

# FOUR OAKS PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## 20th March 2020

Dear Parents and Governors

### Coronavirus

#### Enforced School Closure

As you will all know by now we have been instructed by the Government to close the school to most pupils for the time being in relation to the national plan to combat the Coronavirus. If you visit our website you will be able to read a letter about how to book a place at school for your child if you are in the Key Worker bracket!

Whilst the school is closed we at Four Oaks Primary have put plans in place for the continued learning of our pupils and you can read about these in detail **on the attached letter**. There will be activities put onto the year group pages of Wordpress every day and those activities are there as suggestions. This work will not be able to be marked but any work brought back to school once we re-open will be rewarded with Smiley Faces and House Points.

Please keep your eyes on our school website and on our School Jotter phone app for developments as we go through the next few weeks and please take care and keep your families safe so that we can all join up again in the not too distant future.

### Year 5 Parents' Assembly & Lunch - Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March

A huge thank you to all the parents and friends who came to see our Year 5 pupils performing in their incredible assembly. We hope you really enjoyed their wonderful efforts and appreciated getting a little window onto their learning in class

### Spare Uniform

We now have plenty of extra school uniform in school so thank you very much to all parents who have donated to our collection. We still do not have much spare school PE kit in school, so if anyone could donate T-shirts in any of the four house colours, black shorts or jogging bottoms we would really appreciate it. Many thanks!



### Staff Training Days - 2020-21

The governing body have now finalised the staff training days for the next academic year. We hope you find this information useful.

#### Staff Training Days : 2020-21

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> Sept 2020

Mon 28<sup>th</sup> Sept 2020

Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Jan 2021

Mon 19<sup>th</sup> April 2021

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021



### Super Stars and Acorns



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

|            |            |
|------------|------------|
| Bumblebees | Arjun      |
| Ladybirds  | Henry      |
| Owls       | Valentino  |
| Hedgehogs  | Lucy       |
| Turtles    | Frankie    |
| Sharks     | Khadijah   |
| 3E         | Luca / Max |
| 3R         | Sapphire   |
| 4C         | Finn       |
| 4G         | Yashesh    |
| 5C         | Leighton   |
| 5G         | James      |
| 6E         | Laura      |
| 6W         | Finn       |



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|            |             |
|------------|-------------|
| Bumblebees | Stella      |
| Ladybirds  | Freddie     |
| Owls       | Harry       |
| Hedgehogs  | Jessica     |
| Turtles    | Jack        |
| Sharks     | William T.  |
| 3E         | Martha      |
| 3R         | Daniel      |
| 4C         | Erryn       |
| 4G         | Isabella    |
| 5C         | Benjamin W. |
| 5G         | Lily        |
| 6E         | Olivia R.   |
| 6W         | Isabella C. |

### Courtesy Cup Winners ~ last week

|           |                        |
|-----------|------------------------|
| Reception | Zahra / Jack           |
| Year 1    | Jovan / Rupert         |
| Year 2    | Zach S. / William P.   |
| Year 3    | Alayna A. / Freddie D. |
| Year 4    | Jack R./Seth           |
| Year 5    | Andreas / Akarl        |
| Year 6    | Kalvin / Arooj         |



Well done to all the winners!

### Courtesy Cup Winners ~ this week

|           |                    |
|-----------|--------------------|
| Reception | Reuben / Henry     |
| Year 1    | Subhaan / Elsie    |
| Year 2    | Sebastian / Theo   |
| Year 3    | Max C. / Holly     |
| Year 4    | Martha / Henry G.  |
| Year 5    | William M. / Aston |
| Year 6    | Kareena / Zach B.  |



Well done to all the winners!

### Infant Birthdays



Oliver J.  
Lily-Mae R.  
Taran  
Jack H.  
Daisy  
Giaan

### School Dinners—Juniors

Can parents please ensure they respond to any SchoolMoney requests for payments for school meals. Any problems with payments please contact Mrs Johnson in the Junior office.

