

FOUR OAKS PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Next Week—Menu 2

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Dear Parents and Governors

Messages of Appreciation

I just wanted to say that here at school we really appreciate it when we get individual messages of support from different families, and at the moment we have had lots. It is really heartening to know how much the efforts of the staff, in so many areas of school life, are appreciated, as there is not a single adult in school who does not put their heart and soul into their particular role. It doesn't matter whether we are talking about teaching in class, running clubs and activities for pupils, chaperoning children at sporting or music events, taking great care of pupils when they face particular challenges at certain times, taking time to listen to parents' concerns, or just being that smiling face every day, every single member of my staff go above and beyond what is expected of them to make Four Oaks Primary the safe, caring and stimulating place it is. It is wonderful to know that we have so many parents who really do appreciate what a great time their children have throughout their seven years in school - THANK YOU!

PTA Christmas Fayre

What a lovely festive evening we all had last Friday... it was truly wonderful to get back to having a traditional indoor Christmas Fayre for the first time in three years, and I really cannot believe how many people turned out for the event. Everywhere Miss Appleby and I turned there were smiling faces and the sound of laughter... just what we all need at the moment!

Having said that, not even I truly appreciate how many hours of preparation go into putting on such an event. The PTA Committee and helpers, brilliantly led by Mrs Todd, started thinking about and organising the Christmas Fayre at the start of September and literally hundreds of hours have gone into making sure it was such a fantastic success ...I cannot say a big enough thank you!



I am sure that our treasurer Mr McQuillan will be beavering away trying to work out exactly how much money was raised by the event and will get back to me soon with what I feel will be wonderful news. Remember, every single penny donated on Friday night will come back into school and benefit every single pupil at Four Oaks at a time when normal avenues of finance are being stretched to the absolute limit. What a wonderful example of everyone at Four Oaks Primary pulling together for the benefit of the children!

Lichfield Garrick Pantomime Trip

We are really looking forward to our whole school trip to the Lichfield Garrick next Thursday. We had a wonderful time last year as a Christmas celebration so we hope that this year is just as much fun.



I would once again ask all parents not to park on Edge Hill Road at any point between 5pm and 5.30pm as we will have 7 coaches returning from the theatre and all children will be escorted back into school. **We will not allow any children to be picked up from the coaches**, for safeguarding reasons. As it will be very dark at that point we would ask parents to walk round to the classroom external doors for approximately 5.15pm. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Four Oaks Cluster Lichfield Cathedral Carol Concert

What a wonderful time was had by all at Lichfield Cathedral on Tuesday evening this week. Our dedicated band of choristers from across the school went along as part of the huge choral group from all of the Cluster schools to perform in one of the most magical settings you can imagine. If you went along as one of our parents then I hope you really enjoyed yourselves and I hope it gave you a memorable Christmas experience. Can I at this point give a particular shout out to Mrs Smith, who has volunteered many hours of her time after the end of the school day to get the children ready for their big moment, as well as organising many parts of the performance - thank you Mrs Smith.



Spreading Christmas Cheer at Good Hope Hospital



This afternoon Mrs Smith and Mrs Litwinowicz took our choir over to Good Hope hospital, just as she did last year, to spread some lovely choral Christmas cheer amongst the patients and staff. This is yet another example of our pupils giving to other individuals who are worse off than themselves. Keep your eye out on our TWITTER page for some shots of our musical group in action!

Christmas Performance Details

Next week will see a variety of Christmas performances for parents to enjoy, so here are all the details you need to know:

Monday 12th - Infant Christmas Service at All Saints Church - 1.45pm start.

Please be aware that there is VERY LIMITED parking at All Saints so if parents could walk or park elsewhere we would really appreciate it.

Tuesday 13th - Year 3 & Y4 Christmas Show for Y3 parents - 9.15am start in Junior Hall

Tuesday 13th - Y5 & Y6 Christmas Show for Y5 parents - 2pm start in Junior Hall

Wednesday 13th - Y5 & Y6 Christmas Show for Y6 parents - 9.15am start in Junior Hall

Wednesday 13th - Year 3 & Y4 Christmas Show for Y4 parents - 2pm start in Junior Hall

*Can I remind all parents that if you take photographs or video footage of any of our Christmas performances then that material should be used for your own enjoyment and **never be shared on any social media platform** as we have many children in school whose images cannot be shared with other families.*



Christmas Party Day- Friday 16th December

Friday 16th December is our last day and will be Party Day for the children. All children and staff will be allowed to come to school in party clothes so that we can celebrate the festive season before breaking up for the holidays.



