

FOUR OAKS PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Governors

COVID Update

Don't say it too loudly but, HOORAY!.....we have a no year groups isolating for the first time in nearly six weeks! Once more school is the bubbly lively place that it should be and we are so pleased to welcome Year 5, 4 and 2 back. To those few children still isolating ... come back soon because we miss you !

Many thanks to all parents who have been observing the guidelines whilst isolating and for working with us when dropping off and collecting younger and older siblings from the school site, it is much appreciated. Could I ask all families to still be vigilant about any symptoms among children or other family members and to book a test as soon as they feel they need to. As I stated on the website earlier in the week the last thing we want is to have to isolate any year group bubbles, especially those who have lost time in school already. I hope that all parents have been having the opportunity to appreciate the home learning package that we as a school have rolled out to all isolating pupils, and if parental feedback is anything to go by I know the live Microsoft Teams sessions have gone down a storm with both children and parents.

Home Learning Agreements

Many thanks to the many parents who have already returned their 'Home Learning Agreements' that have been on the school website for two weeks now. These documents are an agreement that if your child's year group bubble were to be sent home to isolate then as parents you agree to be in the room when your child takes part in a live Microsoft Teams meeting with a member of staff. This is required if the children are to take part as part of our safeguarding precautions. If you have not yet returned this document either as a piece of paper or in electronic form then please do so as soon as possible. To aid any parents who need to do this we have included the document at the end of this newsletter. Many thanks to parents for their continued support.

Some Sad News

It falls to me to communicate some very sad news to parents. Two weekends ago we had the Air Ambulance land on our school field. Our Chair of the PTA, who lives opposite school, and I, both came into school and spoke to the pilot who told us he had been called to attend to someone who had had an accident in their home on Walsall Road. He was waiting for other paramedics inside the house to contact him so we left him to do his job. I only found out a day later that the person he took to the QE hospital was actually our longest serving governor Mrs Sue Burke. She underwent emergency surgery that evening but never regained consciousness and very sadly passed away last week. Sue had been a governor for many, many years and was on the panel that appointed Mrs Sutton, myself and Miss Appleby to our positions within school. Both of her sons came through our school and she was a true champion of Four Oaks Primary School, and will be very sadly missed. Our thoughts are with her family at this very difficult time.

The Return of FOSBACS

We are really happy to announce that FOSBACS has opened for business again today and that we have made some changes to the way it is organized in an attempt to protect against another closure on a large scale. Please read the document sent out on our School Jotter app and on the website which goes into detail about these changes.

Small Group Sessions

We are pleased to announce our small group sessions before and after school will resume the week commencing 30th November. There will be sessions for the week commencing 7th December but no sessions in the last week of term. If your child was previously attending these sessions please ensure that they come for these two weeks, times are the same as before. Please note however Mrs Westlake will be unable to run her sessions until the New Year.

Next week
Menu



Week 1



**Super Stars and Acorns**

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

Bumblebees	Maya
Ladybirds	Isaac E.
Owls	Anjun
Hedgehogs	Shay
Turtles	Not awarded
Sharks	Not awarded
3E	Harry C.
3R	Libby
4C	Not awarded
4G	Not awarded
5B	Not awarded
5SB	Not awarded
6E	Fionn
6W	Jack N.

**Super Stars and Acorns**

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

Bumblebees	William R.
Ladybirds	Ismaeel
Owls	Avleen
Hedgehogs	Rocco
Turtles	Not awarded
Sharks	Not awarded
3E	Thea
3R	Oz
4C	Not awarded
4G	Not awarded
5B	Isabella B.
5SB	Ruben
6E	Isabella
6W	Amber

Courtesy Cup Winners ~ last week

Reception	Amiyah / Oliver B.
Year 1	Ella / Xavier
Year 2	Not awarded
Year 3	Eleanor / Pippa
Year 4	Not awarded
Year 5	Not awarded
Year 6	Molly / Haydn



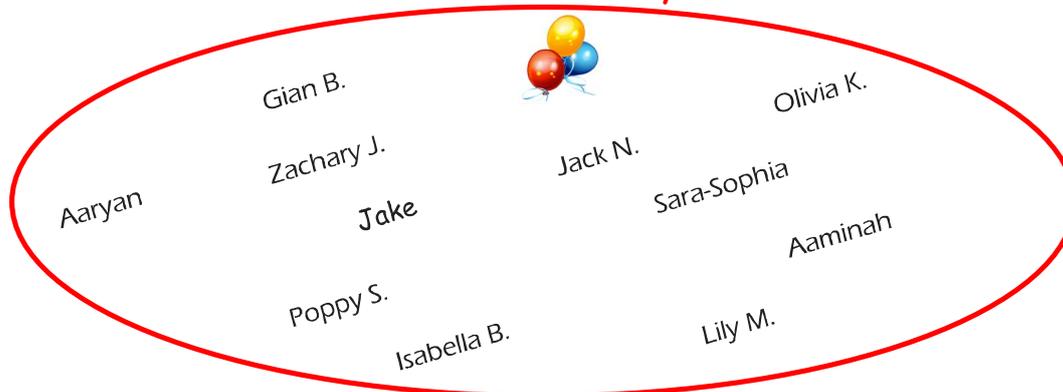
Well done to all the winners!

