

FOUR OAKS PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Governors

COVID-19 Precautions

Unfortunately, last week we had to close our Year 1 bubble as we had a positive case in our Year 1 team. Also across our school we have, at present, a range of pupils isolating due to positive cases within families.



All of this reminds us all that we can't yet relax, and that we need to maintain our COVID precautionary measures in school and around the site, so I would once again ask all parents to wear a face mask when on site and to stick to our one-way system.



May I also remind parents that if they or one of our pupil's siblings are sent home to self isolate then they cannot come onto the school site. We realise this may be difficult for pick up but if someone else is not available to take the child home or to the gate then please contact us and we will try to make arrangements to help.

Hopefully we can all make it to July 21st with no more year group bubbles having to isolate.

PTA School Readathon

On 7th July we will be having our 'PTA Readathon', so we hope that our pupils have been busy at home collecting sponsors for their efforts on the day. Parents can still read a letter about this day on our school website where many more details are listed. We are looking to raise funds to help resource our shared reading sessions throughout school next year and really appreciate your support!



Boreatton Park

This weekend sees our Year 5 pupils and a team of 8 staff venturing further afield to the PGL centre at Boreatton Park. We all hope that they have a super weekend, full of adventure and the chance to make lots of life-long memories. Keep your eye on our school Twitter account, where each evening photographs of their adventures will be posted.

Next Year - PE Days & Start of the Day

We would like to inform parents of two parts of our COVID school structure that we are going to keep for the next academic year.

Firstly, we will keep to the rule that all pupils will come to school dressed in their PE kit on the days that they have PE. This was introduced to reduce physical contact between pupils and staff at the height of COVID, but it has had such a positive impact in terms of time saved, and health and safety levels in corridors without PE bags being present, that we will continue with this rule. We hope that this will also help parents in terms of the amount of school uniform you will need to purchase. We would ask that all children do however come dressed in normal Four Oaks Primary School PE kit, as listed in our school prospectus, and not in their own sporting clothes!



Secondly we will continue with all of our pupils walking into school independently each morning. We will continue with the arrangement that parents will drop their children off at the main school gates, and the children will walk around our one-way system to their classroom exterior door. Each gate (Junior, Infant and Russell Bank Road) will be open for 10 minutes between 8.50am and 9am. Doing this for the last year, our children, particularly our younger pupils, have become so much more independent and it allows for a quick and calm start to the school day. Parents will obviously be allowed on site at the end of the day to collect their children.

French Day - A Thank You

Can I just say a great big thank you to all of our parents for the effort made to celebrate our French Day last week. The children looked fantastic in their red, white and blue clothes and they had a super day experiencing and learning about all aspects of France. The day really served very well in supporting our push to teach your children a modern foreign language in school, and the sight of our Reception pupils involved in their 'Tour de France' around school on their scooters and bikes will live in our memories for quite a while!



School Term Dates and Staff Training Days for 2021-22

School Year 2021 to 2022

Autumn Term 2021

Staff Training Day: Thursday 2 September 2021 (School closed to pupils)

Term Starts: Y1 - Y6 Friday 3 September

Half Term: Monday 25 October 2021 to Friday 29 October 2021

Term Ends: Friday 17 December 2021



Spring Term 2022

Staff Training Day: Tuesday 4 January 2022 (School closed to pupils)

Term Starts: Wednesday 5 January 2022

Half Term: Monday 21 February 2022 to Friday 25 February 2022

Term Ends: Friday 8 April 2022



Summer Term 2022

Term Starts: Monday 25 April 2022

Staff Training Day: Tuesday 3 May 2022 (School closed to pupils)

Half Term: Monday 30 May 2022 to Friday 3 June 2022

Term Ends: Thursday 21 July 2022

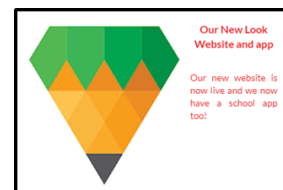
Staff Training Day: Friday 22 July 2022 (School closed to pupils)

There will be one more staff training day to facilitate the schools within the LTE (Learning Trust for Excellence) to be able to work together, which has not yet been arranged. Once the date is known we will communicate this with parents.



Our "School Jotter" Mobile App

Can I stress once more how useful our "School Jotter" mobile app is for all parents to receive communications from school. It is the most effective way we can alert parents to any COVID bubble closures, as well as other school developments. For instructions of how to download the app please see our 'Latest News' section of our school website.



Paralympics

I hope that all parents have had the chance to view photographs of our Paralympic day from Monday and Tuesday on our school Twitter account. The team from "Aspire Sports" were fantastic with the children who got a chance to participate in all kinds of new activities, from wheelchair races, to blind football, to sitting down archery. What fantastic days for all of us.





