

FOUR OAKS PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Governors



Welcome Back

This is the first chance that I have had to say it but I hope that all of our families had a lovely Easter break and were able to enjoy themselves a little now that COVID restrictions are becoming more relaxed. Here in school it almost seems like we're back to normal apart from the fact that we are still having to operate in distinct bubbles. Here's hoping that as we inch closer to June 21st we hear from the Local Authority about a possible change in these guidelines. Fingers crossed everyone!

Year 5 Parents

We would ask any parents of Year 5 pupils who have not yet filled in our survey relating to the proposed trip to Boreatton Park to do so as soon as possible. In order to try and plan for the possible reduction in restrictions and possible visit we need to know the views of all Year 5 parents. This can be found on our school website.

Year 5 Anglo-Saxon Workshop

A big thank you to parents for financing the children's Anglo-Saxon workshop that took place last week. The children had a fantastic time with their visiting expert who was dressed as an Anglo-Saxon warrior. If you have not yet had a chance, why not take a look at our school Twitter account via our website where you can view photographs of the pupils having a fantastic time.

School Closures - Bank Holiday and Election Day

Just a reminder to all parents that next week is a three-day week in school. On Monday 3rd May school is closed as it is a Bank Holiday, and on Thursday 6th May school is closed as the building is being used by the Local Authority as a polling station for the Police Commissioner's and Lord Mayor's election. As I have previously stated we did appeal to the Council asking that the school not be used this year, but this was rejected. Therefore we are using this day to update staff's first aid qualifications and to welcome our new Reception children as they haven't seen our school due to our Open Day being cancelled.

Induction Day - 6th May

For any parents who have a new Reception child starting our school in September 2021, first of allCONGRATULATIONS on gaining a place at Four Oaks Primary. Yet again we have been a highly popular choice for lots of local parents and have many families sitting on a waiting list. Secondly, just a reminder that on Thursday May 6th between 9am and 10am you have the opportunity to bring your child to visit our Reception classrooms and playground. Details of this opportunity were in your welcome letter that was hand-delivered to you by Mrs. Underwood last week. We look forward to seeing you all soon!



Spring Chicks in Reception

Many thanks to the PTA who have yet again financed our spring chick project in Reception. Last week we had a delivery of our hens eggs and an incubator. Soon the eggs will be placed inside and the Reception children will be able to make daily observations of the eggs as we get closer to the exciting days when the chicks hatch. We will inform you soon about being able to watch the eggs and the chicks live on our school website.....watch this space!



P.E. Days and P.E. Kits



During lockdown we introduced the idea that children should come to school dressed in their P.E. kits in order to avoid the need for staff to help children during the changing process. This has also had the added benefit of saving time and keeping cloakrooms safer in terms of health and safety.

We would now ask that on those days where children have P.E., that their P.E. kit does match our uniform policy. Children should wear black shorts or black tracksuit bottoms (we will accept navy blue tracksuit bottoms) and a plain coloured t-shirt to match their school house. We have seen children coming into school in their own choice of football strip or sports shirts, and now that we are almost back to normal this is no longer acceptable.



Thursday 20th May—School Census Day

On Thursday 20th May, the more children we have taking up a school dinner the more funding we get, so Debbie in the kitchen is going to be putting on a selection of the children's favourite meal choices. If your child normally has sandwiches and you would like them to have a school dinner on this day then please contact Mrs Johnson in the Junior office (tel:675 2685) who will help you pay through SchoolMoney.

Easter Science Fair

Well done to everyone who entered our science fair competition, the entries were amazing!! Everyone who entered will have received a certificate—please check your emails. The winners were:
EYFS & KS1—Edie & Lily K.

Years 3 & 4—Sonny

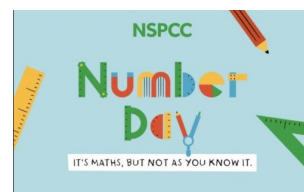
Years 5 & 6—Poppy P.



