

FOUR OAKS PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Governors



Year 2 Lunchtime Drinks After Half-Term

As part of their transition into the Junior Department for September we will be giving the Year 2 children the chance to purchase extra drinks at lunchtime for the last half-term. I know the children will find this an exciting and very grown-up development as they move up the school, and the following options are available:

Flavoured water - 60p a bottle

Flavoured Milkshakes - 50p each

If you would like your child to take up this opportunity, then please send them in with the small amount of money that is appropriate, and take the chance to talk to them about the mathematics involved and what change they may receive.....every day's a learning day!

Children's Safety

Can I ask all parents once more to be very aware of pupil safety on Edge Hill Road at drop off and pick up time. If you do need to drive to school, then please do not park on the zig zags or particularly not opposite either school gate. We all need to make sure that the health and safety of all the children is of paramount importance and sensible parking is certainly a large element of this. Hopefully, when we return to school in September, we will be able to re-open the Russell Bank Road entrance to school, and then the volume of traffic on Edge Hill Road will be reduced. Many thanks for your understanding.



Reception Induction Evenings

In light of COVID-19 restrictions that are still in place, we are planning to have two Induction evenings for our new Reception parents, where we will invite just one adult per child. Parents will be communicated with individually and the meetings will take place between 6pm and 6.45pm on Monday 14th June and Wednesday 16th June. We look forward to welcoming our new parents and talking to them about becoming a valued part of our Four Oaks Family.

Boreatton Park Meeting—15th June

We will be running a Boreatton Park meeting for our Year 5 parents on Tuesday 15th June in the Junior Hall, lasting a maximum of 30 minutes, to go through final details for the trip. We would ask parents of 5B to attend at 6pm and parents of 5SB to attend at 6.30pm. Due to COVID restrictions we can only invite one parent per pupil, and the children will not need to attend. They will get all of their information given to them in the classroom during a school day. In this way we will have a maximum of 30 adults in the hall, we will be able to spread out, and ventilate the hall accordingly. If any parent feels uncomfortable about these arrangements, then please contact school so we can make alternative plans to get information to them.



Class Photographs

Class photographs are now available to be ordered. The full class photo will be on display in each classroom, smaller group photos are also available to be ordered and have been sent out with the children this week, with details of payment. The easiest way to order and pay is online by visiting: www.academyphotos.co.uk.

Please note the **deadline date for orders is Friday 11th June**.



1st Aid Training for Y5 & Y6

When we return to school on Monday 7th June we look forward to running some 1st aid workshops in school, just for the benefit of our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils. This is a new initiative in school and hopefully will be another way in which we can start to prepare our older pupils for adult life. An outside provider called 'Flat Stan' will be in school to run these workshops but there will be no charge for parents.



Reception Trip—Tuesday 8th June

We are delighted that our Reception classes will be going to Tanglewood at Cannock Chase on Tuesday 8th June. This is in connection with their topic of traditional stories. Parents will have received notification of this via SchoolMoney and the letter is also on our website. Please remember when paying for the trip to also tick the consent box. If you have any difficulty accessing SchoolMoney please contact Mrs Johnson in the Junior office (Tel: 675 2685).



Specialist Sports Coaches



We hope that many of our pupils have been enjoying extra input from some visiting sports specialists recently. Across the school we have had input from Dan our rugby coach, from Warwickshire Cricket Club, from Mr Branch our basketball specialist, from a very skilled skipping coach, and from staff from the Wilson Stuart Sports partnership who ran our Infant games for us last week. As parents can see, we are well on the way back to the normal vibrant school life that usually takes place here at Four Oaks, and long may it continue!



Ancient Greek Architecture Workshop

A big thank you to all the parents who made contributions to pay for last week's architecture workshop which was run for our Year 4 pupils. It was truly amazing to see how between them the children managed to construct and erect an almost life-sized (well, hall-sized) version of the Parthenon from Athens, just by using their mathematical knowledge and lots of bamboo canes.....very impressive!

Twitter

Please keep up your engagement with our Twitter page. We love hearing from you and reading your comments about activities going on in school. Our Twitter page is an excellent reflection on the vibrant curriculum we offer every child every day at Four Oaks. Follow us on twitter @fouroaksprimary



RHS Gardening Award



We are pleased to announce that Miss Everitt & Miss Wykes, and some of the Year 6 children, have managed to attain the Level 1 & Level 2 RHS Gardening Award for our school. They have been working really hard with a team of Year 6 pupils to renovate our school garden. A massive well done to all involved and a big thank you to the PTA for helping to finance the children's work!

COVID testing

May I remind all parents that if your child has any COVID symptoms then a PCR test must be undertaken. We have received advice from the DfE that lateral flow tests (the 30 minute tests done at home) are **not** to be used for primary aged children. Once you have the result of the PCR test this should be emailed to: enquiry@fouroaksprimary.bham.sch.uk.

