

FOUR OAKS PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Next Week—Menu 2

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Dear Parents and Governors

I seem to write about this perennial problem of inconsiderate driving and parking outside of school, especially at the end of the day on a regular basis.

I have had many parental complaints this week about adults in cars putting children in danger and asking me what I can do about it. Unfortunately, the only thing I can do is to state yet again what kind of things put all of our children in danger and what kind of things are not allowed:

- Parents should not be parking or coming to a standstill on the zig zags at any time at drop off or pick up time (There are signs up on the pavement clearly stating that this is illegal).
- Parents should obviously not drive down the road with two wheels on the road and two wheels on the pavement.
- Parents should not be parking their cars on any roundabouts, even if only for a couple of minutes.
- Parents should not park both sides of the road so that passing traffic has no room to get through.
- Parents should not come to a standstill in the middle of the road and allow their children to open doors and get out of cars. It only takes a matter of moments to drive further down the road, find an available space and let children get out in a safe place.
- Parents should come to a complete standstill at the kerb before allowing their children to open the door and let themselves out.

The one thing that I dread is the thought that I will ever have to write a note in this newsletter about a child getting badly injured by selfish or careless actions of adults.

Year 6 Parents' SATs Workshop

We would like to invite Year 6 parents to a workshop based around assessment. The workshop will be a fun and enjoyable way of allowing parents to find out exactly how their child is learning in Reading, Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar, and Mathematics, and what awaits the pupils in their SATs Tests in May 2022.

The workshop will be very informal and parents will not need any particular skills, as the activities will be set out and explained by the class teachers. It would be extremely beneficial if every child had one adult to support them in their work and this could be a parent, grandparent, uncle, aunt, older brother or sister, or a family friend who knows the child well. This will enable the pupils to be supported at home during this very important transitional year!

The workshop will take place on **Friday 4th March at 9am in the Junior Hall**, and should last **approximately 2 hours**. Refreshments will be available for parents and guardians who are attending.

We hope you will support this exciting and important event by attending with your child, and would be grateful if you could indicate your intention by completing the consent form below and returning it to school **no later than Monday 14th February**.

World Book Day- Thursday 3rd March

We are looking forward to celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 3rd March and have lots of exciting activities planned. Can we please ask the children to dress up as a character from their favourite book and can they please bring the book with them as we would like to share the book with the class. We would encourage lots of creativity for the costume by making things over half term,



please do not go to a lot of expense. There will be a prize for the best costume in each class. Please do not buy the book if you do not have it— either take the opportunity to visit the library in Mere Green or if your child knows we have the book at school they can let their teacher know that they would like to use that book for the day. In addition we are planning to have some relaxing reading time so your child may bring in a comfy cushion to sit on if they wish.

Safer Internet Day 2022

On Tuesday this week all of your children took part in activities at school to promote the idea of keeping themselves safe whilst accessing the Internet. From activities in class to whole department assemblies led by Mrs. Boughton, our Computing Leader, the children concentrated on all the do's and don'ts of being on-line. We hope that you will join us in promoting this idea and support and protect your children when using any electronic devices at home.

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>

<https://www.internetmatters.org/safer-internet-day/>

<https://www.internetmatters.org/schools-esafety/parent-online-support-pack-teachers/>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

Dress To Express Yourself Day



Yesterday was the culmination of our week focusing on children's mental health as we took part in 'Dress to Express Yourself' day. Children were asked to come to school wearing clothes that they felt comfortable in and made them feel safe, secure and happy. It was great to see so many children expressing themselves in so many ways (as well as lots of staff) and it just goes to show how very different we all are! Many thanks to parents for supporting this very important part of our work with the children.

Parents' Evenings

A reminder to all parents that our first face-to-face parents' evenings for nearly two years will take place next Wednesday (16th) and Thursday (17th). All parents should now be aware of their appointment times but if you are not then please talk to your child's class teacher at the end of the school day on Monday. I would ask all parents to keep to their specific appointment times in order that a minimum of adults are in the classrooms at any one point as we try to keep everyone as safe as possible!



