

# FOUR OAKS PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Next Week—Menu 2

## 11th November 2022

Dear Parents and Governors

### My Art Project Christmas School Fundraiser 2022 - Your Artwork Has Arrived!



By the end of the week your children should have received an order form with their own unique artwork that we created in school together before half-term. Children will be coming home with an A5 order form, which has a small colour copy of their original artwork for you to enjoy. If you wish to place any orders (check you are happy with any spellings before you do this) you will have unique reference card code which is really important. This will enable you to make orders online, and if you are quick, even get them delivered to school for free!

The deadline for school orders is 13/11/22 and your discount code at the checkout is SCHOOL-DELIVERY-03209. If you miss the deadline however, or prefer, you can have your orders delivered straight to your door! If you choose this option, deliveries over £30 are also free.

If you do decide to purchase any items, not only will you have a special gift for a loved one or a long-lasting memory showcasing how amazing your child is at art, every penny you spend will generate much needed funds for school. These funds will be used to replenish art stock across the school, so that every single child will benefit. We thank you in advance for your ongoing support.



### Odd Socks Day

On Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November, we would like the children to come to school wearing odd socks!! Odd Socks Day marks the start of Anti-Bullying Week and helps raise awareness of bullying. The idea behind wearing odd socks is to promote the idea that everyone is different in some way and that is what makes the world, and Four Oaks Primary in particular, a great place to belong to. The theme for the week this year is 'Reach Out' and our assemblies in school on this day will focus on bullying.



### Democracy in Action

British Values underpin what it is to be a citizen in Great Britain valuing our community and celebrating the diversity of the UK.

One of our British Values, is the value of democracy. Democracy is where a culture is built upon freedom and equality, where everyone is aware of their rights and responsibilities. It includes making joint decisions.

As part of our work promoting democracy in school, we are going to have a school election on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November. We will be voting for a charity that we are going to support as a school this year. Before the election, the children will have an assembly in their classes where they will find out about each charity on the ballot paper to help them make their decision. The Year 5 and 6 School Council Representatives have each researched one of the charities and their research will form part of our assembly.

On election day, each class will head to the polling station to cast their vote and put it in the ballot box! The four charities on the ballot paper are: Birmingham Children's Hospital, St Giles, Shelter and Air Ambulance.



### School Rebuild Timetable

Last week saw our first meeting around the National School Rebuilding programme happen so I thought I would keep parents up to speed with where we are in the process. This meeting saw us welcome officials from the Local Authority and the Department for Education to school so they could set out the timetable of what is likely to happen in the next few years.

The DfE have told us that there will be three distinct phases:

Phase 1: Feasibility Stage - this will last around 31 weeks and during this time many surveys of our site and buildings will be carried out to decide whether we will move forwards with a total refurbishment of our present building or a total rebuild, ending up with a brand-new school building on the site.

Phase 2: Planning Stage - This period of time will last around 45 weeks and is when the contract for the work will be put out to tender, and a contractor will be chosen. Contractors will then make many visits to the site and will prepare to begin the refurbishment or rebuild.

Phase 3: Construction Stage - This will take between 1 year and 18 months to complete. At the end of this stage the contractor will leave and we will have either a fully refurbished school or a brand-new school building.

At this point, that is all of the new information that we know, but as soon as there are any further important developments we will let parents know.

### Year 3 Assembly & Parents' Lunch

Next Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> November, sees our first year group assembly to parents for a few years. Year 3 have been practising their lines for the last couple of weeks and I know they are super excited to have their parents and friends as an audience. The children will first perform to the other year groups in school and then will perform to parents and family at 10.50am. Following the assembly any parents who have paid for a lunch on SchoolMoney will be able to walk over to the Junior Hall to enjoy lunchtime with their Year 3 child. This will be a special opportunity for just the Year 3 pupils to have quality time with their parents and other siblings will remain in class. We hope that everyone really enjoys this event!

### Anti-Bullying Week

Next week sees national Anti-Bullying Week in school. We would like to make parents aware that during next week children across school will be doing lots of activities based around not just anti-bullying, but around how to create and develop positive relationships, and how we can all get on much better together if we understand that everyone is different. This of course ties in really well with our 'No Outsiders' curriculum!

### Mindfulness Sessions - Yoga Classes for Pupils

A new set of Mindfulness classes for our school pupils began this week with Mrs Baba providing yoga sessions for pupils on a Monday after school between 3.30pm and 4.30pm. This is a wonderful opportunity for children to learn more about how to understand their own bodies and minds, and learn techniques to help them cope with everyday life. To read more information about these classes parents just need to look at the 'Latest News' section of the school website or look on the mobile app.

