

FOUR OAKS PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Next Week—Menu 2

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Dear Parents and Governors

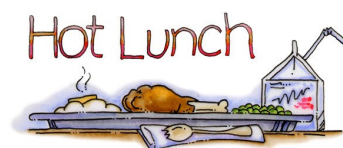
School Meals Price Increase

As every single parent will be aware, the cost of many items in the supermarkets has gone through the roof recently, and this is not a pattern which looks like slowing down. This is no different when it comes to the raw ingredients used by Debbie and her team in the school kitchen.

Having completed an audit of fresh and frozen ingredients used in school, we have some foodstuffs that have gone up in price between 25% and 122% between September 2021 and now, and so we have concluded that we have no choice other than to increase the cost of school dinners.

This will be the first time in 5 years that we have had to do this. The offer that your children get in terms of food at Four Oaks, I hope you would agree, is amazing. The proof of the pudding is that currently we have 382 pupils out of 421 having a hot dinner. I can assure you that this level of uptake is unheard of in other schools, and often I am asked if Debbie could be transferred to other schools. Obviously, the answer is always a resounding...NO!

Most other schools only offer a basic menu which has two options, which results in a single choice for the children. We at Four Oaks have never thought that this is acceptable thing to do, especially if we want children to have a healthy meal which enables them to be settled for their learning in class.



At present a child's school dinner costs parents £2.50 a day, but from the start of next half-term that price will go up to £2.80 a day. I hope parents will agree that it would be impossible to get a meal at the quality we provide by spending £2.80 anywhere else.

Incredibly, and I appreciate that parents do not normally know this, here at school we presently subsidise our school meals offer by an average of £23,000 a year. With present funding we cannot afford to increase this contribution from school.

I hope that all parents can appreciate the logical reasons behind this change, and we hope that you all continue in thinking that Debbie's dinners are the best school dinners in the world!

Lunchtime Supervisor's Vacancy

We have a vacancy for someone to join our happy team of Lunchtime Supervisors. The details of this exciting opportunity can be found on our school website by clicking on 'Our School' and then 'Vacancies'. Please feel free to spread this news, especially if you know someone who is looking for an enjoyable part-time position within a happy working team.



School Gates

I would like to make all parents aware that the school gates in the morning will be closing at exactly 9am from now on. With the pressures of the school day we are unable to stand on the gates past 9am, and this has always been the time at which all children should be in school. I would like to ask all parents to make a huge effort to get their children to school on time. If you are late in getting to school then all parents must bring children to the main pedestrian gate on the junior side of the site.

Many thanks for your support.

Parents' and Teachers' Platinum Jubilee Cake Sale—Thursday 9th June

On Thursday 9th June, we will be celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee as a whole school. At the end of the day, we will be holding a cake sale and we would love to invite as many parents and teachers as possible to bake their own 'Platinum Jubilee' themed sweet treats e.g. cakes, cupcakes, biscuits, cookie etc. and kindly donate for this lovely event.



Important information: Please ensure desserts DO NOT contain nuts, marzipan or coconut due to allergies within school.

When: Thursday 9th June 2022 @ 3:30pm

Where: Junior Hall



All desserts to be sent into school with your child on Thursday 9th June 2022. We will transfer these across to the hall during the school day.

We look forward to seeing all the wonderful sweet treats and happy baking!

Grammar School Test Registration

Registration is now open for parents of current Year 5 pupils who would like their child to sit the entrance test for The Grammar Schools in Birmingham, for entry to Year 7 in September 2023.

Registration can be made online by visiting the website below.

The closing date for registering is 4pm on 30th June 2022.

The test will take place on 17th September 2022.

<https://www.birminghamgrammarschools.org/apply-onlineapp.php>

Road Resurfacing

Good news! The Council have finally decided to resurface Edge Hill Road and I am sure you will all agree with me that it's condition can only be improved!

They will be closing Edge Hill Road between Walsall Road and Blackberry Lane for a period of 2 weeks, commencing on Monday 30th May and are due to finish on 11th June.

Having said this, the Council have stated that these are approximate dates as the duration of the works can be affected by many factors.



