 2685/4040).
- Please ensure that all long hair is tied back.
- A quick reminder that no dogs, except guide dogs, are allowed on site.
- If your child rides their scooter or bike to/from school please ensure they do not ride it whilst on our school site. This is to ensure the safety of everyone.



Secondary Transfer September 2020

We have now received details or we have accessed information via the school websites of the admission and open day arrangements for various schools in September 2019, and detailed below are those that are still to happen. This is by no means all the schools available for your children but rather the ones that our pupils have recently joined.

King Edwards Lichfield Wednesday 26th September - 7pm -9pm

Vesey Grammar School Tuesday 24th September - 4pm - 7pm 15th /16th / 17thOctober - 9am - 10.30am

Sutton Coldfield Grammar School for Girls Wednesday 18th September - 6pm - 8.30pm

Wednesday 18th September - 11am - 12.25pm

Kind Edwards Grammar School for Boys Saturday 14th September 2019, 10.00am-12.30pm

King Edward's Grammar School for Girls Saturday 21st September 9.30am, - 12.30pm

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT ALL APPLICATIONS FOR SCHOOL PLACES ARE NOW COMPLETED ON LINE.

Please see individual school websites for admission arrangements to be sure that you complete the form correctly.

Timetable for the secondary school admissions process

Stage of process	Date
Application period starts	2 September 2019
Grammar school test	7 September 2019
Results of grammar school test	18 October 2019
Closing date for applications	31 October 2019
National Offer Day	2 March 2020
Deadline for accepting the offer	16 March 2020
Deadline for submitting appeals	30 March 2020
Appeal hearings for appeals submitted on time	May and June 2020
Induction day at secondary school	1 July 2020
Term starts	September 2020

Year 5 and Year 6

If your child is in Year 5 or 6 and you are allowing them to walk to and from school on their own, please inform us in writing. Furthermore, if due to walking to school you are allowing them to have a mobile phone for the journey please ensure that your child hands the phone into the Junior office for safe - keeping during the day.

PTA Quiz

Our fantastic PTA have organised another great event so why not get involved and come along !



SEPTEMBER PTA QUIZ NIGHT

ON FRIDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER

BAR OPEN FROM 7PM WITH QUIZ STARTING PROMPTLY @7:30PM AND FISH / SAUSAGE & CHIPS SUPPER SERVED AT THE HALF TIME INTERVAL

(APPROX 8:30PM)

For spare copies of the entry form please visit either School Office or contact one of the members of the PTA.



Oliver Twist

Years 4, 5 and 6 watched a production of Oliver Twist by M & M Productions on Tuesday, and everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Thank you to the PTA who yet again funded this creative activity.



Collection of Pupils

Please remember to inform us if the collection arrangements for your child are altered. When you have collected your child please ensure that they stay with you; however if you and your child become separated please inform a member of staff. We instruct the children to go into the nearest school door, infant, junior or FOSBACS, so that we can help them.

Aldi's Kit for Schools

Aldi are giving schools the chance to get fantastic new sports kits. If you do shop at Aldi you can pick up a Team GB sticker whenever you spend £30 in any Aldi store. You can then bring in that Team GB sticker and we will put it on our Aldi's Kits for Schools poster.

If the school can complete the poster with 300 Team GB stickers then we will receive an exclusive school sports kit and the chance to win one of 20 prizes of £20,000 to build some sort of healthy legacy at our school.



The promotion opened on 6th September 2019 and runs to 3rd November 2019 so get collecting now if you can!

PTA 200 Club

The winners of the July draw are:

£50 No 93	Mr I Siu
£10 No 56	Mr R McQuillan
£10 No 45	Mrs J Perry
Voucher No 38	Mrs S McDermott
Voucher No 94	Mr M Blackhurst

Congratulations

PTA 200 Club

Letters have gone out to all classes regarding the 200 club. Please support the 200 club by forwarding your forms and money as soon as possible. They can be posted in the red PTA boxes in either reception.

You could be the first winner!!

ICT Tip of the Week

"Public WIFI is not as safe as you may think. These are usually open networks that anyone can freely join, people could be connected to the same network snooping on other connected devices, and they may be able to view what you send and receive. It is safer to use 4G and your mobile providers data services for Email, Banking and other sensitive browsing when out and about as this will reduce the risk of hackers seeing what you are doing."

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

Mr M Benton
Head Teacher