

FOUR OAKS PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Next Week—Menu 2

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Dear Parents and Governors

Welcome Back

A big welcome back to all of our pupils, families and staff and here's hoping that 2022 is a much better year for all of us! I hope that you have all had a good rest over the Christmas break and have had the chance to enjoy some quality family time.

Welcome to Mrs Rowberry

This term sees us welcome Mrs Rowberry to our staff team as she takes over from Mr Boughton in Year 3. Mrs Rowberry spent two days in school just before Christmas, both working in 3B and with Mrs Elvins, so that she can hit the ground running as we move into 2022. I'm sure Year 3 parents will get the chance to say hello to her at the end of each school day as I know she is very excited to be a part of our Four Oaks family.

Pantomime and PTA Christmas Fayre

Can I also take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to all parents for abiding by our guidelines for collection of children on the day we took the whole school to the pantomime. Our return to school in 7 coaches only worked perfectly because when we got back there wasn't a car to be seen on Edge Hill Road and all children were able to get back into the school building safely in the dark.

The children (and staff!) had a fantastic time at the Garrick and will remember the experience for many years to come. A big thanks must also go to the PTA who subsidised the cost of the trip and made the experience more affordable for all of our families.



Another huge thank you to any families who came along to the PTA Christmas Fayre just before Christmas. It was the first time that we had the fayre outside in a 'German Market' style, and it seemed to be a huge success. We also had support from many local companies and suppliers who either sponsored the event or provided prizes for our Grand Prize Draw, so we would like to thank once again:

Acme Whistles (acmewhistles.co.uk) for a generous donation of fun toys for the hampers and a HUGE mountain of Cadbury chocolate Santas!

Lamborghini Birmingham for some great raffle prizes.

Allie and the team at Cart & Carriage Events for their cash donation taken from the sale of their delicious wood fired pizzas. <https://www.facebook.com/cartandcarriage/>

Print Colour (weprintanycolour.com) for the personalised giant teddy and Christmas Eve box prizes.

Plus, a huge thank you to all our families for their generous donations of hamper gifts, bottles and teddies and for giving up their time to run stalls and help clear away in the darkness, despite the cold wind and rain!

Teacher Training Dates

We have now arranged our last staff training day of the year which will be on the first day after February Half-Term: Monday 28th February.

The dates for the rest of the year are therefore as follows:

Monday 28th February 2022

Tuesday 3rd May 2022

Thursday 21st July 2022

School will also be closed on Thursday 5th May for local elections, and on Friday 22nd July for the Queen's Jubilee celebrations.



COVID-19

I just want to take the chance to let all parents know that at present we are working under the same Government Covid-19 guidelines as we were before Christmas, other than the isolation period for anyone who tests positive has now been cut from 10 days to 5 full days (from 17th January) as long as they test negative on a lateral flow test on day 5 and day 6, unless otherwise directed by Test and Trace. See below for further clarification. We are still working under the guidelines that state that if any child presents with any Covid symptoms in school, then parents will be contacted in order to pick up their child from school and arrange for a PCR test to be taken.

I must also stress that if any parents come into the school building then they will be required to wear a face mask unless they are exempt.

Staff in school are all still being asked to wear a face covering in all corridors and communal areas but not in classrooms. I must also make it clear to all of our parents that pupils in primary schools are still not required to wear face masks, but may do if they feel more comfortable.

Earlier this week we also alerted our Year 3 parents to the fact that we have rising numbers in that year group and that Public Health Birmingham's advice is that all Year 3 pupils and staff should take a lateral flow test for 7 consecutive days from Wednesday 12th January.

Day 0—this is the day you have symptoms or have a positive lateral flow test

Day 1-4—Self isolate

Day 5—take a lateral flow test **Negative** continue to self isolate and take another test 24 hour later

Positive continue to self isolate

Day 6 take a lateral flow test **Negative** you may return to school

Positive continue to self isolate.

Day 6-10 continue to take lateral flow tests and when you have 2 negative lateral flow tests 24 hour apart you may return to school.