### Year 6 Trip to Wroxeter

On Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November our Year 6 pupils and staff will be visiting Wroxeter Roman settlement in Shropshire. This will be a day which will see their learning about the Ancient Roman civilisation brought to life in the ruins of the Roman town. Can we ask all parents to give consent for this trip and add their voluntary contribution using SchoolMoney. Many thanks.





### 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	Bethany
Ladybirds	Arlo
Owls	Not awarded school trip
Hedgehogs	Not awarded school trip
Turtles	Jivan
Sharks	Simran
3E	Elena
3R	Ella
4B	Jessica C.
4W	Lucy
5AC	Joshua
5MC	Isabel
6B	The whole class
6S	The whole class / Molly

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

Bumblebees	Penny
Ladybirds	Kaiyan
Owls	Jonah
Hedgehogs	Muhammad
Turtles	Ismael
Sharks	Finley
3E	Hugo
3R	Heidi
4B	Salahuddin
4W	Ben
5AC	Etta
5MC	Nicole
6B	Oliver T.
6S	Max

### Courtesy Cup Winners ~ last week

Reception	Benjamin / Isla
Year 1	Not awarded—school trip
Year 2	Maddy / Beatrix
Year 3	Olivia / Sara-Sophia
Year 4	Arvin / Lilliemay
Year 5	William H./ Beau
Year 6	Harry St. / Gabriel



Well done to all the winners!

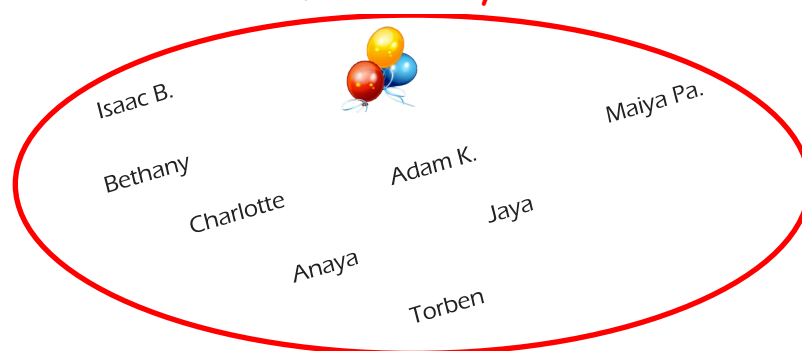
### Courtesy Cup Winners ~ this week

Reception	Cole / Thomas
Year 1	Ariya / Pavi
Year 2	Isabel / Millie
Year 3	Finlay / Georgiana
Year 4	Adam / Yian
Year 5	Amira / Aarun
Year 6	Joshua / Aleena



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### Infant Birthdays



### Kindness Tree Award

Last Week Infants: Damian (Owls)  
 Last Week Juniors: Ezra (4B)  
 This Week Infants: Elliot (Turtles)  
 This Week Juniors: Pippa (5AC)



Alison Mander—Kindness award  
 Last half term it was awarded to:

Infants— Thea (Owls)  
 Juniors— Arjun (3R)



For our new parents this is an award that was created due to the kindness of a past pupil Alison Mander who sadly passed away in 2016. Her wish was to set up an award for children who showed natural, instinctive kindness and with the help of her family this award is now presented on a half termly basis.

### Josh Lacey - Author Visit—21st November

The author Josh Lacey will be visiting our school on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November and talking about his books. The children will have a chance to buy his books and have them signed by the author. For full details of all the books that are available and the costs please see the curriculum notes and a letter which has been posted on our website.

**Please bring cash (change will be available) or a cheque payable to Josh Lacey along with a note about which book/books your child would like on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November if you would like to purchase one of his books.**

### Football News



A huge well done to our football team who had their first competitive match of the season last week. Even though they did not win they all tried incredibly hard and really enjoyed representing our school, some of them for the very first time, which is what it is all about. I know they are all looking forward to the challenge of their next fixture!

### Indoor Athletics

A big well done to all of our competitors at the indoor athletics event this week. They all had a fantastic time and represented the school brilliantly. A big thank you to parents for transporting children and to Mrs. Rowberry for organising this and being with the children at the event.



### Year 4—Swimming



Year 4 will be attending their swimming lessons from Tuesday 22nd November. 4W will attend the first week and 4B will attend the second week. A letter with all the details has gone out to parents this week.

### Reception Request



Our Reception year group are on the look out for any spare newspapers and milk bottle tops that you may be able to collect at home. These are the kind of materials that they can always use for their imaginative craft activities. If any kind parent has any to donate then please pass them on to the Reception staff at the end of the school day.



