

FOUR OAKS PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Next Week—Menu 3

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Dear Parents and Governors

We hope that all our families had a lovely half-term break and have returned to school refreshed and ready for the second half of the academic year. It is going to be a busy and exciting term and a half with many different school activities going on as we head towards the warmer months.

Staff Training Day Date

We have now made plans for our 5th and last Staff Training Day of this academic year and it will be on Wednesday 24th May. This obviously means that school will be closed to all pupils so that staff can spend time working on our annual School Improvement Plan. We hope this gives all parents plenty of time to organise child care arrangements.

Pick-Up After School

As I have done many times in our school newsletter in the past, I would ask all parents to make sure they keep hold of their children when they pick them up at the end of the school day, so that they know where they are and they are kept safe. Once children have been dismissed from classrooms they are the responsibility of the parents however we would like the following rules to be respected:

- Parents to walk their children off site keeping to the footpaths.
- Parents not to walk children across any car parks.
- Parents to not allow children to walk over grassy areas.
- Parents to not allow children to play football or any other games on the field.
- Parents to not allow children to play on the play equipment.

We know that all parents will want to work together with us to keep all children safe. Many thanks for your co-operation in this matter.

Unauthorised Absence Requests

I have been asked by the Local Authority to raise this issue with all parents.

Just before half-term, at the very mid-point of the school year, we totalled up the number of days that have been missed by pupils at Four Oaks Primary simply due to parents taking them out of school on holiday during term time, and it came to a staggering 241 days. If that pattern is mirrored during the second half of the year that will mean that there could be nearly 500 school days lost to children simply for this reason. I will state again to all parents that any day missed by children can never be got back, and whatever their overall attendance rate or their academic ability, they will never be able to fulfil the potential that they could have if they had been at school. We appreciate that many parents do stick to having their holidays during the school holidays and would thank them for this.

I would however stress to all parents that any family holidays should be booked during school holidays and will never be authorised as an absence. This will always reflect on your child's academic record. Here at Four Oaks we put every ounce of our effort into trying to do the very best for every pupil, but we can only do this if they attend school when they should.

Thank you for your understanding and co-operation in this matter.

World Book Day

Many, many thanks to all families for entering into the spirit of World Book Day yesterday. We had some very excited children looking wonderful in their book related sandwich boards. Congratulations to our winners! It was a day when we could do more to promote reading across the age ranges and as we always say ... if you read more, then everything gets easier!



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Infant Disco & Junior Pizza Party

It is our PTA disco and pizza party this evening. Thank you to all parents and children who have bought tickets to support this event.



Circus Event—May 2023

The PTA have also now launched their wonderful circus event scheduled for May 2023 so for more details and the chance to buy reduced cost tickets just visit the PTA website at: https://www.pta-events.co.uk/four-oaks-primary/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=51838#.Y_zYr_enyEc.



1st Prize, £50 - Ball 86 - H. Occhipinti

2nd Prize, £20 - Ball 6 - M. Arnett

Bonus Prize @Pootle Paws voucher - Ball 120 - L. Heath

Mr Benton completed the draw in school on Tues 28th February, with the help of the children in the Hedgehogs class overseen by Mrs Coles and Mrs Birch.

Not signed up yet, but fancy a flutter in the name of a good cause? Sign up by 10th March to be entered into the March-July draws! There are 5 draws to go, so it is only £5 per number to take part. One number gives you 5 opportunities to win £50, £20 or some wonderful bonus prizes. Link to purchase <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/four-oaks-primary/#.Y1-sL3bPP>

We Will Rock You!

Next Monday our Year 6 pupils will get the chance to visit Arthur Terry School for the afternoon to watch their performance of 'We Will Rock You'. I hope they have a fantastic time and get a little window onto the kind of opportunities they will get at secondary school next year.

Year 5 Parents' Assembly & Lunch

Our second year group assembly of the year will take place on Wednesday 15th March when we will invite our Year 5 parents into school to celebrate what the children have been learning about in school. The children will perform for the other children in school at 9am and will perform to parents at 10.15am. Can we ask parents to arrive between 10am and 10.15am and queue up at the Infant building entrance. You will need to book and pay for your parent lunch on SchoolMoney (on the Shop Items) at the latest by Friday 10th March so Debbie knows how many meals she needs to cook. Please also see our later note in this newsletter about dietary requirements.