It will involve a full road closure between the hours of 9.30am and 3.30pm, and this has obvious implications for school drop off and pick up during the second week of the works, which is our first week back after the Whitsun half-term. I would ask all parents to be very careful around the school entrances and to abide by all traffic and parking restrictions.

Full details of this work are in the leaflet attached to the end of this newsletter.

Tree Works

The Council are also undertaking some tree works for 3 days starting on 30th May. This will be outside 37a Edge Hill Road but again this will entail the bottom half of Edge Hill Road being closed between 9.00am and 3.00pm. Whilst this is in half term and should be finished before we return we thought you would like to be aware of the closure.

Twitter

Please keep up your engagement with our Twitter page. We love hearing from you and reading your comments about activities going on in school. Our Twitter page is an excellent reflection on the vibrant curriculum we offer every child every day at Four Oaks.

Follow us on twitter @fouroaksprimary





Super Stars and Acorns



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

Bumblebees	Maya P.
Ladybirds	Jonah
Owls	Lucia
Hedgehogs	Hans
Turtles	Sara-Sophia
Sharks	Charlotte
3B	Logan
3E	Jayan
4B	Oliver M.
4R	Lily
5C	Seren
5ST	Kiran
6B	The Whole Class
6E	The Whole Class

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

Bumblebees	Pavi
Ladybirds	Oliver
Owls	Sebastian
Hedgehogs	Kian
Turtles	Olly
Sharks	Aima
3B	Arvin
3E	Aarya
4B	Nicole
4R	Joshua W.
5C	Harry C.
5ST	Anna
6B	Hannah K.
6E	Freya

Courtesy Cup Winners ~ Last Week

Reception	Benjamin / Ben J.
Year 1	Alice / Anaya
Year 2	Rocco / Jack
Year 3	Charly C./ Jamilla
Year 4	Aarun / Ava
Year 5	Molly / Keirath
Year 6	Oscar / Lewis



Well done to all the winners!

Courtesy Cup Winners ~ This Week

Reception	Mia J. / Bolin
Year 1	Jivan / Beatrix
Year 2	Freya / Samuel
Year 3	Lilly-Mae S. / Athier
Year 4	Alexia / Etta
Year 5	Mila / Oliver P.
Year 6	Amelia / Varinda



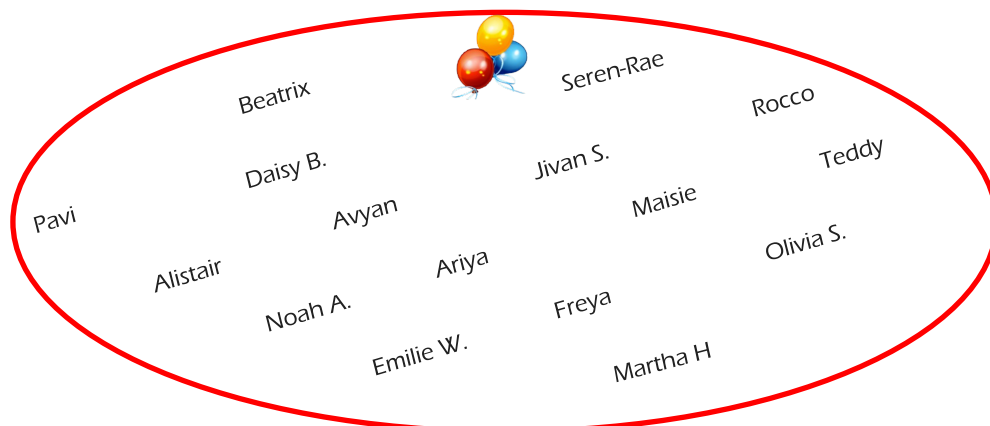
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Kindness Tree Award

Last Week Infants: Samuel (Sharks)
 Last Week Juniors: Annabel (4B)
 This Week Infants: Simran (Hedgehogs)
 This Week Juniors: Miles (5C)



