

FOUR OAKS PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Next Week—Menu 3

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Dear Parents and Governors

Thank you for Macmillan Cake Sale

We would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs. Clark and her friends who organized a cake sale last Friday in aid of Macmillan Cancer Care. A big thank you also to all of you who queued for a long time in the hope of buying one of her delicious cupcakes. When all cakes had disappeared a whopping £444 had been raised for this very worthy fund - amazing!



Natasha's Law



On Friday 1st October the law regarding allergens in pre-packed foods changed. At the time I wrote a letter to all parents which is on the 'Latest News' section of our website, and also sent it out on the School Jotter App. If any parents have not yet read this, can I ask that they take the time to do so as we have had to change the way that trip packed lunches, and FOSBACS teas and breakfasts are chosen. All of these changes are merely designed to keep your children as safe as possible!

Parents' Evening

On Wednesday 20th October and Thursday 21st October, we will be running our two Parents' Evenings between 4pm and 6.30pm. Within each year group the teachers will be in one classroom and the books will be set out in the other classroom. Each appointment will be 10-minutes long and staff will be able to relate to you how your children have settled back into 'normal' school life after the long COVID period. You will have received a letter this week asking you to pick a preferred time slot. This letter must be back in school by Monday 11th October so that staff can synchronize appointments for siblings and communicate time slots back to parents.



Book Fayre

We are pleased to announce that the Book Fayre is returning the week commencing Monday 18th October. The Fayre will be open at 8.30am before school (Tuesday-Friday) and until 4.15pm every night, in addition it will be open until 6.30pm on both parents' evenings. As you are aware we can make a lot of money for new books for the school this way as we receive a commission on every book bought! So we really would appreciate your support.



In addition if any parents would be available to help man the Book Fayre, as well as our Year 6 pupils, could you please email school with your availability on the enquiry email, even 15 minutes would be welcome. Thank you.

Attendance Letter

Last week I wrote to all parents about how important it is that all children are in school every day and I attached a letter about attendance from the Local Authority. This letter is on the 'Latest News' section of our website and went out on our 'School Jotter App'. Again I would ask parents to read this letter as it spells out very clearly the rules around taking holidays in term time.



SchoolMoney— Junior Dinners and Infant Milk

Can I please ask all parents to check their SchoolMoney account and make any outstanding payments for dinners in Juniors or for milk in the Infant Department as soon as possible. If you have any problems logging on please contact Mrs Johnson in the Junior Department.

PTA School Quiz

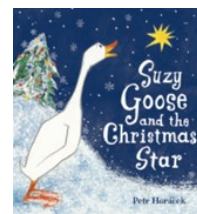
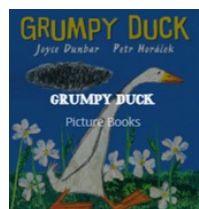
Next Friday, 15th October, sees the return of the very successful PTA Quiz. This is a fantastic evening of fun for adults, and there is a fish and chip supper thrown into the mix as well. Further details can be found on our school website or on the PTA website.



PTA AGM

The PTA Committee will be holding their next meeting on Wednesday 13th October at 8pm, at The Crown. During the meeting they will be holding their AGM and deciding upon roles for the school year. Please feel free to come along and get involved in raising money for all of our children and having great fun at the same time.

Visiting Author in School



Petr Horacek, children's author and illustrator, is going to come to school during November and talk to the Infant children about his books. During the morning he will tell the children all about his wonderful stories and how he became an author. During the afternoon, Year 1 will then have an illustration workshop with him where he will aim to create some beautiful art work with the children that we can use for display in school.