School Trips

We hope Reception have a wonderful time at Ash End Farm on Tuesday 7th March, they are going to investigate their topic of 'who shares our planet with us'.

Year 2 are off on their travels again on Friday 17th March this time visiting Aston Hall in relation to their topic of the Great Fire of London. Could all parents please pay via SchoolMoney and remember to tick the consent box. We hope they have a great time.





Super Stars and Acorns



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

Bumblebees	Ava G.
Ladybirds	Aizah
Owls	Martha
Hedgehogs	Mia
Turtles	Ralph
Sharks	Noah
3E	Aalia
3R	Ronnie
4B	Ezra
4W	Ben
5AC	Emily
5MC	Sonny
6B	Luca
6S	Isla C.



Super Stars and Acorns



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

Bumblebees	Dhaya / Kieret
Ladybirds	Olivia
Owls	Not awarded (cricket)
Hedgehogs	Not awarded (cricket)
Turtles	Jenson
Sharks	Millie
3E	Hector
3R	Danny
4B	May-Louise
4W	Reeva
5AC	Aneka
5MC	Max
6B	Maryam
6S	Zoha

Courtesy Cup Winners ~ last week

Reception	Ananya / Ellora
Year 1	Daisy / Alfie C.
Year 2	Theo / Caesar
Year 3	Aima / Stella
Year 4	Nikki / Oliver J.
Year 5	Etta / Julia
Year 6	Ted



Well done to all the winners!

Courtesy Cup Winners ~ this week

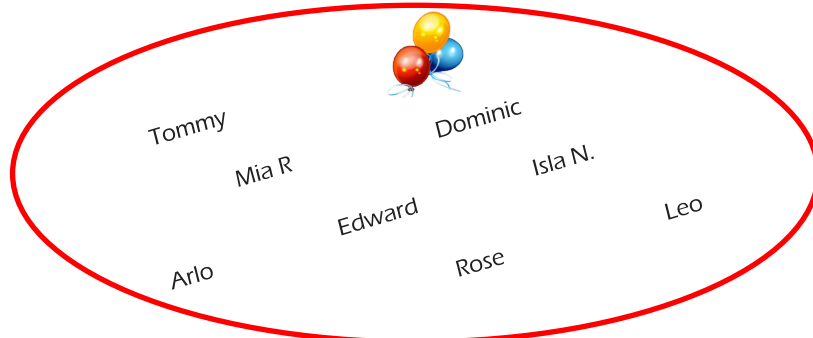
Reception	Zac / Hajara
Year 1	Not awarded
Year 2	Elliot J. / Veer
Year 3	Mustafa / Daia
Year 4	James / Emily
Year 5	Thea (5AC) / Nicole
Year 6	Hasan / Harr Ca.



Well done to all the winners!

Our children also voted for staff Superstars before half term and awarded it to our superb FOSBACS staff.

Infant Birthdays



Kindness Tree Award

Last Week Infants: Not awarded
 Last Week Juniors: Rosie (6B)
 This Week Infants: Avaani (Ladybirds)
 This Week Juniors: Jake (4W)



Professor McGinty—Year 1

We hope Year 1 have a super time with Professor McGinty next Wednesday talking about all things Viking. We are sure it will be as entertaining as always!



NEU Strike Action

Just to try and keep all parents in the loop the next two days of strike action called by the NEU are planned for 15th and 16th March. At present, just as on the first two days of strike action on 1st February and 1st March, we do not have any staff who have shown any intentions of withdrawing their labour. This could, of course, change at any moment but we will endeavour to keep parents informed of any changes.

Parent Assemblies—Dietary Requirements

We wish to be able to provide all parents who attend our parent assemblies and lunches with something that they can eat and are conscious that there are a number of parents with dietary requirements. If you have a dietary requirement eg. Gluten free, dairy free etc could you please contact Debbie to advise her of your requirements a few days before the assembly. Please ring school then when the options start please key in her extension—2526. We will always have Vegetarian / Vegan options available.

Sutton Coldfield Charitable Trust—Uniform Grant

Every Year Sutton Coldfield Charitable Trust run a scheme whereby any parents who reside within the Sutton Coldfield boundaries can apply for a grant of up to £100 per child to help purchase school uniform. This is dependent upon whether the parents are in receipt of Income Support, Job Seekers Allowance, Child Tax Credit, Working Tax Credit or Universal Credit. If you think you might be eligible for this scheme then please contact Mrs Johnson in our Junior Department and she will be able to provide you with a form to fill in. Parents have to return their completed forms and bring copies of their proof of benefit by **Monday 13th March**. As you can see this is a tight deadline so please do not delay.



