

FOUR OAKS PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Next week



Dear Parents and Governors

I hope that all of our families had a lovely half-term break and recharged their batteries in preparation for the half-term ahead. This is always a busy half-term as we head towards our Christmas celebrations but it is especially busy this year as we have our school show as well.

Anti-bullying week 2019 - Odd Sock Day ~ Monday 11th November



Anti-bullying week 2019 is happening next week from Monday 11th—Friday 15th November and has the theme "Change Starts With Us". This theme links very well to our current work on "No Outsiders". We aim to empower everybody in our school community to celebrate what makes them and others unique and help them understand how



important it is that everybody feels valued and included in school, able to be themselves, without fear of bullying. Monday 11th November is "Odd Sock Day" and we are asking everybody to wear "Odd Socks" with their school uniform. This will enable the children to have fun whilst reinforcing the theme that we are all different, but all equal!

Thursday 12th December—Unavoidable School Closure—General Election

The Government have now decided that there will be a General Election on Thursday 12th December. Once again the school building has been selected as a polling station and even though I have made my feelings be known with the Local Authority, we have no choice but to close the school to pupils on that day due to safeguarding concerns. We have rearranged the Juniors Christmas Service at All Saints Church to Tuesday 10th December as the church is also being used as a Polling Station. We apologise for any inconvenience this causes and look forward to seeing the pupils and parents back in school on Friday 13th.



Rock Bottom

Wednesday 20th November 1:45pm / Thursday 21st November 7pm / Friday 22nd November 7pm



A huge thank you to those parents who have purchased tickets for the two evening and one afternoon performance of our school show "Rock Bottom". Tickets are now ready for collection from the Junior Office at any point. If you haven't yet purchased tickets but would like some then there are a few left and they can be purchased through our "SchoolMoney" system. All of the children across the whole of the school will watch the dress rehearsal on Monday 18th November or Tuesday 19th November. I would like to thank the children and staff who have all worked extremely hard towards this performance and I am sure that it will be a great success.



Christmas Fayre—Friday 29th November 5.30pm—8.00pm

We are very quickly marching towards the Christmas Fayre!

- **Volunteers:** To ensure we can provide lots of fun stalls and activities for everyone the PTA are now recruiting helpers. This could be to help set up, run a stall or clear away. If you would like to volunteer (it can be for as little as 30 minutes), please post your details into one of the PTA postboxes or contact Mrs Roscoe on 07894 088904 or email kellyjroscoe@gmail.com.
- **Christmas Jumper and Christmas hat day—Tuesday 26th November:** We are holding a Christmas jumper and hat day on Tuesday 26th November where children and staff can come into school wearing a Christmas jumper or a Christmas hat in return for a donation for the bottle tombola or a teddy for the teddy stall.
- **Christmas Fayre Hampers:** We would be grateful for any donations for the Christmas Fayre hampers, there will be an adult hamper and a children's hamper. Could any donations be brought into either school office by Wednesday 27th November.
- **Cupcake Competition:** Please see separate letter which will be sent out next week.



**MERRY
CHRISTMAS!**



Super Stars and Acorns



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

Bumblebees	Emilie
Ladybirds	Freya
Owls	Jovan
Hedgehogs	Noah
Turtles	Leo
Sharks	Oliver
3E	Alayna
3R	Isla
4C	Freddie
4G	Freya
5C	Molly
5G	Lexie
6E	Claudia
6W	Maddy

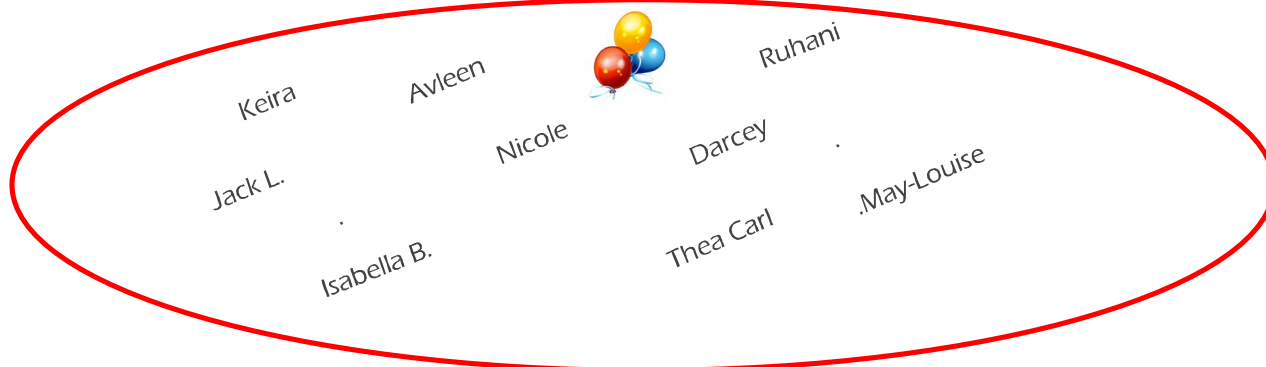
Courtesy Cup Winners ~ This week

Reception	Ella / Shay
Year 1	Laina / Adam
Year 2	Bella / Nicole
Year 3	Scarlett / Avani
Year 4	Noah / Jack H.
Year 5	Joshua / Kaya
Year 6	Laura / Isabella C.



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 make payments. Thank you.