National Schools Rebuilding Programme

I have nothing to report about this process at the moment other than to say that during November and December we have been subject to quite a few surveys from the DfE. We have had surveys relating to noise and acoustics, groundworks, utilities, topography and archaeology! Once we have any further developments I will keep parents informed.

Year 4 Maths Team

A big well done to our Year 4 maths team who won their competition at King Edward's school on 25th November.

Aspire Active Christmas Camps

Please see the flyer attached to read details of some Christmas Active Camps being run by Aspire Sports at Bishop Vesey Grammar School over the Christmas break.



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	Reggie
Ladybirds	Zara
Owls	Landi
Hedgehogs	Didar
Turtles	Zac
Sharks	Eden
3E	Bella
3R	Poppy
4B	Harry
4W	Noah
5AC	Leo
5MC	Jai
6B	Rosie
6S	Holly

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

Bumblebees	Amber
Ladybirds	Asher
Owls	Cassia/Thea/Emilie W./Landi/Tobias/Ariya
Hedgehogs	Joshua
Turtles	Lily
Sharks	William
3E	Sophia
3R	Charlotte
4B	Zach
4W	Alayna
5AC	Christina
5MC	Oliver M.
6B	Jemima
6S	Amirah

Courtesy Cup Winners ~ last week

Reception	Ava / Sophie
Year 1	Toby / Maya Po.
Year 2	Jenson / Leo
Year 3	Zahra / Arjun
Year 4	Jovan / Amiee
Year 5	Libby / James
Year 6	Harry Cl. / Avani



Well done to all the winners!

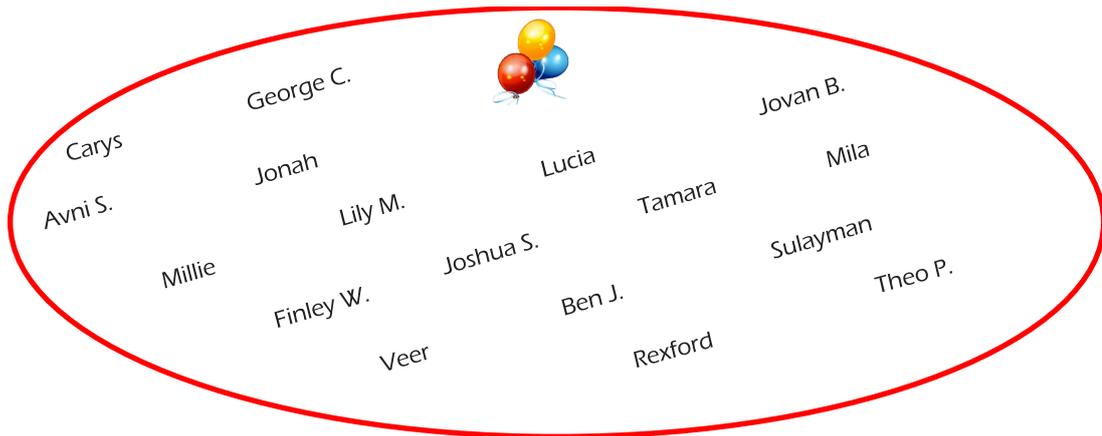
Courtesy Cup Winners ~ this week

Reception	Elias / Maximilian
Year 1	Ben J. / Delphine
Year 2	Sebastian / Thea S.
Year 3	Thomas Mc / Ryan
Year 4	Arvin / Charly C.
Year 5	Jack / Eleanor
Year 6	Anna / Daniel



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Infant Birthdays



Kindness Tree Award

Last Week Infants: Mila (Ladybirds)
 Last Week Juniors: Reeva & Jacob (4W)
 This Week Infants: Aisha (Turtles)
 This Week Juniors: Scarlett (6B)



Milk—Infants

A reminder that if your child no longer wishes to have milk next term then you should advise Mrs Underwood in the Infant Office before the end of this term. We are unable to cancel milk part way through the term as we have to order it in advance. Thank you.

All Saints' Church—Community Christmas Tree Festival

Please see attached a flyer about a Christmas event at All Saints' Church where a special visitor will be attending!

Sutton Coldfield Rugby Club—Christmas Trees

Attached is a flyer about the Garden Group Christmas tree sale at Sutton Coldfield Rugby Club.