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More Sporting Achievements



We wish to congratulate one of our pupils Toby P. in Year 5, he was part of the Sutton Coldfield team who were recently successful in winning the Birmingham Schools District U10 Football League. It was a fiercely fought competition over the term and was finally settled on goal difference in the last game! A huge well done to Toby and his team mates.

Indoor Athletics Years 1 & 2



Well done to all the children who competed in the Indoor athletics competition yesterday. They all performed very well coming away with a bronze medal!

Netball

Well done to our netball team who were also in competition yesterday winning 18-8 against Walmley.

Swimming Gala

Good luck to the children participating in the swimming gala on 40th March. We will let you know how the children get on. Also thank you to Mrs Rowberry and Miss Cooper for giving up their Saturday to attend this event.



Cross Country

Good luck to our cross-country team on Wednesday 8th March who are competing at Bishop Vesey.

Diary Dates

We have attached the latest version of the diary dates to this newsletter for your information.



FOSBACS—Job Vacancy

FOSBACS have a job vacancy, please see the attached flyer for full details.

Four Oaks School Announce Their Own Newspaper!

THE FOUR OAKS NEWS

One of our Year 6 pupils Louis had a great idea and recently produced a newspaper about all things Four Oaks. We thought this was so good we decided that we would like to do a half termly edition of the newspaper with contributions from the budding reporters in our school. We have listed below some ideas of items the children may like to write about. We will endeavour to publish as many items in the newspaper as possible but if we have more than required please be assured that every article will be read and 3 smiley faces or 3 house points will be awarded to each child who submits an article.



1. Sports report- Be involved with writing a review for one of the many sporting fixtures that has taken place within that month.
2. Reading Review- Read a great book that you'd like to recommend to everyone? Write a review and send it to owlsteacher@fouroaksprimary.bham.sch.uk or drop it at my classroom door.
3. Debbie's Dinners Treat of the Week- Write a review about one of Debbie's dinners.
4. Pet of the Month- Interview one of your friends or teachers and get some pictures of a cute pet for our pet of the week section.
5. Places to go- Been somewhere in Birmingham that was really fun? It could be an activity, a place to eat, an event or a holiday destination? Write a review about it and send us some pictures.
6. Love writing comics? Our comic creator- Dan will be creating a comic strip for our half termly newsletter. Can you also create an interesting comic strip that we could add?
7. Artist feature- We would like to feature some artists of the half term in our Newspaper so send us your artwork and we can add it in to our latest edition.
8. Interesting school events- can you write a review of a disco or other events that have taken place at school?
9. Any other interesting local news that you would like to write about, send it our way.



Please send all articles to owlsteacher@fouroaksprimary.bham.sch.uk. Good luck and we look forward to reading all the brilliant articles!

ICT Tip of the Week

Ollee is a digital friend for ages 8-11 – created by Parent Zone and funded by BBC Children in Need. It helps children explore feelings around school, family, friends, the world and much, much more. Ollee asks how you're feeling and offers ideas about what to do. If you're not sure, Ollee will help you figure it out.

Children and parents can both create and connect Ollee accounts – to share advice together.

Try Ollee in a [web browser](https://app.ollee.org.uk/#/) or download the app to your device <https://app.ollee.org.uk/#/>

Apple Store: <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/ollee/id1586151539>

Google Play Store: https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=uk.org.parentzone.ollee&hl=en_GB&gl=US

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

Mr M Benton
Head Teacher

FOSBACS

Before and After School Club Playworker

(FOUR OAKS PRIMARY SCHOOL)
£9.50 per hour to £10.21 per hour
8am - 9am and 3.15pm - 5pm
Monday to Fridays Term Time only

We need an enthusiastic play worker
with NVO level 2/3 qualifications.
They will be required to plan and deliver activities, develop relationships with pupils and
parents and be a team player.
Closing date: Friday 17th March 2023

Apply by sending your application to fosbacs@fouroaksprimary.bham.sch.uk

For further details contact **Amanda McCartney** on **07967527562**.