Science Selfies for British Science Week



Here at Four Oaks we love Science! From the 11-20th March it's British Science Week and to help us celebrate this we are asking for your, 'Science Selfies!' We would love you to Tweet us a photo of you doing something scientific! Perhaps you have a passion for doing experiments at home, you might visit a zoo or museum, or have just noticed something you think is of scientific interest- from frogspawn to bouncing on a trampoline! Science is everywhere! Tweet your photos to @fouroaksprimary and use #science selfie. You can send them in anytime from now until Science Week- perhaps something to do in the half term holidays? You can send in as many as you like- go wild! But please don't include names, as we don't want to put children's faces with their names on social media. If you don't use Twitter, then photos can be emailed to science@fouroaksprimary.bham.sch.uk. We will share some of our selfies in assemblies during Science Week to celebrate the amazing Science our children experience outside of school. Thank you and have a fantastic time!

Mrs Morris



Super Stars and Acorns



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

Bumblebees	Didar / Jaya
Ladybirds	Martha
Owls	Harry
Hedgehogs	Caesar
Turtles	Finlay
Sharks	Poppy
3B	Penny
3E	Reeva
4B	Kiera
4R	Aneka
5C	The Whole Class
5ST	The Whole Class
6B	Erin
6E	Lauren



Super Stars and Acorns



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

Bumblebees	Teddy
Ladybirds	Maya
Owls	Isaac
Hedgehogs	Alistair
Turtles	Karter
Sharks	Florence
3B	Samuel
3E	Jake
4B	Alexia / Esme
4R	Darcey
5C	Isla C.
5ST	Maisie / Martha
6B	Zach
6E	Varinda

Courtesy Cup Winners ~ last week

Reception	Edward / Emily G.
Year 1	Isaac / Enzo
Year 2	Zahra / Reuben
Year 3	Lily / Salahuddin
Year 4	Sonny / Pola
Year 5	Holly / Keirath
Year 6	Hannah G./ Aimee



Well done to all the winners!

Courtesy Cup Winners ~ this week

Reception	Karan / Saya
Year 1	Milo / Maya
Year 2	Shay / Elena
Year 3	Emily / Reeva
Year 4	Thea (4B) / Frankie
Year 5	Oliver / William
Year 6	Amelia / Erryn



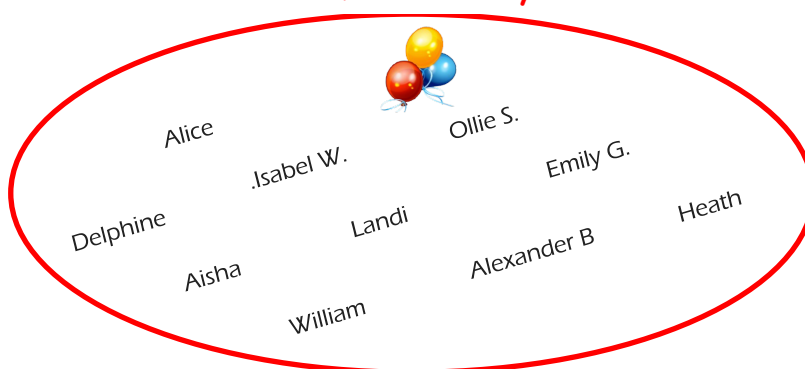
Well done to all the winners!

Kindness Tree Award

Last week Infants: Mati (Owls)
 Last week Juniors: Elsie (3E)
 This week Infants: Aavai (Bumblebees)
 This week Juniors: Elisia (6B)



Infant Birthdays



Half-Term House Point Winners

As we come to the end of our first Spring half-term we can announce that LONGMOOR are our house point winners in the Junior department. This means that any Junior pupils in LONGMOOR can come to school next Monday in non-uniform.

KES Year 5 Maths Competition

Exciting News.....last Friday I took a group of four mathematicians from Year 5 to King Edwards School in Edgbaston to take part in a heat of their all-Birmingham Mathematics Competition and... they won!



A huge well done to Harry, Avani, Francesca and Oliver and I know they are now looking forwards to June when they will revisit King Edward's for the grand final!