As you can see our advice would be to test first thing on a morning so your child can come back to school after 5 days.

Can all parent please advise school when their child has had their 2 negative tests . Thank you.

**Kindness Tree Award**

Last week of term Infants: Finley Mc (Bumblebees)

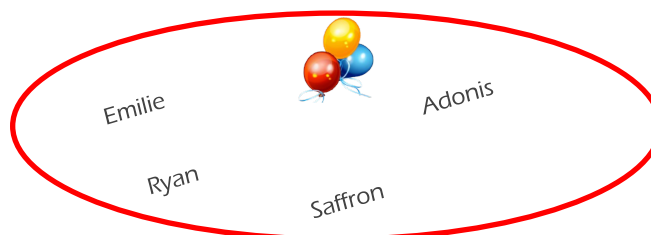
Last week of term Juniors: Finn (6B)

Last week Infants: not awarded

Last week Juniors: Amiee (3E)

This week Infants: Noah A. (Hedgehogs)

This week Juniors: Isabel B. (4B)

**Infant Birthdays**

Alison Mander—Kindness award

Last half term it was awarded to:

Infants— Finlay W (Turtles)

Juniors— Jack H. (6E)





Super Stars and Acorns



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

Bumblebees	Aarick / Aun
Ladybirds	Alandria
Owls	Finley / The Whole Class
Hedgehogs	Jenson / The Whole Class
Turtles	Jordan / The Whole Class
Sharks	Ella / The Whole Class
3B	The Whole Class
3E	The Whole Class
4B	The Whole Class
4R	The Whole Class
5C	Mila
5ST	Luca / The Whole Class
6B	The Whole Class
6E	The Whole Class



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Bumblebees	Finley
Ladybirds	Bolin
Owls	Veer
Hedgehogs	Maya
Turtles	Hector
Sharks	Emilie
3B	Amelia
3E	Nikki
4B	William T.
4R	Emily
5C	Avni
5ST	Jemima
6B	Erin
6E	Oscar

Courtesy Cup Winners ~ last week of term

Reception	Delphine / Rowan
Year 1	Adonis / Hans
Year 2	Katie / Shark Class
Year 3	Harry / Sam / Faith
Year 4	Isabel B / Sahaya
Year 5	Jai / Francesca
Year 6	Gracie / Arish



Well done to all the winners!

Courtesy Cup Winners ~ last week

Reception	Andrianna / Isla
Year 1	Lily / James
Year 2	Henry / Charlie
Year 3	Laina / Ben
Year 4	William P. / William H.
Year 5	Ted / Olive
Year 6	Elisia / Amreet



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Bumblebees	Aavai
Ladybirds	Cassia / Emily
Owls	Gian
Hedgehogs	Elliot
Turtles	Seren-Rae
Sharks	Ruhani
3B	Ezra
3E	Salahuddin
4B	Lily-Mae
4R	Pola
5C	Daniel
5ST	Max
6B	Oscar
6E	Alex T.

Courtesy Cup Winners ~ this week

Reception	Arjun / Jonah
Year 1	Finley L-J / William
Year 2	Amber / Avleen
Year 3	Scarlett / Jessica P.
Year 4	Eleanor / Lily
Year 5	Zoha / Aron
Year 6	Poppy / Sarben



Well done to all the winners!

Join Our Team! Vacancies in School

At present we have vacancies for two very important roles within school. We have a vacancy for a Teaching Assistant position working in Reception, and we have an opportunity for someone to join our very happy and effective cleaning team. Further details of these two opportunities can be found on our school website in the 'Latest News' section of the homepage or by following this link to our 'vacancies' page:

<https://www.fouroaksprimary.bham.sch.uk/our-school/vacancies-1>

PTA Comedy Night



The annual PTA Comedy Night is nearly with us and parents can now buy tickets. There is an event flyer attached to the end of this newsletter including all of the details needed for a fantastic night out full of fun, food and laughs!

