

FOUR OAKS PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Next week



Dear Parents and Governors

Merry Christmas!

As I write the last newsletter of 2019 I would like to thank all the pupils, parents, Governors and staff for their continuing hard work and support and wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. A reminder that school closes today and that Monday 6th January is a Staff Training day. We will therefore look forward to welcoming pupils back to school on Tuesday 7th January 2020.

If you came along to our Christmas performances either at the Church with the Juniors last Tuesday, or at school with the Infants this week, then we hope you really enjoyed the experience. It was wonderful to see so many friendly faces in the audience and the children love performing for their families and friends. We hope it really put you in the Christmas mood and got you looking forward to your festive break!



School Dinners & SchoolMoney

As we have now used SchoolMoney for all payments in school for one term, I hope that you will agree this system is a lot easier and convenient for everyone and is working well. However, some parents are still not paying weekly, or putting money into their accounts in advance, which is the only way the system can work successfully without running up individual debts.

Reminders are then sent out for each week owed and so some parents are receiving a succession of texts which are not being acted upon. Therefore from January onwards we will now be running a system where any debts will not be allowed to go over £10. If this limit is reached then your child will have to come to school with a packed lunch until the debt is cleared.

I hope that you all appreciate the situation that we find ourselves in and agree that this is a positive move as it is not sustainable for school to keep subsidising these cumulative debts. If you do get text reminders about your account levels then we would really appreciate it if you could act upon them in a timely manner. However if there are problems with settling any accounts then please come into school and talk to either myself or Mrs Johnson. Many thanks for your understanding with this issue.

Reception—Parent Workshop—Wednesday 15th January 2020

A reminder that there is a workshop for parents of pupils in Reception on Wednesday 15th January from 9am—10.30am in the Infant building.

Lichfield Carol Service

Well done to our pupils who sang at the carol service in Lichfield on Wednesday you were all fantastic—thank you to Mrs Elvins and Mrs Greening for organising our choir and preparing them for this event. Well done also to Jordan in Year 6 who read beautifully and Scarlett in Year 5 whose solo was stunning! We are very proud of all of you!



Year 2 Trip

Year 2 classes had a lovely time visiting Whittington Barracks near Lichfield, a trip to support their Creative Curriculum topic on World War I. Thank you to all the parents who helped out.

Diary Dates

Dates for the Diary:

I have attached a list of all known diary dates for the rest of the school year to this newsletter for your information.

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

Just to let all parents know that we have had notification from The Royal British Legion that we raised £328.25 during November when pupils purchased items linked to this year's poppy appeal. Many thanks for your support in raising this amount!





Super Stars and Acorns



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Bumblebees	The Whole Class / Charlie
Ladybirds	The Whole Class
Owls	Emily
Hedgehogs	Jack N.
Turtles	Sebastian
Sharks	Nicole
3E	The Whole Class
3R	Jessie
4C	Erin
4G	Not awarded—workshop
5C	Kian
5G	Noah
6E	Alex
6W	Edward

Bumblebees	Ruhani
Ladybirds	Katie / The Whole Class
Owls	Charlie W.
Hedgehogs	The Whole Class
Turtles	The Whole Class
Sharks	The Whole Class
3E	Keirath
3R	The Whole Class
4C	Alex P.
4G	Harry
5C	Gracie
5G	Auryn / Fionn
6E	Benjamin
6W	Isobel L.

Courtesy Cup Winners ~ last week

Reception	Thomas / Rocco
Year 1	Charlotte Mc. / Noah
Year 2	Emily / Milo
Year 3	Isaac / Louis
Year 4	Jane
Year 5	Evan / James
Year 6	George / Finn



Well done to all the winners!

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Reception	Emilie / Joseph / Ladybird Class
Year 1	Lilly-Mae S. / Reevea
Year 2	Pola / Eleanor
Year 3	Aron / Amirah
Year 4	Rishi / Gregory
Year 5	Henry / Kyan J.
Year 6	Gracie / Remi



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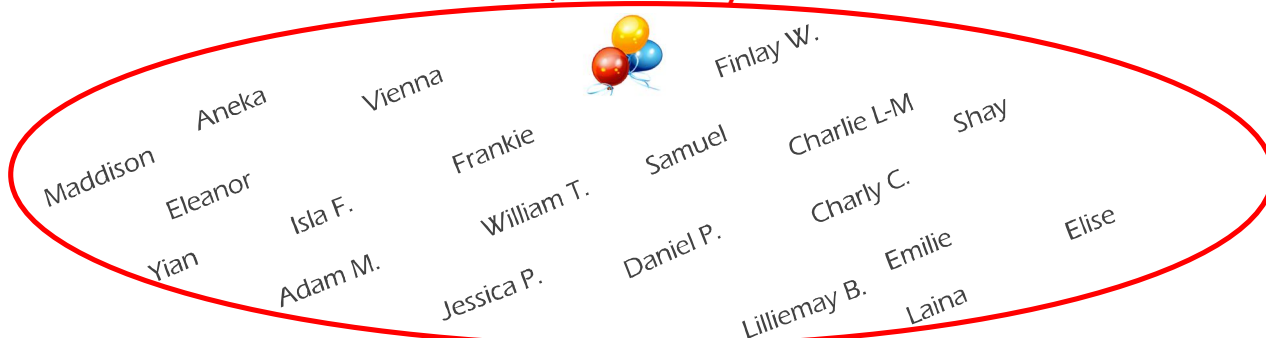


Alison Mander—Kindness award for this Half Term

Infants— Jessica C. (Hedgehogs)
Juniors— Jack N. (5C)



Infant Birthdays



Extra-Curricular Mindfulness Classes.