Merry Christmas

This is the last newsletter of this term so I would just like to end by wishing everyone a great last week in school and a very merry Christmas break. I hope all families, whatever they are doing over the festive period, have a safe and happy break and come back to school on January 4th with smiling faces ready to continue with the rest of this exciting year of learning. Tuesday 3rd January is a staff training day.



ICT Tip of the Week

Criminals use this time of year to send messages via text or email, pretending to be from parcel delivery companies like DPD, Yodel or Royal Mail. The aim is to get you to click the link and give away your phone number or bank details, or pay for fake services such as additional delivery charges. You might receive a call from the criminals, pretending to be from your bank's fraud team, trying to persuade you to move your money to a 'safe account' or give away your card reader codes.

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

Mr M Benton
Head Teacher



COME ALONG AND JOIN THE FESTIVITIES.
VISIT FATHER CHRISTMAS IN HIS GROTTO
AND TELL HIM YOUR WISHES.

GROTTO OPENING TIMES: FRI 12-2 SAT 10.30-3.30



CAN YOU FOLLOW
THE ELF TRAIL
TO WIN A PRIZE?



VOTE FOR YOUR
FAVOURITE TREE



DELICIOUS FESTIVE
REFRESHMENTS
SERVED ALL DAY

NO NEED TO BOOK TICKETS - JUST TURN UP ON THE DAY



Action-packed childcare this Christmas Holiday

15% OFF

with code XMAS22SC
Valid until 5pm on
Friday 16th December



Sutton Coldfield
Bishop Vesey's Grammar School

Monday 19th December - Friday 23rd December
Open from 8am - 6pm

For more info and to book your place visit activecamps.co.uk or call 0121 663 1082

Ofsted
registered

Action-packed childcare this Christmas Holiday

Monday 19th - Friday 23rd December

Aspire Active Camps have a fun programme this school holiday for children aged 4-14. As we are an **Ofsted registered provider**, you can rest assured that all the child protection policies are in place and our coaches are suitably qualified to ensure your child's safety at all times.

No booking deadline

Standard Rate
£30 per day
8am - 4pm
Xtra Time packages available. Half Day Multi Sports £18.

Don't miss our **Early Bird offer!**

Early Bird Offer
£25 per day
8am - 4pm
Xtra Time packages available. Half Day Multi Sports £12.

Book before 5pm on Friday 2nd December

Your last chance for a discount!

Advanced Rate
£27 per day
8am - 4pm
Xtra Time packages available. Half Day Multi Sports £13.

Book before 5pm on Wednesday 14th December

Our lowest rate when you book early

A typical day at Aspire Active Camps

Early Drop Off 8am - 9.30am
Optional free early drop off with structured games and activities.

Academy Sessions 9.30am - 4pm
Choose from our range of sports activities.

Xtra Time 4pm - 6pm
Collecting your child after 4pm? Xtra Time from **£8.75 per day**

Sibling Discount Book a child at full price and each additional sibling will receive a **10% discount** off their booking.

Emergency Services Discount Work for the Emergency Services? Receive **10% discount** off your booking. Just enter the discount code ESD when booking online. Only one discount code per booking. For validation show your ID card at camp.

Limited spaces available
BOOK ONLINE TODAY

Loyalty Scheme For every **£1** you spend, you will earn **10 points!** Every time you reach 2000 points you can redeem £10 against your next booking.

Active Leaders Active Leaders is a series of challenges to achieve the Aspire Young Leader Award, providing the knowledge and confidence to organise and lead activities for small groups of children.

Choose your academies

Multi Sports Academy
Multi Sports Academy offers a huge range of sports and alternative activities. Children aged 4 are eligible for half day Multi Sports Academy only.

Dance & Stage Sports Academy
Dance & Stage Sports Academy is a fun and exciting programme of acting, singing, dancing and stage crafts.

For more info visit aspire-sports.co.uk or call 0121 663 1082

THE GARDEN GROUP

CHRISTMAS TREE SALE

From 9am
Saturday 26th
November

SUTTON COLDFIELD RUGBY CLUB
160 WALMLEY ROAD
SUTTON COLDFIELD
BIRMINGHAM
B76 2QA

Different sizes
available while
stocks last

CONTACT US ON 07572 543 517 FOR MORE DETAILS

Ask about our post Christmas, Xmas tree collection service

Merry Christmas one and all