### Space Camp



A big thank you to my staff who made the Year 5 Space Camp possible two weeks ago. The children had a fantastic time exploring what it would be like to be an astronaut in space and then loved having the chance to go outside and do some star gazing!

Many thanks to those parents who have come into school since the event to thank the staff for giving up their free time on a Friday night!

### Australia Day—Update

We have received a letter for the Koala Hospital thanking us for our donation. This amounted to AUD\$1080.48! They have advised us that it will be used to purchase and distribute drinking water stations for the koalas and this will also benefit other wildlife in the area. They are also going to be establishing the world's first wild koala breeding program. They have mentioned that you if you wish to you could keep up to date with what is happening by visiting their website [www.koalahospital.org.au](http://www.koalahospital.org.au). Thank you once again for all your contributions.



### YMES—Music Lessons—Change of day for violin

We have been advised that violin lesson from next term will be changing day. They will now be on a Wednesday morning rather than a Thursday. Could you please ensure that your child brings their violin in with them on a Wednesday once we return to school. Thank you.



### PTA 200 Club

The winners of the March draw are:

|                 |         |                 |
|-----------------|---------|-----------------|
| £50             | No 48   | Mrs Mullally    |
| £10             | No .153 | Mrs A Samra     |
| £10             | No 84   | Mrs B Mehta     |
| Voucher No .104 |         | Mrs A. Strachan |

**Congratulations!**

### ICT Tip of the Week

*"Think carefully before posting pictures or videos of yourself online. Once you've posted a picture of yourself online most people can see it and may be able to download it, and it's not just yours anymore."*

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

Yours sincerely

Mr M Benton  
Head Teacher



## Four Oaks Primary School

### Plan for Distance Learning



Dear Parents,

In the present situation we have no choice but to follow official advice and close our school. This does not mean however that we will not continue to set the children a variety of learning activities. We have listed below the different ways in which the teaching staff will be able to keep in touch with the pupils.

#### **WORDPRESS**



Wordpress is the self-contained part of our school website that we use on an everyday basis to give parents messages about children's learning and set homework tasks.

As such, this is the perfect vehicle to pass on learning tasks during this period of school closure. We ask that all children visit their year group area of Wordpress every day to look at what their teachers would like them to do in terms of learning at home. Daily tasks will be set by 9am every day.

Activities that may be placed on there could be:

- writing tasks
- reading tasks
- mathematical challenges
- one subject from our foundation subject based around our topic

These tasks will be suggested activities, but obviously it is up to you as parents as to whether you have the time, or your child is well enough, to complete these. These activities will obviously not be marked as work is presently in school, but will be rewarded with smiley faces or house points on returning to school.

#### **MATHLETICS**



All of our children have access to Mathletics on-line and already use it frequently in school and at home. Teachers have the ability to set children specific tasks and exercises within Mathletics and they will be able to monitor children's progress in what they do and how successful their learning is. These tasks will be allocated per pupil and will be signposted via Wordpress.

#### **BUG CLUB**



All of our children have access to the Bug Club reading and phonics scheme on-line and already use it frequently in school and at home. Teachers have the ability to set children specific tasks and exercises within Bug Club and they will be able to monitor children's progress in what they tackle. These tasks will be allocated per pupil and will be signposted via Wordpress.

#### **FOUR OAKS PRIMARY SCHOOL WEBSITE ([www.fouroaksprimary.bham.sch.uk](http://www.fouroaksprimary.bham.sch.uk))**

The links for Wordpress, Mathletics and Bug Club can all be easily found at the bottom of our school website homepage as can be seen below.



As these activities will be internet based we do not have any control over your home internet connection, or the online sites reliability. If things go slowly, just give it your best go!

In addition, we understand that you have been given a tough task being asked to work from home and look after your children, so we offer these suggestions merely as guidelines for learning activities at home.

Please keep your eye on our school website and on our school website app on your phones for any further updates to the situation around school closures and the present national health concerns and we all hope to be back in school, happy and learning very soon!