

FOUR OAKS PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Next Week—Menu 2

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Dear Parents and Governors

What Good Attendance Looks Like

As part of the journey back to 'normal' school life we have been asked by the Government and the Local Authority to put a spotlight on attendance in schools, and to promote a picture of what good school attendance looks like to all families.

Recently I sent out a letter to all parents about the importance of school attendance, going into quite some detail about the detrimental effect that non-attendance has on children's life chances.....we must all be clear....this is lost time, and time that a child will never get back.

I hope that all parents took time to read my letter and will support us afresh in making sure that our children are here at school every day so they can fulfil their potential in life!

A Message from the Community Policing Team

As many parents will have seen, we had a visit from the Police at the start and end of the day last Thursday. They made their presence felt both on Russell Bank Road and Edge Hill Road. I will be transparent in the fact that they were appalled at some of the things that they witnessed, and more than once they stepped out into the road to stop traffic and speak openly to particular drivers. They also observed that there was plenty of parking space further along both roads, and that parents have no need to drop their children right outside any of our three entrances.

They have asked me to send all parents the message that they are going to be making spot checks and would like the registration numbers of any drivers who put any children in danger reported to them. The policing team will then contact these drivers.

I hope each and every parent agrees with me that all children at Four Oaks need to be able to begin and end the school day being totally safe!

Day for Ukraine

Thank you to everyone who supported our Day for Ukraine by dressing up in blue and yellow. As we were asking you to donate directly to the Disasters Emergency Committee Fund we are unaware of the amount raised but are sure, knowing the unerring generosity of our parents, that this was a significant sum. Thank you. Thank you also to our thoughtful Year 6 children who suggested this to us.



Y2 Visit to Aston Hall



Our Year 2 children had a great time last Thursday when they visited the wonderful house and grounds at Aston Hall to support their learning about the Great Fire of London. They had a fantastic day and came back buzzing. Many thanks to all the parents who volunteered their spare time in accompanying the children and making the visit possible.

School Show

The Year 5 and Year 6 children involved in our school show 'Robin & The Sherwood Hoodies' are now getting very excited as the show gets closer and closer. Mrs. Bambury and her PTA contacts will be launching the sale of tickets soon.....



Infants Easter Bonnet—Friday 8th April

On Friday 8th April the Infant Department thought it would be lovely for all the children to come to school wearing an Easter Bonnet. They will parade and sing some Easter songs in assembly. The creation of the Easter Bonnet will be set as homework. The winning child in each class will win an Easter egg.



Premier Sports Gymnastics Holiday Club at Easter

During the recent February half-term break, Premier Sports ran a holiday club which was very popular and this is going to run again in the first week of the Easter break.



At the end of this newsletter there is a flyer giving parents all of the details for the club which will run on 11th, 12th and 13th April. This information is also on our school website. There are only 30 spaces available so book early to avoid disappointment!

Dogs at School Entrances



I have been asked by a group of parents to politely ask any parents who walk dogs with them when they drop off or pick up their children, to keep them away from the gates. We do have some children who are quite nervous around dogs and their parents would appreciate it if they could access the gates without having to get too close to any dogs. Thank you to all parents for being understanding on this issue.

YMES Guitar Lessons

A reminder that the second catch up session for guitar will take place on Monday 21st March. Can you please make sure your child brings their guitar into school on both Monday and Wednesday next week. Thank you.



Science Week



Thank you for the HUGE response we have had for the 'science selfies' campaign. It was lovely to see all the amazing science our children are lucky enough to be experiencing outside of school. The children loved spotting themselves during our assemblies. We have done a wide range of science activities this week from seeing if the children can make slime grow to lessons streamed live from a farm! Watch this space for information about our Easter Science Fair.



Year 3 Trip to the 'Thinktank'

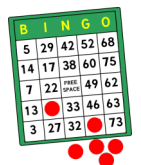
Year 3 had an amazing time when they visited the 'Thinktank' on Wednesday. This was in connection with their topics of computing and rocks. Thank you to the parents who accompanied them on the trip.



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PTA Junior Bingo session

On Thursday 28th April the PTA will be launching a new event for our Junior pupils. After school they will be organizing a Bingo session for any pupils in Years 3, 4, 5 or 6 that wish to come along. To read further details about timings, entry fees and prizes just access the PTA website by following this link: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/four-oaks-primary/#.YjCsIXrP3IU>



PTA—School Ball

The PTA Spring Ball on 13th May is fast approaching and time is running out to buy tickets. Head to the PTA Events website (www.pta-events.co.uk/four-oaks-primary) to either book a table of 10 or to buy an individual ticket for £42. Friends of the school, including anyone who has left recently and didn't have a chance to have their final ball last year, are also welcome!