FOSBACS and the School are committed to safeguarding and promoting the well-being of children and expect everyone to share this commitment. The successful applicant will undergo a full enhanced DBS check.



DIARY DATES CONTINUED—2022-23

Monday 27 th February	School Opens
Tuesday 28 th February	
Wednesday 1 st March	
Thursday 2 nd March	World Book Day
Friday 3 rd March	

Monday 6 th March	
Tuesday 7 th March	Reception - Trip to Ash End Farm
Wednesday 8 th March	Year 1—Professor McGinty Workshop
Thursday 9 th March	
Friday 10 th March	

Monday 13 th March	
Tuesday 14 th March	
Wednesday 15 th March	Y5 Parents' Assembly & Parents' Lunch
Thursday 16 th March	
Friday 17 th March	Year 2—Trip to Aston Hall

Monday 20 th March	
Tuesday 21 st March	
Wednesday 22 nd March	Year 3—Thinktank Trip
Thursday 23 rd March	World Maths Day
Friday 24 th March	Y1 Parents' Assembly & Parents' Lunch

Monday 27 th March	
Tuesday 28 th March	
Wednesday 29 th March	Y2 Parents' Assembly & Parents' Lunch
Thursday 30 th March	
Friday 31 st March	School Closes for Easter

EASTER HOLIDAYS





DIARY DATES CONTINUED—2022 -23

Monday 17 th April	Training Day 4
Tuesday 18 th April	Pupils return to school
Wednesday 19 th April	
Thursday 20 th April	
Friday 21 st April	

Monday 24 th April	
Tuesday 25 th April	All Saints Assembly
Wednesday 26 th April	Year 5 Tamworth Castle Trip
Thursday 27 th April	Class Photographs 9.30am – Governing Body Resources Committee
Friday 28 th April	

Monday 1 st May	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 2 nd May	
Wednesday 3 rd May	
Thursday 4 th May	
Friday 5 th May	

Monday 8 th May	Coronation Bank Holiday
Tuesday 9 th May	KS2 SATs Week
Wednesday 10 th May	
Thursday 11 th May	
Friday 12 th May	

Monday 15 th May	
Tuesday 16 th May	
Wednesday 17 th May	Rec Parents' Assembly & Parents' Lunch
Thursday 18 th May	
Friday 19 th May	Circus in School

Monday 22 nd May	
Tuesday 23 rd May	
Wednesday 24 th May	Teacher Training Day
Thursday 25 th May	
Friday 26 th May	School Closes for half term

HALF TERM



DIARY DATES CONTINUED—2022-23

Monday 5 th June	Pupils Return / Y4 Multiplication Tables Check 3-week period begins
Tuesday 6 th June	Year 4 Trip to synagogue
Wednesday 7 th June	
Thursday 8 th June	
Friday 9 th June	

Monday 12 th June	Y1 Phonics Screening Week
Tuesday 13 th June	Year 6 Trip to Islamic Exhibition
Wednesday 14 th June	New Reception Induction Evening
Thursday 15 th June	
Friday 16 th June	Year 3 Tanglewood Trip

Monday 19 th June	am – Infant Sports pm – Junior Sports
Tuesday 20 th June	Year 1 Virtual trip to Shabbat
Wednesday 21 st June	6pm - Boreatton Park Meeting for Y5 Parents
Thursday 22 nd June	
Friday 23 rd June	
Saturday 24 th June	Summer Festival

Monday 26 th June	
Tuesday 27 th June	Y4 Parents' Assembly & Parents' Lunch
Wednesday 28 th June	
Thursday 29 th June	
Friday 30 th June	

Monday 3 rd July	
Tuesday 4 th July	
Wednesday 5 th July	
Thursday 6 th July	
Friday 7 th July / Saturday 8 th / Sunday 9 th July	Y5 Boreatton Park

Monday 10 th July	Y5 Boreatton Park
Tuesday 11 th July	
Wednesday 12 th July	
Thursday 13 th July	
Friday 14 th July	

Monday 17 th July	2.30pm – Parents' Walkabout – Parents invited in to look at children's work.
Tuesday 18 th July	
Wednesday 19 th July	
Thursday 20 th July	Y6 Leavers' Assembly & Parents' Lunch Leavers BBQ & Disco
Friday 21 st July	

Monday 24 th July	
Tuesday 25 th July	Break up for Summer Holidays

