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Next Week—Menu 3

Dear Parents and Governors

The Circus Comes to Four Oaks!

Saturday 20th May.

Gates open 12 noon. Bar, stalls, food and circus shows in the Big Top tent.



We're so excited for this new event. Thank you to all of you who have supported it so far by buying show tickets, raffle tickets (there's a £200 cash prize draw) and for signing up to help on a stall. Entry to the event is free but tickets **MUST** be produced for entry to the show tent.



Not signed up to help yet? We need you! Not bought a raffle ticket yet? Want to buy one for granny?

You can do all of these via the link below:

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/four-oaks-primary/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=51838#.ZFpkuzMKt8>

PLEASE check your emails now so that you can flag where your tickets are and remind yourself what time your show is. If you can't find them after looking back to February's emails, contact us at FOPSPTA@gmail.com for help. PLEASE don't leave this 'til the day before or the day itself. We can't help then. No QR code- no entry to the show.

Circus Workshops in School—Friday 19th May

We are extremely proud and excited to announce that The Circus is coming to school the day before the shows to erect their Big Top tent in the school field for you all to see! All children at some point during the school day will get to enter the tent with their year group for an exciting circus workshop!

The amazing circus team will teach the children and their teachers some of their circus performance skills and tricks, then children will get to try a few out for themselves!



School Rebuilding Programme



More news on our school rebuild project, as we have now been given the positive news that we will definitely get a whole school rebuild, and not just a refurbishment of our present building. We have been told that our new school will be a single building for all the children which will be two storeys. Our Infant pupils will be on the ground floor and our Junior pupils will be on the first floor. We aren't yet certain of the final position on our site where the new building will sit, but we have been told that it will involve some of our pupils being rehoused in temporary buildings somewhere on the site.....so we're preparing for lots of change, but lots of exciting times.

Once we know more we will let all of our families know!

Coronation Celebrations

Many thanks to all of our families for supporting us in our Coronation celebrations last week by sending the children in wearing their party clothes. We had a lovely afternoon on Friday creating lots of royal art work and the pupils really enjoyed their royal party lunch. During the afternoon we had a celebratory assembly and welcomed the Deputy Lord Lieutenant, Dr. Lyndsey Beverley, who spoke to the whole school and described all of the royal events that took place over the bank holiday weekend.



A Bronze Award for School

As a school we have been recognised by the Local Authority and their 'Modeshift Stars' national scheme, as a school that does really positive work to promote children's safe travel to and from school. Modeshift Stars supports schools to develop activities in school to add to a travel plan. For many years we have promoted road safety and bicycle education with our pupils throughout our curriculum, and by applying for, and successfully attaining our bronze level accreditation, we have now been able to bid for further funding for bicycle and scooter parking resources on site. We will obviously let parents know if we are successful in gaining this funding.

Reception Parents' Assembly

Next Wednesday we look forward to welcoming our Reception parents to school to watch and celebrate our youngest pupils efforts, when they perform their year group assembly. They will perform to the rest of the school at 9.15am, and will then perform to parents and friends at 10.15am. Parents will be allowed to start queuing outside the Infant building entrance from 10am, so just press the buzzer on the main pedestrian gate to be given access to the school site. If parents are staying for lunch with their Reception child, then that will begin at 11am when Mr. Benton escorts them to the Junior Hall. Please be aware that older siblings will not be involved in this lunch opportunity due to capacity limitations.

GB Gymnast Visit



On Tuesday 2nd May the Juniors welcomed to school Claudia Fragapane, a GB Gymnast. She talked to the children about her career and then even helped Miss Wilde at the evening gymnastics club. Thank you to her for giving our pupils such a treat and to Premier Sports for organising this.

Science Fair

We are pleased to announce the winners of our science fair competition:

Daisy B. (Owls)

Jack L. (4B)

Jessie (6S)



They all received a medal and a special invite to a science evening at Whitehouse Common to meet the other winners from Trust schools. Congratulations to them all and thank you to everyone who took part.