School Christmas Cards—"My Art Project"

Your children's masterpieces have been created and have now been turned into beautiful Christmas cards. You will receive the proof in the next few days and you now have the opportunity to order various items with your child's design on if you wish. These items include: greetings cards, writing paper, gift wrap, gift labels, posters, canvases plus some exciting new products launched this year.

A reminder that each item you purchase will raise a minimum of £1 for school. All funds raised is spent supporting art activities in our school.

All orders this year will be online via the website www.myartproject.co.uk. Your unique order number is in the pack that arrives with your free card.

Orders will be delivered back to school in time for Christmas, if you order by the deadline (which will also be on your form). If you miss the deadline for school ordering you can still order, but you may have to pay for P&P and have work delivered to a home address.

Thanks in advance for your continued support.



Lichfield Carol Service—Monday 9th December



We are looking forward to the Carol Service at Lichfield Cathedral on Monday 9th December at 7.15pm, (Could children who are participating please arrive at 6.50pm). A reminder that the doors to the cathedral open at 6.30pm and not before due to Evensong. We hope that everyone participating either representing our school, the Cluster Choir or the Training choir has a wonderful evening. Letters will be coming out shortly to parents of pupils performing on behalf of our school and upon receipt of a completed request slip tickets will then be issued.

Christmas Performance and Christmas Service



A reminder that this year our Junior Carol Service and Infant Christmas performance will take place as follows:



Monday 16th December—2.15 pm —Infant Christmas Performance in school for Reception parents

Tuesday 17th December -9.30 am— Infant Christmas Performance in School for Y1 parents

Wednesday 18th December—2.15 pm— Infant Christmas Performance in School for Y2 parents

Tuesday 10th December—2.00 pm—Junior Carol Service at All Saints Church

Please note that we have provided three times for the Infant performances to enable as many parents as possible to see the celebrations.

Bug Club and Storyworld Books

Whilst we wish to thank the majority of parents for returning the Bug Club and Storyworld books back each week we are noticing that a number of parents are failing to return these books. As we outlined in our letter at the beginning of the year we invested over £3,000 in these books and cannot afford to replace them. We will be issuing bills to parents for these books unless they are returned each week. We are also unable to send the next book home with your child unless they have returned their current book. Could parents please ensure that they return their books to avoid this.

Year 6 SATS Assessment Workshop

We look forward to inviting all Year 6 parents into school on Wednesday 13th November between 9am and 11am to attend the SATs Assessment Workshop in the Junior Hall. This is a very important session for parents and pupils alike where they will get to work together and find out lots of important information and vital techniques in relation to their end of year assessments. It is also an opportunity to ask any amount of questions about the SATs tests. We look forward to seeing as many parents as possible. (There will be no actual testing in the session - please do not be put off!).

Book Fayre

We are pleased to announce that we raised over £1,280 at the book fayre before half term which means that we have £663.00 to spend on new books! Thank you to everyone who made a purchase.



Books For Schools—Sun Newspaper Campaign



The Sun and Sun on Sunday newspapers are running a 'Books for Schools' campaign. From November 23rd to January 18th there will be tokens which can be collected and sent into school. We have to collect 3,500 tokens by the 18th January and we will then be able to claim 100 free books for school worth over £600! Could parents please look out for the token if they read the Sun and send it into school. Thank you.

Individual and Family Photographs ~ Tuesday 12th November

The photographer will be in school on Tuesday 12th November to take individual and family photographs. Slips should have been returned to school however if you have not done so please return on Monday. All children will have their individual photographs taken unless we hear to the contrary. Families with pre-school children are welcome to have their family photos taken between 8.30am and 9.00am in the Infant hall.



School Improvements



As you are all aware the repair work to the gas supply in our school kitchen was completed over half-term and now our kitchen is back to normal - you will be able to tell by the size of the smile on Debbie's face. By the end of November the contractors will also have completed their work in the Infant Boiler house and hopefully the site will then remain "Contractor free". Many thanks to parents for their patience and understanding whilst this work has been going on!

Year 4 Maths Challenge

A huge well done to our Year 4 maths team who won their heat of the National Maths Challenge at King Edward's School in Edgbaston before half-term. They will now go forward to the finals in the new year and I'm sure they will represent Four Oaks Primary with pride. Well done to Shriya, James, Guhan and Poppy.



Year 3 & 4 Multi-Skills

A big well done to our Year 3 and Year 4 children who went to compete in a multi-skills event on Wednesday competing against lots of other local schools and came second overall - what an achievement! A big thank you to Mr Boughton for enabling this fantastic opportunity for the children to actually happen!

Year 4 Architecture Workshop

Year 4 are looking forward to their Architecture Workshop on Thursday 14th November. One class will take part in the morning with the other class taking up the challenge in the afternoon!



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PTA—Children's Film Night—Friday 15th November

We are looking forward to our first PTA Children's Film Night next Friday - let's hope the children have lots of fun watching "The Secret Life of Pets 2".



PTA—Half Term Smarties Box Challenge



Thank you to everyone who took part in the Smartie box challenge over the half term break. If you haven't yet brought in your Smartie tubes then please try to by next Monday when the PTA will be collecting them and working out our fundraising grand total and which class has won the main prize in each building!!

ICT Tip of the Week

"The internet is an amazing place. Children can play, learn, create and connect – the possibilities are endless. But there are also risks. That's why O2 and the NSPCC have teamed up to offer free advice and support to parents. You can speak to Gurus either over the phone or in O2 stores. You don't even need to be an O2 customer!!! For more information visit: <https://www.o2.co.uk/help/nspcc>"

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

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