Can I also remind parents that if one of their children is unwell with COVID symptoms and is awaiting test results any siblings must also self-isolate at home until a negative test result has been received. Thank you for your understanding.

Finally could I ask all parents that if they or any of their children test positive for COVID over the half term to notify us by sending the results to:covid@fouroaksprimary.bham.sch.uk



Super Stars and Acorns



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

Bumblebees	Oliver S.
Ladybirds	Gian
Owls	Thomas
Hedgehogs	Georgiana
Turtles	Jamilla
Sharks	Olivia
3E	Joshua
3R	James C.
4C	Samuel
4G	Aron
5B	Callum
5SB	Jesicca
6E	Lilah
6W	Holly



Super Stars and Acorns



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

Bumblebees	Shan
Ladybirds	Alexander
Owls	Ella
Hedgehogs	Isla
Turtles	Jayan
Sharks	Harry C.
3E	The Whole Class—for their writing
3R	Keira
4C	Jai
4G	Kiran
5B	Noah
5SB	Alex W.
6E	Lexie
6W	Thomas

Courtesy Cup Winners ~ last week

Reception	Jenson / Ellena
Year 1	Olivia / Amber
Year 2	Jack N. / Scarlett
Year 3	Frankie / Alexia
Year 4	Louis / Anna
Year 5	Zach / Mykola
Year 6	Daniel G. / Annie



Well done to all the winners!

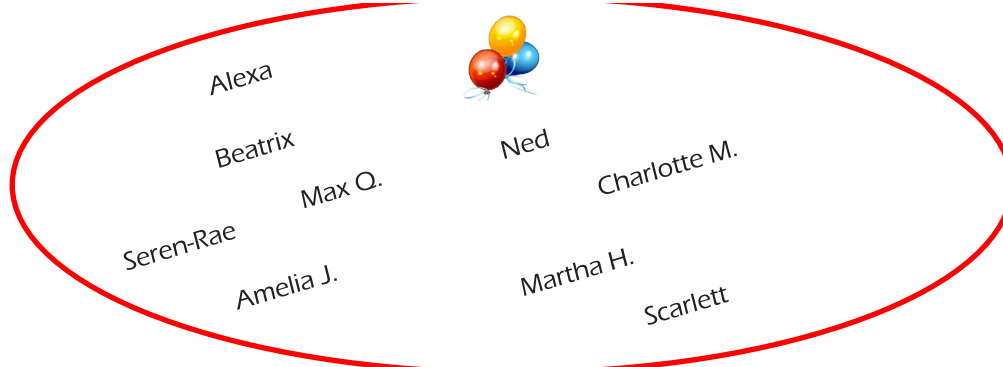
Courtesy Cup Winners ~ this week

Reception	Amiyah / Edie
Year 1	Olivia / Joseph
Year 2	Jacob / Lilly-Mae S.
Year 3	Elise / Christina
Year 4	Thomas G. / Jemima
Year 5	Lauren / Oscar T.
Year 6	Sophia / Max



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Infant Birthdays



Alison Mander—Kindness award

This Half Term it is awarded to:

Infants— Daia B. (Owls)

Juniors— Holly S. (4C)



Y5 Parents - Birmingham Grammar Schools - Entry to Year 7 in September 2022

We would like to advise present Year 5 parents that they can now register their child for the optional entrance test for any Birmingham Grammar School by applying online before 4pm on 30th June 2021. The test will take place on 11th September 2021.

To register, parents need to visit www.birminghamgrammarschools.org

School Absences

Can I remind parents again that if your child has a medical appointment you need to advise the school office rather than the teachers and also provide us with a copy of the appointment notice either electronically or send a hard copy into school. Also as parents are aware I am unable to authorise absences for holiday during term time however if you do wish to take your child out of school an Absence Request Form must be completed prior to the absence. This form can be found under the parent tab on our website. Thank you.

Improving Our Outdoor Areas



The PTA have announced a renovation day on Saturday 12th June from 8.30am - 12.30pm to renovate our woodlands area on the Infant field, and clear some big parts of the school garden. They are looking for as many volunteers as possible to help dig, weed, fix and build. Depending on how much they get done they may continue on Saturday 19th June. Please let us know if you are able to lend a hand.



PTA 200 Club

The winners of our May draw are:

£50 No. 1 Mrs E Higgs

£10 No. 90 Mrs H Jolly

£10 No. 58 Mrs J Stonehouse

Necklace from Peony & Mint No. 179 Mrs B Kirk



ICT Tip of the Week

Anonymous apps and honesty apps have become more and more popular over recent months but they can expose young people to grooming and issues of cyberbullying. Anonymous apps allow users to share and interact with each other without revealing who they are. Unlike social media sites, many of these apps encourage users to stay anonymous and chat to each other or post questions and answers on a range of topics.

1. Talk to children about app usage
2. Review apps on their devices and check age ratings
3. Explain the risks
4. Help them think before they post
5. Set rules on app use

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

Mr M Benton
Head Teacher