Courtesy Cup Winners ~ this week

Reception	Nisharne / Amanda
Year 1	Sara-Sophia / Harry F.
Year 2	Not awarded
Year 3	Mia / Aneka
Year 4	Not awarded
Year 5	Eliza / Willow
Year 6	Ceris / Alfie



Well done to all the winners!

Infant Birthdays**Dinner Money ~ Juniors**

Could parents please check SchoolMoney for any outstanding payments for school dinners. If there are any problems logging into SchoolMoney then please contact Mrs Johnson in the Junior office.

Flu Vaccines - Thursday 10th December

At long last we now have a new date for the Immunisation Team to come into school and administer the Nasal Flu Vaccine to all the children. The date of their visit is **Thursday 10th December**. Please contact the school office on 0121 675 4040 if you have changed your mind about your child having this important inoculation.

**Admission Arrangements**

Just a reminder to all present and new parents that our admission arrangements, including the set criteria for gaining a place at Four Oaks Primary School, can always be found on our school website under the 'Our School' tab at the top of the homepage.

Anti-Bacterial Wipes

If any parents have any anti-bacterial wipes at home that they could manage to spare, we are once more looking for any kind donations from our parent community. All contributions would be very warmly welcomed.



The Last Week before the Christmas Break



In these tough Covid times we feel it is really important to give our pupils a really enjoyable last week as we head towards the Christmas break. At present we are all working on a Four Oaks Christmas celebration video which will go on our school website to entertain all of our parents, so working alongside the PTA Committee our last week in school will look like this:

Monday 14th:

Christmas Video Launch Day. Children to donate £1.00 to wear a Christmas jumper for the day and get to watch our Four Oaks Primary Christmas video.



Wednesday 16th:

Christmas Dinner Day - Pupils to make Christmas hats and wear them to eat their delicious Christmas dinner cooked by Debbie and the ladies in the kitchen.

Thursday 17th:

Pupils to wear onesies, pyjamas or non-uniform and have a 'Christmas Film afternoon' in their classrooms. The PTA will provide a free Cadburys selection box for the pupils to have in the afternoon. There will be no nuts in the contents of the selection box but the chocolate will have been made in a factory where nuts may have been present. If you do not want your child to eat this chocolate, please contact your child's class teacher and we will talk to the PTA and arrange an alternative.



Friday 18th:

Christmas Party Buffet in the hall in normal bubbles and afternoon parties in classrooms. Children can wear party clothes as is tradition but please remember they will be going outside to play.

If parents of sandwich children wish for their child to partake in either of these meals, then they can pay for them on SchoolMoney. Please contact Mrs. Johnson in the Junior office for any clarification.

Xmas Cards

Another aspect of Christmas fun that we would like to keep going in school this year is the giving and receiving of Christmas Cards. Obviously this is a little trickier this year with restrictions on passing items between households but we have found a way round things. If your child would like to bring in Christmas cards for their friends, they will be able to do so between Monday 30th November and Friday 11th December. Please do not seal the envelopes by licking them but fold in the envelope tab. All of these cards will go into a box in each classroom and 72 hours later on the Tuesday 15th December, they will be sorted into class groups and distributed to the children....probably by me wearing a Christmas elf hat !!



Christmas Baubles

Christmas is all about spending time together, with everyone working in bubbles school has never felt so segregated and we therefore wanted to do something to bring the whole school together. We have come up with the idea of each child bringing in a Christmas bauble which they have made themselves. You can use any materials you wish, paper, wood, plastic, felt etc. Please ensure that in addition to the Christmas design your child's name can be clearly seen on the back. Baubles must be brought in by **Monday 7th December** for our official tree hanging ceremony day!



Individual Photographs—Deadline 7th December

Proofs of individual photographs have been coming out to pupils over the last week with the Year 2 and 4 coming out today. You will see on the slips that the deadline is 30th November, we have spoken to Academy and have extended this to 7th December due to the delay in getting some of the photo proofs out due to isolation. Academy are still hopeful they will be able to get the photographs back before Christmas but the 7th December is the final deadline so **all orders will need to be in school by Friday 4th December**, orders coming to school later than this cannot be guaranteed to be processed. If you are ordering on line please could this be done as soon as possible but no later than the 7th. Thank you.