Balance Bikes in EYFS

We hope that our Reception pupils are enjoying their 'Balanceability' sessions provided by Aspire Sports. These sessions will continue over the next few weeks, and are another example of our pledge to support our children in their development as a whole, not just in academic terms.



School Show

From this point onwards Mrs Bambury, Mrs Smith, Miss Everitt and their creative team will be having two practices a week with the children in Year 5 and Year 6 who are part of the school show. Parents of children involved have received a letter this week with details of what is needed in terms of practice attendance, so please make sure you know the schedule.

The show itself will happen as a matinee on Monday 4th April and as evening performances on Tuesday 5th, Wednesday 6th and Thursday 7th April, and nearer the time all families will get the chance to order tickets and interval beverages to watch this extravaganza.

House Point Reward

We are introducing a new reward for our Junior children related to our House System. Each half term the house with the most points will get to come to school for one day in non-uniform. Last half term our yellow house 'Blackroot' won the most points so next Monday (17th January) any child in Blackroot in Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 can wear non-uniform—please believe them when they tell you!

Four Oaks Primary School PTA Spring Ball 2022

The 2022 school ball will take place on Friday 13th May at Moor Hall Hotel. We had a fantastic time back in 2019 and raised £3,500 for the school. Now it's time to book the babysitter and dust off your glad rags and dancing shoes again! Tables (each seating 10 people) will be going on sale very soon so now is the time to start planning - tables in the main room usually sell out quickly.



More details will follow in the next newsletter but if you have any queries in the meantime, or if you have any contacts that could help us to source any extra special prizes for the silent auction or discounted entertainments, please let us know at fopspta@gmail.com or speak to Laura Phillips, Julia Smith or Wendy Todd.

YMES—Guitar Lessons



Unfortunately the guitar teacher was unable to attend school in the first week of term or this Wednesday. The missed lessons will be made up later in the term either with longer lesson or on an additional day. This should be communicated directly to you from YMES.

PTA 200 Club

The winners of the DOUBLE Christmas draw were as follows:

£100	No. 57	J North-Lewis
£20	No 183	D Makinde
£20	No 14	R Benskin

Massage Company Voucher	No. 100	L Arnett
Worship Cookery School Voucher	No. 178	K Sherlock



Congratulations to Everyone!!!

**ICT Tip of the Week**

Do you use Facebook Marketplace or similar online selling sites? Always think twice about payment methods. West Midlands and South Staffs Police are seeing a trend in online payment scams where criminals are purchasing items via Marketplace and upon collection show fake bank transfers to say the money is on its way to you, but these funds are never arriving, leaving innocent people out of pocket. If you are selling items online, please be extra cautious and ensure you are paid the funds if the buyer is paying via an online bank transfer before you part with your property.

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

Mr M Benton
Head Teacher



£20

Food
Included

LIVE COMEDY NIGHT

Friday 18th February
Doors and Bar 7:00pm

Scott Bennett

"Great material, great delivery, a very funny man" Rob Brydon
"Brilliantly funny, a joy to watch" Chris Ramsey

"Fabulous turns of phrase and pungent expressions, superb character creations" Edinburgh Fringe Review 2015, Julia Chamberlain, Chortle

"Clearly has a big future, flashes of Peter Kay, Jason Manford and John Amused Moose Finals Review 2015

"Immediately and accessibly funny stuff, put across very engagingly" TV Bomb, Edinburgh Fringe Review 2015

"The highlight of the evening, naturally hilarious" Broadway Baby Edinburgh Fringe 2013

PAUL TONKINSON

AS SEEN ON BBC One's Michael McIntyre's Comedy Roadshow

"CHARISMATIC, COMBINES THE VISUAL TRICKERY OF A LEE EVANS WITH THE IMPROVISATIONAL SKILLS OF PAUL MERTON. BRILLIANT CHARACTERISATIONS, HIS FACE, A WONDER OF CONTORTION" Independent

"EXCELLENT...EXTREMELY TALENTED...BRILLIANT" Time Out

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Tickets via

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

Tickets available from 15th January 2022