Infant Birthdays



Year 2 Transition - Lunchtime Drinks and Toast

As part of their transition into the Junior Department for September we will be giving the Year 2 children the chance to purchase extra drinks at lunchtime for the last half-term. I know the children will find this an exciting and very grown-up development as they move up the school, and the following items are available:

- Drinks, including flavoured water and milkshakes - 70p a bottle

On just a Friday morning, the Year 2 children will also come across to take part in Junior playtime and will have the opportunity, just like the junior children, to buy two pieces of toast at a cost of 30p. If you would like your child to take up this opportunity, then please send them in with the small amount of money that is appropriate, and take the chance to talk to them about the mathematics involved and what change they may receive.....every day's a learning day!

Year PTA School Ball

A HUGE thank you to Mrs Phillips and Mrs Smith for organising such a fantastic evening last Friday — our School Ball. It was wonderful to see so many parents, friends and staff at Moor Hall and we hope you all enjoyed yourselves. Thank you also to everybody who contributed to the event by providing prizes for the raffle or sponsoring a table.



The PTA Committee and their band of helpers work tirelessly raising money for the benefit of all the pupils at our school, so if you would like to play a more prominent role and have fun getting involved then just telephone school and we can put you in contact with Mrs Wendy Todd, our Chairperson.

PTA Summer Festival—Saturday 25th June

A reminder to all parents that our first PTA Summer Festival in three years will happen on Saturday 25th June between midday and 4pm. This has always been one of the highlights of the school social calendar and promises to be a fantastic day yet again. Put the dates in your diaries!



Non-Uniform Day for the PTA Summer Festival

On Thursday 23rd June there will be a chance for all pupils to come to school in non-uniform in return for an unopened bottle which will be donated to the PTA for the bottle stall at the Summer Festival. The children can bring their bottle into school and then bring it to one of the school offices at the start of the school day. We really appreciate all of your help in making the PTA Summer Festival a huge success!



Other Important Date Reminders



Hurrah! We are able to invite parents back onto site to watch their children's Sports Days this year. The date for your diary is **Monday 11th July** with the Juniors being sporty in the morning, and the Infants being sporty in the afternoon. We will send out specific timings nearer to the event. By putting both events on one day we hope we have simplified things for parents in terms of being able to take time off work to be with their children. At 3.30pm on that day all parents will also be able to come into school and look at their children's work, and go on a walk around school if they wish. We have not been able to do this 'Parents' Walkabout' for three years and are happy to have it re-instated.

Monday 18th July will be a day of celebration as it will mark our Year 6 Leavers' Assembly and presentation, Parent Lunch and PTA Leavers' Disco and Barbeque. We hope that lots of Year 6 parents will be able to join the children to celebrate this important point in their school careers!



Milk—Infants

A reminder that if your child no longer wishes to have milk next half term can you please let Mrs Underwood in the Infant office know before the end of this term. Thank you



School Trips

We have a few school trips coming up:

Year 6 are off to Sutton Park on the 25th May for some well deserved fun and games after their SATs.

Reception will be going to Tamworth Castle on 15th June,

Year 3 will be going to Tanglewood at Cannock Chase on 16th June and

Year 4 will be going to Legoland on 30th June.



Please keep an eye out on your SchoolMoney account for the letter with all the details and please remember to order you child's packed lunch in plenty of time so Debbie is able to complete her food orders.

We hope everyone enjoys their visits!

The End of the School Day

I would just like to remind parents that at the end of the school day, once teachers have handed pupils over to their parents or carers, that those individuals are then responsible for those children.

At that point the children should, for safety's sake, stay with their trusted adults as they make their way off site and go home. At this point **NO** children should be on the play equipment in either playground. We have had issues with this before and have had to deal with injuries. **This equipment is to be used only in school time.**

Obviously if there were to be a problem with a child being injured or lost everyone in school will be available to help out without a second's hesitation, but it is impossible for class teachers to follow 30 different children out of the door to make sure they stay with their parents. Many thanks for your co-operation.

ICT Tip of the Week

YouTube

Unlike regular TV, YouTube offers young people the chance to be content creators as well as consumers. YouTubing can be a very lucrative and nowadays many youngsters see this as a potential career. With companies now using Youtubers or influencers to promote their goods it's easy to see why it's so popular.