During the day the children will also get the chance to purchase a book from him which he will sign just for them! This is another in a long line of events made possible by my link with Solihull Children's Book Group, and is designed to foster the children's love of reading and show them that they can do anything they want with their lives.....who knows, maybe we have some famous future authors and illustrators within our Four Oaks family! A letter with further details will be sent to all Infant parents nearer to the date of Petr's visit. If you want to get your children excited about his visit then feel free to visit his website at <http://petrhoracek.co.uk/>

Flu Immunisations - Wednesday 13th October

Next Wednesday all of the children in school will get their nasal flu vaccine. Hopefully this will help to protect the children throughout the Autumn and Winter, and enable them to be healthy and learning here in school. If you have not sent your form back to school please do so on Monday. You need to indicate on the form **whether or not** you want your child to have the vaccine.





Super Stars and Acorns



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

Bumblebees	Edward
Ladybirds	Elliot
Owls	Carys
Hedgehogs	Ria
Turtles	Carter
Sharks	Heidi
3B	Olivia
3E	Harry
4B	Gabriella
4R	Frankie
5C	Aleena
5ST	Frazer
6B	Millie
6E	Shriya



Super Stars and Acorns



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

Bumblebees	Joshua
Ladybirds	Rudy
Owls	Alex B.
Hedgehogs	William
Turtles	Surbani
Sharks	Poppy
3B	Valentino
3E	Isabella B.
4B	The Whole Class & Sonny
4R	Cameron
5C	Ted
5ST	Aron
6B	Eliza
6E	Joshua

Courtesy Cup Winners ~ last week

Reception	Maisie / Martha
Year 1	Veer / Kian
Year 2	Karter B./ Ruhani
Year 3	Yian / Jack L.
Year 4	Mia / Sebastian
Year 5	Kimran / Keirath
Year 6	Joseph / Alex W.



Well done to all the winners!

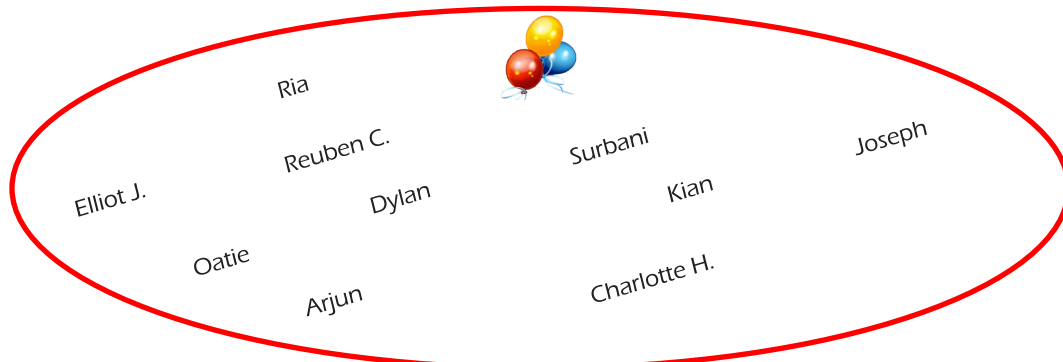
Courtesy Cup Winners ~ this week

Reception	Maiya P. /Yuvraj
Year 1	Amanda / Aaminah
Year 2	Finlay / Arjun
Year 3	Arvin / Alayna
Year 4	Max / Toby
Year 5	Samuel / Joshua
Year 6	Kira / Leo



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Infant Birthdays



Year 5 & Year 6 'Bikeability'

Next Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday will see the return to school of our 'Bikeability' trainers from Aspire. The children from Y5 and Y6 know which groups they are in, on which days, and also know what they have to wear. We look forward to another successful week that will hopefully result in lots of children gaining their proficiency awards and being even safer on their bicycles.



Cross-Country

A huge well done to our brave cross-country team who took part in their second race of the season last Wednesday. They took on the competitors from other Sutton schools around the course at Bishop Vesey's Grammar School and all did extremely well. Many thanks to Mr Boughton and Miss Appleby for cheering the children on.



School Fund Donations

Many, many thanks to all of those families who have decided to make a donation to our PTA School Fund. We sent out letters to all children in all year groups last week and we are very grateful to those parents who have reacted generously to our pleas for support.