Data Sheets Years 1-6

Data sheets have been sent home with the children over the past week with Years 2, 4 & 5 bringing them home tonight. Could you please check all the details on the form then return this to school, regardless of whether any amendments are needed. It is obviously more important than ever that contact details are up to date in the present situation. Thank you



Four Oaks Playgroup—Volunteer Trustees Needed

Four Oaks Pre-school Playgroup is a charitable childcare provider. We are in need of volunteer Trustees who will work closely with the Manager and Senior Leadership team in the day to day running of the provision, it's funding and it's overall management. Our Trustees are extremely important to us, we thrive thanks to dedication of many different people who work with us. Being a Trustee is fulfilling, enjoyable and rewarding. For further information please contact the manager, Brenda, on 07966 147 384 or by email on fouroak-spapg@yahoo.co.uk

PTA—Smarties Challenge

Thank you to everyone who participated in the half term smarties challenge. We can now announce that the winning classes are Owls and 3R. They received their large smarties tubes last week. We raised an astonishing £1,772.76 so thank you everyone for your donations and for the children doing so many odd jobs!!!



PTA Christmas Window Trail

Sadly, today should have been our fantastic PTA Christmas Fayre, but obviously such a venture has just been totally impossible this year. However, the wonderful PTA Committee and its helpers have an alternative event planned to hopefully kick-start the festivities and help everyone to start feeling Christmassy...The Four Oaks PTA Window Trail!

The trail of decorated windows will help people get out in the fresh air, whilst remaining socially distanced, and support the children of Four Oaks Primary in a festive way. All the details of how to get involved are included on the poster attached to this newsletter or on the PTA's Facebook page at

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2048594268699399/>

or on the PTA Events page at

www.pta-events.co.uk/four-oaks-primary/index.cfm#.X74QDuTfUIQ



ICT Tip of the Week

ACT Early is a new website launched this week to provide advice, support and guidance to families & friends worried that a loved one is vulnerable to radicalisation. <https://actearly.uk/> Home | ACT Early More important than any one sign is the feeling that something is not right.. Friends and family are often the first to spot worrying changes taking place.

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 PTA

Four Oaks Festive Windows Trail



This year we are asking families to decorate their windows and take part in a **FESTIVE WINDOWS** trail around the community from the 7th of December. The aim is for the Festive Windows to spread some positivity and happiness for all that see and create them!

To raise vital funds for our school, families will be able to buy a map of the houses taking part.

To take part, make sure your house is on the map. Please get in touch with our class reps who will be gathering participant details:

- Reception: Natalie Ball 07841 631743
- Year 1: Imaan Mahmood 07811 354978
- Year 2: Becky Squire 07792 283953
- Year 3: Sarah Cardwell 07572 398768
- Year 4: Katy Berry 07929 043116
- Year 5: Emily Williamson 07811 284528
- Year 6: Louise Wilkinson 07725 971441



A map showing the participating Festive Windows from each year group will be available.

We'd like each year group to aim to feature a particular Christmas theme or image somewhere into their windows to make them instantly recognisable. Don't worry, we can help you with this!



Maps on sale via PTA Events website from 27th November

www.pta-events.co.uk/four-oaks-primary

There will be competition, prizes – a festive treat not to be missed!



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COVID 'Home Learning' Parental Agreement

As of the 22nd October 2020 it became law that all schools must provide remote learning to support pupils in the event of having to self-isolate, in relation to Coronavirus.

Here at Four Oaks Primary School we have the resources and tools to provide this and we have written a 'Home Learning Policy' to enable this to happen. Within this policy there are sections detailing the responsibilities of all stakeholders at school including staff, pupils and parents. This policy can be accessed on our school website, by clicking on the 'Our School' tab and selecting 'School Policies and Reports' from the drop-down menu. There is also a Home Learning Flowchart to enable parents to understand how Home Learning will operate at a glance.

We would ask all parents and pupils to take the time to read the appropriate sections of this policy as this model of remote Home Learning will only succeed if we all work together.

The last bullet point in the 'Pupils and Parents' section of the policy states that parents must:

"Ensure their child's learning device is in a public space in the home with an adult present in the room."

We would ask all parents to sign this agreement as an indication that they are willing to engage in our Home Learning model. A failure to sign this agreement will mean that pupils will not be allowed access to **any Microsoft TEAMS** meetings over the Internet organised by staff whilst any year group bubbles are isolating at home, under safeguarding rules.

Having read the policy, we would ask parents to sign the agreement below and return to school by **Monday 16th November 2020**.

Many thanks for your on-going support.

Signed (Parent/Guardian): _____

Pupil's Name: _____

Pupil's Class: _____