If your child uses YouTube and wants to create their own channel, you should be aware that YouTube doesn't allow children under 13 to create their own channel and so as a parent you should take ownership and manage the content for them. 13-17 year olds can do so but only with parental permission.

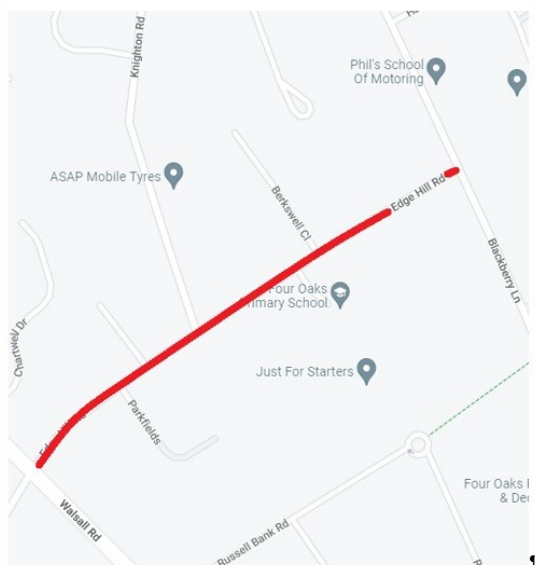
This website can offer some help and support if you are using YouTube or considering setting up your own channels.
<https://parentzone.org.uk/article/what-if-my-child-wants-their-own-youtube-channel>

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

Yours sincerely

Mr M Benton
Head Teacher

Please note: If you live in an adjoining Cul-de-Sac your vehicular access may be affected whilst work is done around the junction with Edge Hill Road. Please consider parking elsewhere and walking to your vehicle, or adjusting the times you come and go during this period.



Issue date: 13/05/22
Road: Edge Hill Road
Ward: Sutton Four Oaks

Road works starting in your area soon

What's happening, where and when?

What: Carriageway Resurfacing

Where: Edge Hill Road between Walsall Road
and Blackberry Lane (extents shown overleaf)

When: Commencing Monday 30/05/22 due to end 11/06/22

How long: 2 weeks

This is approximate as the duration can be affected by many factors.

Traffic Management: Full Road Closure

Hours: 09:30HRS to 15:30HRS

Site Safety: When safe to do so we will try and maintain access to your property, but you may experience some delay for safety reasons. Please be patient with Traffic Management Staff.

Diversion: This will be signposted locally

If you would like this information in a different format, Braille, tape or large print, please call

0121-303-6644

If you are hearing impaired, please call us via [TypeTalk](https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/roadworks) on

18001-0121-303-6644



Parking and Property Access

We are issuing you this notice as access to your property may be restricted. We must ask that vehicles are not parked immediately outside your property during the works.

Vehicles obstructing our works may be relocated to an adjacent street by **Mansfield Recovery**, with no charge. Please contact Mansfield direct on **0870-6003444**, if your vehicle has been removed. We understand that vehicle access may be essential for some medical / personal reasons.

If you need to get a vehicle to your property during these works, please ask our personnel on site or call our Public Liaison Officer **Dave Horner** on **07592-588089**. Pedestrian access will be maintained at all times.

We hope this information is helpful and we apologise for any inconvenience these essential works may cause. We will make every effort to minimise any unnecessary disruption. Our team on site will be ready to assist you with any issues you may have during the works and we hope you will find our employees courteous and helpful.



Customer Service

If you have any questions, concerns, or comments, please visit www.birmingham.gov.uk/roadworks or call our Customer Service team on **0121-303-6644**.

Site Specific contact

Dave Horner (dave.horner@kier.co.uk) - **07592-588089**

In writing

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Please scan the QR Code for more detailed information about [these roadworks](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/roadworks).

Scan regularly in case of updates.

Some devices may require a free app.



Our workforce abide by strict social distancing rules set out by the Government site operating procedures. Please respect them in return, abuse will not be tolerated.