Congratulations to them all. Their entries will now go forward to the Trust competition so we wish them good luck for that

NSPCC Number Day

On Friday 7th May we are taking part in the national NSPCC Number Day when the children in school will be taking part in various mathematical activities all day. Every child and member of staff is encouraged to either wear non-uniform which incorporates numbers somewhere or to come dressed to school as a number in some way. We would ask for a £2.00 donation, to be paid via SchoolMoney please, to not wear school uniform. All of this money will be given to the NSPCC to support them in the fantastic work that they do in keeping children safe! Many thanks in advance for your support.



Scooters and Bicycles on Site



A reminder that if scooters or bikes are brought on to site then we would ask you to walk with them and not ride them. At the end of the day there are many, many people on site and we do not want any accidents.



Class Photographs—14th May

The photographers will be coming into school to take class photographs on Friday 14th May. We will let parents know when the proofs are available to view.





Super Stars and Acorns



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

Bumblebees	Thea
Ladybirds	Ellena
Owls	Stella
Hedgehogs	Taran
Turtles	Aaryah
Sharks	Harriet
3E	Frankie
3R	Khadijah
4C	Sapphire
4G	Max
5B	Oscar T.
5SB	Zach
6E	Scarlett
6W	Leighton



Super Stars and Acorns



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

Bumblebees	William
Ladybirds	Lily
Owls	Charlotte
Hedgehogs	Zahra
Turtles	Jacob
Sharks	Emily
3E	Elise
3R	Taran
4C	Amirah
4G	Jaanvi
5B	Poppy
5SB	Lauren
6E	James
6W	Kaya

Courtesy Cup Winners ~ last week

Reception	Oliver G / Finley W.
Year 1	Ruhani / Karter
Year 2	Jack L. / Yian
Year 3	Sebastian / Julia
Year 4	Miles / Gabriel
Year 5	Seth / Elisia
Year 6	Myles / Evan



Well done to all the winners!

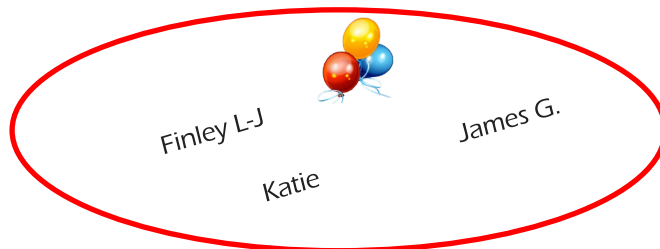
Courtesy Cup Winners ~ this week

Reception	Heath / Martha
Year 1	Harry / Jordan
Year 2	Reeva / Arvin
Year 3	Harry / Cameron
Year 4	Eva / Harry H.
Year 5	Absaar / Evaleen
Year 6	Ben W./ Rachel



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Infant Birthdays



King Edwards VI High School for Girls Open Morning Information

We have had information come through from King Edwards about their programme of open days which may be of use to some of our families:

Open Day - Saturday 3rd July 2021 - 9.15am - 12.30pm

Open Day - Saturday 18th September 2021 - 9.15am - 12.30pm

11+ Examination Dates for entry September 2022 - Friday 8th October 2021

Further details about the school can be found at www.kehs.org.uk

Club Francais

Good News! Le Club Francais are due to re-start their French Clubs in school after half-term. They run clubs for Y1 and Y2 at lunchtimes and for Junior children after school. They will soon be sending out information with days and times on so that parents can enroll their children.

YMES Music Lessons—Keyboard and Violin

Music lessons for Keyboard and Violin were due to take place on Thursday next week however due to school being closed to pupils because of the elections the lessons have been moved to the following day—Friday 7th May. Can you please ensure if your child has any music that they bring this with them on Friday and of course for the violinists, please ensure they bring their instrument into school. Thank you.



ICT Tip of the Week

*TikTok is a social media platform that lets you create, share and discover 60 second videos. It was previously known as Muical.ly. You can use music and effects to enhance your videos and you can also browse other people's videos and interact with them. **The Official Age Rating is 13+.** Parents have expressed concerns around the inappropriate language of some of the videos posted which may make this less suitable for younger children. Contact from strangers is also a concern although the app itself does have some safety features that should be explored and enabled.*

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

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