We are currently looking for a main sponsor (£350) and several smaller table sponsors (£30) - further details can be found at the end of the newsletter or please contact us via springball@fopspta.onmicrosoft.com for more information.



Super Stars and Acorns



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

Bumblebees	Delphine
Ladybirds	Hugo
Owls	Milo
Hedgehogs	Eden
Turtles	Not awarded—trip
Sharks	Not awarded—trip
3B	Esme
3E	Athier
4B	Annabel
4R	Sebastian
5C	Jai
5ST	Angus
6B	Freddie
6E	Mykola



Super Stars and Acorns



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

Bumblebees	Isaac
Ladybirds	Rose
Owls	Aisha
Hedgehogs	Hans
Turtles	The Whole Class
Sharks	Daia Boora
3B	Penny / The Whole Class
3E	The Whole Class
4B	Paige
4R	Sahaya
5C	Louis
5ST	Francis
6B	Izzy
6E	Jessica

Courtesy Cup Winners ~ last week

Reception	Ren / Amelie
Year 1	Maya J. / Madeleine
Year 2	Not awarded—trip
Year 3	Scarlett / Aarya
Year 4	Harry C. / Jayden
Year 5	Daniel / Harry S.
Year 6	Anita / Yashesh



Well done to all the winners!

Courtesy Cup Winners ~ this week

Reception	Aun / Ranvir
Year 1	Sebastian / Alistair
Year 2	Vienna / Annie
Year 3	Logan / Faith
Year 4	Lily-Mae R. / Cameron
Year 5	Amirah / Kiran
Year 6	Jack R. / Alex T.



Well done to all the winners!



Kindness Tree Award

Last week Infants: Yuvraj (Ladybirds)

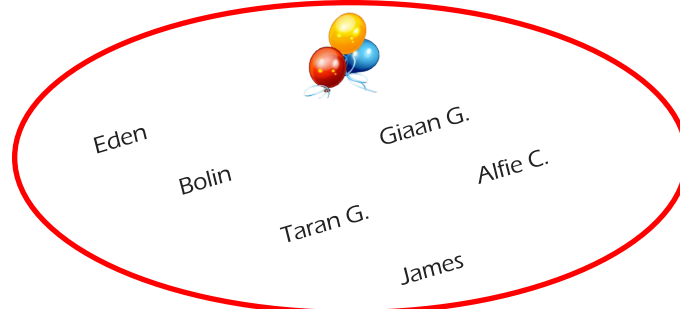
Last week Juniors: Sapphire (5C)

This week Infants: Caesar (Hedgehogs)

This week Juniors: May-Louise (3B):



Infant Birthdays



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Four Oaks Tennis Club

Four Oaks Tennis Club are having an upcoming Open Day. The Open Day will be a chance for people of all ages, parents and young people, of any ability, to have a FREE taster of tennis as well as enjoying themselves and the club atmosphere.

Please find an Open Day flyer attached to the end of this newsletter.

Sutton Coldfield Baptist Church Food Bank

The Sutton Coldfield Baptist Church Food Bank is open Monday to Friday, 10.30 - 3.00, for donations and collections.

Our Food Bank has been running since October 2011 but these last two years have been particularly busy. We gave out over 6000 bags of food in 2021, which was the equivalent of £100,000 of food. We are very grateful for any support.

We have given out over 1000 bags so far this year.

A complete list of what we accept is at the end of the newsletter. We are low on most things apart from teabags.

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www.scbc.org.uk

@scbcfoodbank

Sutton Coldfield Baptist Church, Trinity Hill, Sutton Coldfield B72 1TA

Please note if you are unable to go to the church donations can also be dropped off at either the Infant or Junior Offices

**Job Vacancy: Nursery Nurse**

We, at Just for Starters Day Nursery, located on the site of Four Oaks Primary School, are currently looking for an experienced Nursery Nurse with a Level 3 in childcare and a min. of 3 years' experience in childcare.

Please contact the nursery for further details via email at ethomasjustforstarters@yahoo.com or call 0121 353 9527

ICT Tip of the Week

Parents who decide their child under 13 is ready to explore YouTube can set up a supervised account. Supervised accounts are linked to a parent's own Google Account.