On the letter it states that the account name is 'Four Oaks School Fund'. One parent has had an issue that this name has not been recognised, so if you do have such an issue you could also try using the name 'Four Oaks Infants & Junior Schools Parents Teacher Association'.

As our School Fund letters last week detailed, in these days of minimal school funding from the Government we need every bit of help we can, and so can I reiterate that we will be extremely grateful for any donations, whatever the amount.

Many thanks!

Year 4 at Black Country Museum

Our Year 4 children had a fantastic time at the Black Country Museum in Dudley this Thursday, investigating the wonderful world of Victorian life. Many thanks to parents for funding this trip as these kind of activities really help to bring our vibrant curriculum to life so that the children's learning stays with them.



Friday 15th Open Day

In our push to get back to normal we will be opening our doors to new parents on Friday 15th October when we hold our annual School Open Day. If as a present parent, you know of any new prospective parents whose children will be starting school in the next couple of years, then please feel free to tell them about this event. They will be taken on a tour of school and will have the chance to talk to Miss Appleby and myself about any issues around starting school.



Reception Places - September 2022

The local authority have produced a letter with all required information on it for any parents of children due to start in Reception in September 2022. We have attached this letter to the end of this newsletter.


Alternatively, you can read all of this information by following this link:

www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions

YMES—Music Lesson

As Year 4 missed their lesson due to the school trip some children from other years had longer lessons this week. They will swap next week to allow the Year 4 to have a longer lesson to make up for their missed time.

TONIGHT—PTA Children's Disco / Pizza Party

 This evening in school sees our first discos in school for 18 months. Between 5pm and 6pm the Infant Disco will take place in the Infant Hall, and between 6.15pm and 7.15pm the Junior disco and pizza party will be held in the Infant Hall. Children can dress up in whatever clothes they like to celebrate the return of our school discos. For each of these events the children enter the hall via the back playground, and then will exit via the front door. This one-way system will help to keep everyone safe. Please bring your completed slip—attached to the last newsletter—and £2.00 entry fee.



ICT Tip of the Week

It's almost impossible to shield children from news about traumatic events online, but you can show them the control they have in managing what they see and how they react. Older children may be particularly skilled in finding information quickly. Talk to them about how graphic content can spread quickly, and help them understand how viral content works. It's important to discuss 'any stories' a young person may have seen online – without directly naming viral content that may be upsetting. It's important to be sensitive when online and understand not to share graphic or distressing content for others to see.

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

Mr M Benton
Head Teacher



Our ref: AA/JT/Oct2021

October 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

Apply online for your child to start Reception class in September 2022

I am writing to you because I understand that your child is able to start school soon. By law, parents/carers must ensure that their child is receiving suitable full-time education at the beginning of the term after their fifth birthday. In Birmingham, however, your child can go to school in the September after his or her fourth birthday.

We would ask you to visit www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions and submit an online application from 1 October 2021 and by **15 January 2022** (the final closing date). We would strongly recommend that you ensure you read the 'Primary School Admissions Criteria 2022 Information' prior to submitting your application. In addition to this, most schools will hold virtual open sessions where parents can talk to teachers or view the school's own prospectus etc. Please visit your preferred school's website for further details.

Online applications will receive an immediate email confirmation when the application is submitted. Those online applicants who have not provided an email address will not receive an acknowledgement so it is very important that you include an email address. If you have not received an acknowledgement by 15 January 2022, then you should call Children's Services on 0121 303 1888 to confirm that your application has been received.

Online applicants that submit their application with a valid email address will be sent an offer by email on 19 April 2022. Parents/carers that submitted an online application without a valid email address will be sent an offer letter by first class post which should arrive from 19 April 2022 and should be delivered by the end of that week. Finally, please remember, you do not need to have the internet at home. You can apply online from any device with internet access or if you are able from a computer whilst at work.

If you have any questions about your child starting school, please do not hesitate to contact a member of Children's Services on 0121 303 1888 where staff will be pleased to offer their assistance.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. Michell", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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