Year 6 SATs

A huge well done to our Year 6 pupils and our Year 6 staff team for their efforts over this last week with the KS2 SATs tests. It is amazing how much we ask of our oldest pupils and they have shone all week and done their very best. I would also like to thank all families who have supported their children through this challenging week.

Further Sporting Success!



We have had such a successful sporting time this year, and it has continued this week with our Y3/4 tennis team who went to Sutton Coldfield Tennis Club this week and they took gold medal place! Huge congratulations to our talented pupils and a big thankyou to Mrs. Rowberry for accompanying them to the competition. We look forward to our Y5/6 team competing next week.

Happy Staffing News



I can take great pleasure in sharing some lovely staff news with all of our parents. Firstly Mrs. Rowberry has announced that she will be expecting a baby at the end of September, so she will be taking her maternity leave next year. Also, Miss Webster has announced that she will be getting married at the start of September and she will become Mrs Evans. I am sure you will all join me in sending both ladies our very best wishes!





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	Zoia
Ladybirds	Maximilian L.
Owls	Emilie
Hedgehogs	Finley
Turtles	Maya
Sharks	Isaac
3E	Rocco
3R	Isla
4B	Jacob
4W	Charly C.
5AC	Lily L-C
5MC	Milo
6B	Francesca
6S	Amirah

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Bumblebees	Ananya
Ladybirds	Max S.
Owls	Amelie
Hedgehogs	Maya Po.
Turtles	Anaya
Sharks	Leo
3E	Sheng
3R	Vienna
4B	Lottie
4W	Scarlett
5AC	Daisy
5MC	Beau
6B	Scarlett / The Whole Class
6S	Mila / The Whole Class

Courtesy Cup Winners ~ last week

Reception	Bethany / George
Year 1	Saya / Olivia
Year 2	Gian /Martha
Year 3	Olivia / Charlotte
Year 4	May-Louise / Ned
Year 5	Noah / Taran
Year 6	Martha / Ibrahim



Well done to all the winners!

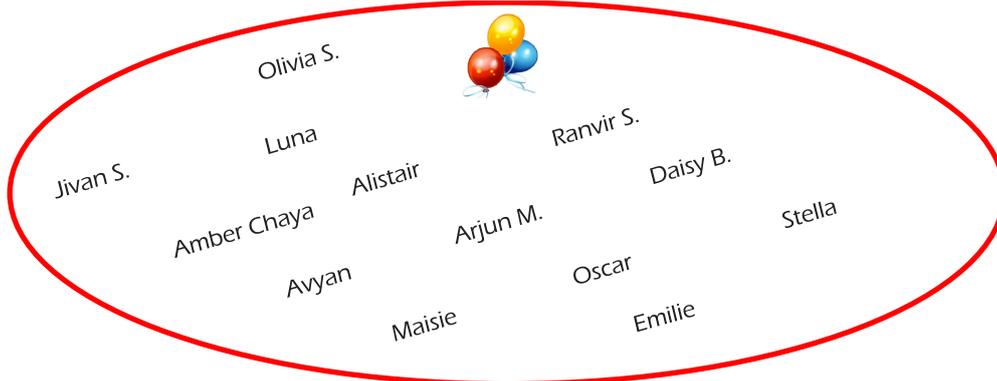
Courtesy Cup Winners ~ this week

Reception	Mia / Arlo
Year 1	Landi / Benjamin
Year 2	Amanda / Alistair
Year 3	Carter C. /Isla
Year 4	Harry C. / Alayna
Year 5	Erin / Paige
Year 6	Isaac / Nicole



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Infant Birthdays



Kindness Tree Award

Last Week Infants: Oliver B (Sharks)
 Last Week Juniors: Adam (4B)
 This Week Infants: Rowan (Owls)
 This Week Juniors: Martha (6B)



Class Photographs

A reminder that, if you are not ordering online, the deadline for returning requests to school for class photographs is Wednesday 17th May.