### Reception Request No.2

Could parents who may have any old school trousers, skirts, pants or socks that their children may have grown out of kindly donate them to the Infant Department to help with changes of clothes for any accidents the children may have. We are especially looking for clothing aged 5-6. In addition any shoes or trainers between sizes 9-11. Please drop these off at the Infant office. Thank you.

### Parking—Russell Bank Road

Once again we have had a complaint from a resident at Russell Bank Road regarding inconsiderate parking. Parents are not only parking inappropriately at the roundabout but are blocking driveways and refusing to move when being asked so that residents can access their own driveways! Could I please once again make a plea to all parents to park considerately on the roads around school. Thank you.

### Individual and Sibling Photos

Our photographer was here on Tuesday taking the individual and sibling photographs. The proofs should be coming out to parents in approximately 10 days. Please note the deadline date on the envelope when you receive it.





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### Smartie Challenge

Thank you for sending back your cash filled Smartie tubes and for donating online. The final deadline is today **Friday 11th November**. You can still donate online until midnight. Once the donations have been counted, the winning classes will be announced. Good luck children!



<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/four-oaks-primary/#.YWhcw5NKjow>

### Christmas Fayre - Friday 2nd December 5:30-8pm



We are delighted to announce that our Christmas Fayre is coming soon!



The Fayre is indoors this year. Our infant building will be transformed into a bustling festive setting where every classroom is packed with traditional games, stalls, raffles and Christmas cheer to keep your family entertained, whilst raising money to support your children in school.

A delicious selection of hot food, hot and cold drinks, cakes and sweet treats will be available. You can also enjoy a tippie or two from our well stocked bar.



Our truly magical Santa's Grotto (with some very special elves) will delight your children.

Pre booking your time slot is essential- Santa's grotto ticket sales open Saturday 12th

November on our pta-events website.



As always, your help makes this happen. So please sign up to help on a stall for a short time while you're there by visiting our pta-events page.

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### Non uniform day—'Bring a Bottle and/or a Teddy'-Tuesday 29th November

This non uniform day is to collect donations for the bottle stall and teddy stalls at the Christmas Fayre.



Wine/beer/cider/spirits/soft drinks for the bottle stall and clean, good quality teddy bears / soft toys will be gratefully received. Children can wear a Christmas jumper / Christmas hat or perhaps some sparkly hair accessories! Alternatively, anything red, gold or green will be fine! If it's PE day, a Christmas jumper or other item worn on top of their PE kit, which can be removed for PE will be acceptable.



### Christmas Fayre Bake Off



Fancy your chances of being a star baker? Then enter our Christmas Star Baker competition!

There are adult, family and child categories with a prize for the best in each category.

Individual cupcakes, biscuits or larger cakes made for slicing are all welcome!



A letter with all the details will be coming out in your child's bag soon, please keep your eyes peeled! Please bring your entries in on Friday 2nd December by 1pm for judging. Your delicious creations will then be sold at the Fayre that evening. All entries must be nut free and a list of ingredients supplied please.

### Hamper Donations by Wednesday 30th November

The PTA are busily putting together some wonderful prize hampers to be won at the Christmas Fayre. If anyone is able to donate any items to contribute to these, please bring them into either school office labelled 'hamper'.



For the adult hamper- luxury, non-perishable foods, drinks and gifts.

For the children's hamper - new toys, games, puzzles, books, non- perishable treats.

Thank you!





**1st Prize, £50** - Ball 34 - H. Occhipinti

**2nd Prize, £20** - Ball 56 - R. McQuillan

**Bonus Prizes, kindly donated by Evie Clark Hair & Beauty Spa, <https://www.evieclark.co.uk/>**

**Blow wave & Kerastase Treatment** - Ball 48 - K. Mullally

**Purse and Evening Bag** - Ball 105- R. Wynne

The numbers were drawn by pupils from Sharks class, overseen by Miss Everitt and Mrs Todd.

Congratulations to our winners and a big thank you to everyone who has signed up to our raffle for this year - there are still another 9 draws where you could be a winner.

**Not signed up yet? Fancy joining in the fun & having a flutter, whilst supporting all our children at school? Why not join up now, to be entered into the remaining draws?** There are 9 draws left, so it is only £9 per number to take part. One number gives you 9 opportunities to win £50, £20 or some wonderful bonus prizes. We currently have 110 members - so the odds are good!

Link to purchase however many numbers you would like: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/four-oaks-primary/#.Y1-sL3bP2>

### ICT Tip of the Week

*Black Friday and Cyber Monday are not too far away now. It's a good time to start checking and monitoring product prices to ensure you are actually getting the deal you think you are.*

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

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Head Teacher