Super Stars and Acorns



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

Bumblebees	Enzo
Ladybirds	Madeleine/ Sebastian
Owls	Elena / Ryan
Hedgehogs	Surbani
Turtles	Nikki
Sharks	Olivia
3E	Cameron / The Whole Class
3R	James B. / The Whole Class
4C	Oliver T.
4G	Will
5B	Anita
5SB	Arish
6E	Jack H.
6W	Freya



Super Stars and Acorns



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

Bumblebees	Ria
Ladybirds	Isabel
Owls	Harry
Hedgehogs	Xavier
Turtles	Jack N. / Rupert
Sharks	Harry R. / Yian
3E	Noah / The Whole Class
3R	The Whole Class
4C	Harry S.
4G	Anna
5B	Amelia
5SB	Gregory
6E	Haydn
6W	Ashmi

Courtesy Cup Winners ~ last week

Reception	Leo / Lucia
Year 1	Avleen / Rocco
Year 2	Ben / Emily
Year 3	Daniel / Etta
Year 4	Edward / Joshua
Year 5	Aimee / James
Year 6	Reuben M. / Ethan



Well done to all the winners!

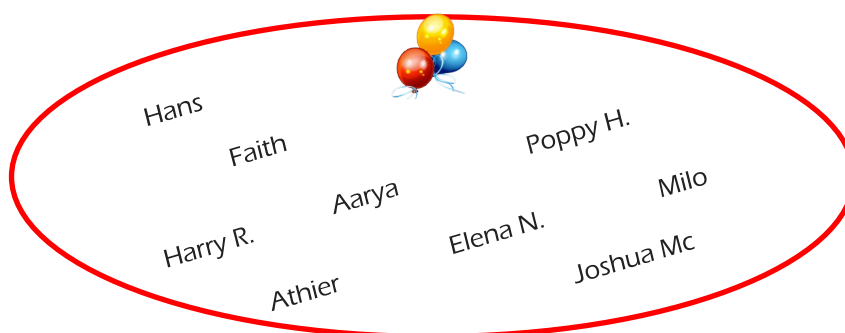
Courtesy Cup Winners ~ this week

Reception	Aaminah / Jivan
Year 1	Ronnie / Jai
Year 2	James/Ned/Harry C/Valentino
Year 3	William P. / Fatimah
Year 4	Harry Ca /Martha
Year 5	Kira / Elisia
Year 6	Leighton / Lilah



Well done to all the winners!

Infant Birthdays



Donations

We would welcome donations of any of the following items for our Reception classes for next year. All we ask is that any donation is in good condition.

Balance bikes / Blankets / Small World Toys / Dressing up clothes—age 5-6 / Easels for outdoor painting / 3 black plastic dustbins / Tuff tray stands / Drainpipes, corner links / Tarpaulin Sheets / Vegetable Seeds / Musical books / Musical instruments / Old magazines & catalogues.

Thank you !



IT Technician Vacancy

The LTE (Learning Trust for Excellence) has a vacancy for a grade 3 IT Technician at present and is looking to appoint a talented and committed IT professional to work at Hollyfield Primary and Little Sutton Primary. The details of this opportunity, including job advert, job description, person specification and application form can be found on our school website under the 'Our School / Vacancies' tab. If any of our families know of anyone who would be interested in this position and joining our very happy LTE team then please pass the details on.

YMES—Music Lessons Next Year

Attached to the last newsletter was a letter from YMES regarding learning to play a musical instrument next year. Three instruments are available: guitar, violin or keyboard. These lessons take place during school time with a peripatetic teacher. The lessons are available to all children in **Year 2 and above** next year. If you wish your child to start lessons please sign up using their portal. Could you please sign up as soon as possible so that timetables can be arranged for next year. If your child already has lessons enrolment will be automatic for next year unless you contact YMES directly to cancel.



PTA 200 Club

The winners of our June draw are:

£50 No. 189 Mrs J Weaver

£10 No. 18 Mr Rickards

£10 No. 176 Mrs K Sherlock

Marc Darcy Suit Voucher No. 49 Mrs J Robinson



ICT Tip of the Week

As children start to explore the internet, they may come across content that isn't suitable for their age, or that may upset them or worry them. If you're worried your child may have been taking, sharing or receiving inappropriate or explicit images, it can help to:

- talk to them about what they're sharing or have seen, and if they know who else has seen the pictures
- remind them that people online may not be who they say they are
- explain that they should always think carefully about what they share online, as once it's been sent, they lose control of it
- suggest they download the **Zipit app** from Childline to help them deal with requests for inappropriate photos
- let them know they can always come to you if they see anything that worries or upsets them online.

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

Mr M Benton
Head Teacher