When a parent sets up a supervised account, they select a content setting that limits the videos and music children under 13 can play. For more information, follow these links:-

How to Setup a Supervised Experience for your child on YouTube - <https://youtu.be/nhgvtv3FLSc>

Supervised Accounts - <https://support.google.com/youtube/answer/10314940>

Content Settings - <https://support.google.com/youtube/answer/10315823>

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

Mr M Benton
Head Teacher



Four Oaks Primary School PTA

Four Oaks Primary School, Edge Hill Road, Sutton Coldfield, B74 4PA, UK

PTA Spring Ball

13th May 2022 at Moor Hall Hotel & Spa

Sponsorship Packages

Main Sponsor – £350

We are looking for local businesses who would like to help us raise money by sponsoring our Spring Ball. Your name (and logo where possible) will appear on all literature and communications about the ball, for example social media posts, school newsletter, seating plans etc. You will be able to leave business cards and leaflets at the events and we will provide space for you to display signage.

Table sponsors – £30 each

In addition to a main sponsor, we are also looking for up to 15 local businesses to sponsor individual tables. Instead of table numbers, we will name the table after the business and the name will appear both on the table itself and the table plan. We will also have an area for you to leave business cards or leaflets during the ball.

Raffle Prizes

We would be incredibly grateful of any donation of raffle prizes, from vouchers, goods, wine, chocolate etc. All donations will be properly thanked and acknowledged on the evening.

Anything you can graciously give will make a huge difference in our fundraising efforts. If you are able to help, please let us know via springball@fopspta.onmicrosoft.com or via Laura Phillips, Julia Smith or Wendy Todd.

Four Oaks Schools Parent Teacher Association

Chairperson – Wendy Todd Vice Chairperson – Mark Watkins
fopspta@gmail.com www.pta-events.co.uk/four-oaks-primary

Registered Charity Number 1075253



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To put a spring in their
step this Easter.

With action-packed sessions available
throughout the school holidays, our
camps are a fantastic place for children
to meet new friends, have lots of fun,
and create wonderful memories!

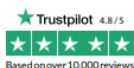
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you Refer
a Friend*



Holiday camps near you

Venue:	Four Oaks Primary School (B74 4PA)
Dates:	Monday 11th - Wednesday 13th April 2022 (3 days)
Times:	9am - 3pm
Price:	£30 per day
Ages:	5 - 11
Additional info:	You can now book individual days. 15% sibling discount.

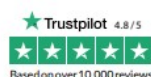
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Please bring

- A packed lunch
- Plenty of water
- Suitable clothing for weather
- Lots of energy!



Four Oaks Tennis Club
the friendly club

 Four Oaks Tennis Club

Saturday 2nd April 2022
12:30 pm – 16:30pm

OPEN DAY

Everyone welcome – all ages,
beginners and experienced
players

- FREE Play
- FREE Coaching
- FREE Refreshments

Test your serve on
the speed gun...
Beat the practice wall...
Try your luck against the
ball machine...
**Prizes to
be won**

Four Oaks Tennis Club, Hartopp Road, Sutton Coldfield, B74 2RB
Contact: Simon Ferguson 07734 265961; coaching.fotc@gmail.com
Website: <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/FourOaksTennisClub>

Sutton Coldfield Baptist Church—Foodbank

Cereal Bars	Sardines	Peas
Cereal - small	Cup a soup	Mushy peas
Tea bags	Tinned soup	Sweetcorn
Instant Coffee	Chilli	Tomatoes
Hot Chocolate	Pie	Rice pudding
Jam	Stew	Custard
Marmalade	Curry	Fruit
Other spreads	Hotdogs	Biscuits
Fruit juice	Meatballs	
Squash - small	Pasta sauce	
UHT Milk	Instant Potato	Shampoo
Specialist Milk	Potato	Shower gel
Baked beans	Flavoured Noodles	Shaving cream
Ravioli	Noodles	Disposable razors
Macaroni	Flavoured Pasta	Soap
Spaghetti	Flavoured rice	Deodorant
Ham/Spam	Pasta sauce	Toothpaste
Corned beef	Rice	Toothbrushes
Meat paste	Kidney Beans	Toilet paper
Tuna	Chickpeas	Sanitary towels
Salmon	Carrots	
Pilchards		