Our new Well-Being Club that has been running since September has been really successful and details of what the children will be focusing on in January 2020 are now out. Just click on the link on our website to read the details and find out how to apply for a place! You could alternatively contact Mrs Baba, who runs the classes, on **07515737805** or visit www.emotionalfitnessguide.com

Sickness Bugs and Norovirus

You will have no doubt seen in the local press that some schools in the local area have been forced to close due to an outbreak of norovirus. We would like to remind parents of the importance of the 48 hour rule to avoid the spread of these bugs. Attached to this newsletter is some advice from the NHS.

Data Sheets—Years 1-6

Data sheets have come out to parents. We need to confirm we have up to date contact details for parents and other emergency contacts. Could you please check all details and make any amendments necessary and return the form to school as soon as possible. **Please note we require the form returned even if there are no amendments.** Thank you.



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PTA Film Night

A huge thank you to the PTA Committee and their trusty band of followers who made the second Film Night such a success last Friday. The children loved watching The Polar Express and the event raised an amazing amount of money for all the pupils in school !

PTA Disco - Friday 10th January 2020

The PTA will be running their normal Infant and Junior discos in the Infant Hall once we return after the Christmas break so put the date in your diaries:

5pm - 6pm - Infant Disco

6.15pm - 7.15pm - Junior Pizza Party



Comedy Night—7th February -Date for your diary

The PTA Comedy Night on Friday 7th February has also now been confirmed, so keep your eyes peeled once we are back to school after the Christmas break for information about ticket prices and line ups !



PTA 200 Club

The winners of the November draw are:

£50	No 96	Mrs Burke
£10	No 113	Mrs L Phillips
£10	No 5	Mrs P Johnson
Artwork	No 92	Mrs S Hewlett

The winners of the December draw are:

£100	No. 67	Mrs Spencer
£20	No.102	Mrs K Vickers
£20	No. 89	Mrs K Roberts
Voucher	No. 86	Mrs K Berry
Voucher	No. 17	Mrs H Payne

Congratulations!

Could we say a big thank you to Ms Squires for sourcing the extra voucher prizes for the draws.

All Saints Church—Christmas Services

All Saints Church will be holding their Crib and Christingle Services at 3pm and 5pm on Christmas Eve. There will also be midnight mass at 11.30pm. On Christmas day there will be Holy Communion held at 8.00am, and Holy Communion with carols at 10.00 am.



ICT Tip of the Week

"As Christmas approaches it's important to be aware of parental controls on any new toys or devices that make their way into family homes. Consider toys or games that have bluetooth connections and what devices can connect or communicate with them. Smart home hubs like Alexa, consider what they can do, can they make purchases, play music tracks with explicit lyrics and does the microphone always need to be on and listening or can it be turned off when not needed? Games consoles, can children communicate with other gamers and join chat rooms? Are games age appropriate? What is in the gameplay? Games all have age ratings just like films, so remember to get age appropriate games".

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

Yours sincerely

Mr M Benton
Head Teacher

Diarrhoea and vomiting in children

There's no specific cure for stomach bugs such as **Norovirus**. See tips to reduce the spread and treat symptoms

Keep kids home from school for



after symptoms have passed.
This is enough time to let the virus run its course



Washing hands frequently and thoroughly helps limit the spread of the virus

different strains of Norovirus are known to affect humans.

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They're the most common cause of stomach bugs in the UK

Home Treatment



Paracetamol is useful for fever or aches and pains



Give kids plenty of water to stay hydrated and replace lost fluids



If your child feels like eating, give them bland foods

If your child already has a serious illness, or symptoms last longer than a few days, contact your GP to seek advice

Visit [nhs.uk/norovirus](https://www.nhs.uk/norovirus)






Four Oaks Schools P.T.A. is a registered Charity No. 1075253



"Having Fun, Raising Money"

FRIDAY 10th January 2020

Both Events in the Infant School Hall—

ENTER VIA THE DOOR FROM THE PLAYGROUND AT THE BACK OF THE SCHOOL.
ALL CHILDREN MUST BE PICKED UP PROMPTLY (VIA THE 'ENTRANCE' DOOR)

Please ensure your child brings the slip with them.

NO CHILD WILL BE ADMITTED WITHOUT A COMPLETED SLIP

Infant Disco

Infants: 5.00 pm – 6.00 pm

Refreshments, crisps and sweets will be available to buy

Admission £1.00 to be paid on entry

CHILDREN'S DISCO - FRIDAY 10th January 2020

CHILD'S NAME _____ CLASS _____

Parent/Guardian _____

Telephone Number where you can be contacted during disco: _____

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Juniors - Pizza Party



Juniors: 6.15 pm – 7.15 pm

Pizza, refreshments and sweets will be available to buy

Admission £1.00 to be paid on entry

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CHILD'S NAME _____ CLASS _____

Parent/Guardian _____

Telephone Number where you can be contacted during event: _____

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DIARY DATES—2019/20

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	PTA Disco
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 PTA Comedy Night
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 Year 1 Viking Workshop
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	Reception height and weight measurements—school nurse
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	
Tuesday 5 th May	
Wednesday 6 th May	
Thursday 7 th May	School Closed—Elections
Friday 8 th May	School Closed—May Day Bank Holiday
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—2019-20

Monday 22 nd June	
Tuesday 23 rd June	
Wednesday 24 th June	
Thursday 25 th June	
Friday 26 th June	
Saturday 27 th June	PTA Summer Festival - Midday –4pm (TBC)
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