Grammar School Entrance Exam—Registration for Current Year 5 Pupils

We have been advised that registration is now open for parents of current Year 5 pupils who would like their child to sit the entrance test for a place at any of the grammar schools in Birmingham (entry to Year 7 in September 2024). Registration can be made online by visiting the website below. The closing date for registering is 4pm on 30th June 2023. The test will take place on 16th September 2023.

www.westmidlandsgrammarschools.co.uk

Staff Training Day - School Closure Reminder

Just a reminder for all families that our 5th and final staff training day will happen on Wednesday 24th May and school will be closed to all pupils on that day.

Staff Training Days 2023-24

I can now announce to all families dates for staff training days for next academic year. The Governing Body have agreed to four dates as below which still leaves a 5th date which will be decided upon at some point next year. This leaves us the flexibility to join with other Trust schools for staff CPD if needed. We will obviously give families as much notice of this 5th date as possible. On each of these dates school will be closed to all children.

- Monday 4th September 2023
- Monday 8th January 2024
- Wednesday 22nd May 2024 (On this day we always work on our School Improvement Plan (SIP) and we have chosen a Wednesday as it is this day that we have most of our staff in work)
- Monday 22nd July 2024

There will also be an extra school closure date next year as there are local elections planned for Birmingham in 2024. The specific date for this will be communicated once we have been told ourselves.

Four Oaks Newspaper

We are now looking for articles for our next edition! Please send in by Friday 19th May to: owlteacher@fouroaksprimary.bham.sch.uk. Each child who submits an article will receive either 3 smiley faces or 3 house points.

Milk—Infants

A reminder that if your child no longer wishes to have milk next half term could you please contact Mrs Underwood in the Infant office (option 2) before the end of this half term. We are unable to cancel milk during the term as it is ordered in advance. Thank you.



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Rags 2 Riches Clothing Collection- Monday 22nd May

Our final one for this academic year. A popular fundraiser at no cost to you. Please bring your filled bags labelled 'FOPS' containing unwanted quality clothing and accessories to the JUNIOR outdoor classroom anytime from 7:30am-6pm on Monday 22nd May. If you're not sure what is accepted- visit <https://rags2riches4schools.co.uk/what-we-collect/>. As a rule, if you wouldn't pass it on to a friend, it's not suitable. Please remember- **no uniform** of any kind.

Summer Festival Saturday 24th June 12-4pm

Stalls 12-2pm. Live music and social 2-4pm.

This is one of our favourite PTA events of the year. Further information to come- watch this space! Look out on our social media platforms for the usual requests for your amazing help.

FYI - We have a new band playing this year!



Zero Cost Fundraising Opportunities

Now that AMAZON SMILE is no longer running, the PTA would like to share some other ways to earn money for school, just by doing your usual shopping.

Easyfundraising <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk> partners with 7000 brands who will donate part of what you spend to a cause of your choice. Sign up, enter our school's name and see where it leads you! Uniform labels. If you feel like getting organised for the next school year, tick this job off your list and raise funds for us at the same time with these two uniform labelling companies. They will donate to the PTA for every order.

Stickins name labels (stick in, stay in, no ironing)

Each order placed quoting the school reference number **7508** will provide the school with 30% commission. Order via this link: <https://www.stikins.co.uk/>

Stamptastic name stamps (personalised stamp with magic ink- lasts 50 washes)

Earn 15% commission for our school PTA when you buy any Stamptastic product, using [this affiliate link](#), PTA code **B744PA**.



The April 200 Club prize draw was carried out on Tuesday 25th April by the children of Owls class, overseen by Mrs Glover and Mr Benton. Our lucky winners are:

First Prize £50, Ball 125 - L. Bennett

Second Prize £20, Ball 62 - A. Madge

Bonus prize, Family Fish & Chips Voucher @The Crown Takeaway, Ball 97 - H. Payne

A big thank you to everyone who takes part in the raffle... There are 3 more prize-draws to go this school year. Good luck!

ICT Tip of the Week

Broadband, mobile and WiFi providers offer filters to limit the inappropriate content a child might see. These usually have to be set manually and are not always obvious to find. You can see a comprehensive list of parental control guides on the internet matters website for all the main providers.

Applying filters can restrict access to specific types of content such as adult, gambling, crime etc

<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/broadband-mobile/>

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

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