Poetry Recitals

Next Friday all children in school, ranging from Reception to Year 6 will be performing poetry to each other. This is something that we have done twice before in an attempt to change children's attitudes towards poetry for the better. Each year group learns a poem by heart and then performs it in front of other year groups. The first two times we have done this have been wonderful so we have high hopes for next week. Please support your child with this by talking to them at home about their poem and maybe get them to give you a little impromptu performance in the kitchen!



SchoolMoney—Apple Pay Now Available

SchoolMoney are pleased to share that **Apple Pay** is now an additional payment method! Payments can be made easier with only a few taps, instead of typing out card details each time in SchoolMoney. This will create a faster and more convenient checkout experience. The Apple Pay addition is available when using the **SchoolMoney App** and the web version on an Apple device such as **iPhone, iPad, and Mac**.

Premier Sports Gymnastics and Multi-Sports Camps

This February half-term Premier Sports will be running a 2 day holiday club at Four Oaks Primary School based around Gymnastics and Multi-Sports. To book a place on these brand new holiday camps just visit our school website and click on the link with the Premier logo in our 'Latest News' section.

Macmillan Cake Sale

A huge thank you to Mrs. Clark and her helpers for arranging the charity cake sale yesterday. It was a roaring success, and whilst raising funds for school also raised a great amount of money for such a worthy cause. Keep your eyes peeled in the newsletter for a date for the next event.



Ultimate Activity Camps at KEH

Attached to our newsletter is a flyer from King Edwards Sixth High School for Girls who will be running activity camps for children over the Easter and Summer holidays. Just use the web address on the flyer to find out more details about the wonderful activities on offer.

Milk - Infants



Can parents please check with their child whether they wish to continue with milk next half term. If not can you please notify Mrs Underwood in the Infant Office **before** the end of half term. We are unable to cancel or refund during the half term as the milk order will have already been placed. Thank you.

Netball Tournament

A big well done to all of our intrepid netballers who went to two tournaments last Friday and today with Mrs. Goldspink and Mrs. Todd. They all tried really hard and had a super time representing our school. What a great reflection of the efforts they put in on a weekly basis at their practices.



YMES—Keyboard Lessons



For the week commencing 28th February keyboard lessons will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon instead of Thursday. You should receive an email directly from the YMES teacher to confirm the date and time of the lesson.

Half-Term Break

We wish all of our children and families a restful and fun half-term holiday which is coming up soon. The weather will hopefully begin to warm a little and the days will get a little longer. Whatever you do, be it getting out and about in the fresh air, or hunkering down with a good book, we hope you have a great time and come back to school on Tuesday 1st March.

A REMINDER TO PARENTS THAT MONDAY 28TH FEBRUARY IS A STAFF TRAINING DAY AND SCHOOL IS CLOSED TO ALL PUPILS!



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PTA Comedy Night—18th February



The annual PTA Comedy Night is nearly with us and a few tickets remain. Please visit our PTA website at www.pta-events.co.uk/four-oaks-primary to read further details and book tickets for this very popular event!

School PTA Spring Ball 2022—Updated Purchasing Options

A reminder that the 2022 School Ball will take place on Friday 13th May at Moor Hall Hotel. Organisation is well underway! There is now an option on the purchasing website to buy individual tickets, priced at £42.00 pp, so if you haven't got a full table you can still book (a reminder that tables seat 10 people and you can still book a full table if you would like). Book via the PTA Events website. Tables in the main room usually sell out quickly so don't delay! More details can be found on the PTA Events website (www.pta-events.co.uk/four-oaks-primary) 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.



ICT Tip of the Week

Safer Internet Day is celebrated globally in February each year to promote the safe and positive use of digital technology for children and young people, and to inspire a national conversation about using technology responsibly, respectfully, critically, and creatively. Safer Internet Day 2022 took place on Tuesday this week and we celebrated in school with the theme 'All fun and games? Exploring respect and relationships online' For more information or to continue the conversation at home visit the website:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2022>

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

Mr M Benton
Head Teacher



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