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Next Week—Menu 4

Dear Parents and Governors

Swimming Gala

Two weekends ago Miss Cooper and Miss Skelding took our talented swimming team off to Wyndley Baths to take part in the area Swimming Gala for only the second time. They all tried extremely hard and performed to their potential, and even though we came away without any medals this time, every member of the team had a fantastic time and represented our school superbly.



To see photos of our fantastic team, just visit our school X (Twitter) account by using the link at the top of the school website, or by following this link: <https://twitter.com/fouroaksprimary>

A big well done to everyone!

School Rebuild

As part of the school rebuilding process, we are now half-way through our 6 client engagement meetings where our contractor, alongside members of the DfE team working with us, have been going through details of our new building, its position on the site, and the way we would like it to look on the inside. In a few weeks' time we should be in a position to let parents have some more information about what is in store on site over the next couple of years. There will of course be a chance for all members of our community to be involved in looking at the plans once they are completed and planning permission is submitted. Exciting times!



King Edwards Maths Competition

A big well done to the four Year 5 children that travelled to King Edward's School in Edgbaston last Friday to represent Four Oaks Primary in the All-Birmingham Year 5 Maths Challenge. They tried their very best and did extremely well ending up coming 5th out of 11 schools, only being one point off fourth place. They had a fantastic time completing a large 'crossnumber', and racing around the school hall to complete a wide variety of mathematical problems. They were a superb example of a positive Four Oaks attitude!

All Saints Church

A big thank you to Sally and Sharon from All Saints Church who visited school this week to present an assembly to all of the children. It was lovely to welcome them back into school, and it was another reflection that our relationship with All Saints is so much more than Christmas visits.

World Book Day

A final reminder that it is World Book Day tomorrow, and children and staff across the country will be dressing up as one of their favourite book characters, so we hope that the children from Reception to Year 6 at Four Oaks have a fantastic day. Throughout the day the children will be doing all kinds of reading related activities, working alongside both younger and older pupils, and trying to guess mystery staff members reading bits of their favourite books. This is yet another reflection of the importance we put upon reading as a life-long skill at Four Oaks and, as we always say in school... if you get better at reading you get better at everything!



The Return of Football

Now that the Spring light has begun to return to us, we can start playing competitive football matches against other schools again. We wish our girls' team well as they will be taking on Maney Hill Primary this Friday at Maney Hill and the boys next Tuesday at Mere Green.



Indoor Athletics



Good luck to our Year 1 and Year 2 pupils who will be representing the school at Indoor Athletics today. I'm sure they will have a fantastic time.

Netball

On 22nd February our netball team played 2 matches. The first result was Four Oaks 24—Wylde Green 1. The second was Four Oaks 17—Little Sutton 15. Annabel and Christina shot some brilliant goals. All the girls were amazing and were very gracious in their wins—a real credit to the school.

Gymnastic Results



As promised we are letting you know how our wonderful gymnasts got on at their competition 2 weeks ago. Both our teams were placed 2nd in the team floor competition—an amazing result. In addition Charlotte H. came 2nd place in the individual floor and both she and Lexie came joint 3rd in the individual vault. A massive well done to all the members of the team and thanks to the parents who transported and supported them all.

Science Week

Between the 8th and 17th March it is British Science Week. We will be celebrating this by completing a whole school science challenge in class. We will also be encouraging all children to create an **optional** Science Fair project over the Easter holidays. This is part of a competition run alongside all of our LTE schools. The theme this year for British Science Week is 'Time!' It's the 30th anniversary of British Science Week - and they want to celebrate this huge milestone, by thinking about time since the British Science Week was first launched, and looking to the future. There are some fantastic ideas on the British Science Week website (britishscienceweek.org) to support your child with ideas for their project focussing on the theme of 'Time'. If your child would like to complete a project, they should bring it into school on **Monday 8th April 2024**. More information about ideas and prizes will follow on Teams before the Easter Holidays. Good Luck! Mrs Coles Science Lead



Educational Visits

A reminder to parents that Reception will be off on an adventure to Ash End Farm on Wednesday 13th March, for a day full of exploration and fun. Details of the day, and any clothing requirements, will be put on TEAMS by Miss Glynn and the Reception Team.



A reminder to Year 2 parents that your children will be visiting the splendour of Aston Hall on Friday 8th March. Details of the day, and any clothing requirements, will be put on TEAMS by Miss Everitt and Mrs Elvins.

Easter Celebrations at Four Oaks Primary - Wednesday 20th March



With Easter fast approaching, it's time for our annual in-school celebration. Children in Reception, Y1 and Y2 are invited to take part in an Easter bonnet parade. Bonnets should be created at home and children should bring them into school for the parade on the morning of **Wednesday 20th March**.

Junior children are invited to take part in an egg decorating competition. Children should decorate a hard-boiled egg at home and bring it into school on **Wednesday 20th March**, ready for judging. The theme for this competition is: **A favourite book character**.



The winner from each class will receive a chocolate treat. In addition, there will also be a lucky dip draw in each key stage with all participants entered. Good Luck and Happy Easter! Mrs Westlake RE Lead



Super Stars and Acorns



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The following children received Stars (Infants) and Acorns (Juniors) in Assembly On 22nd February Well done to them all!!

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Bumblebees	Kai H-L
Ladybirds	Beau
Owls	Billy
Hedgehogs	Arlo
Turtles	Amelie
Sharks	Alfie
3E	Carys
3W	Phoebe B.
4C	Carter
4R	Harry F.
5G	Lilliemay B.
5M	Harriet
6B	Pippa
6S	Isabel B.

Bumblebees	Sylvie
Ladybirds	Iyla
Owls	Mia R.
Hedgehogs	Jeevan
Turtles	Dae
Sharks	Mia J.
3E	Finley L-J
3W	Thea S.
4C	Olly
4R	The Whole Class / Sam
5G	Jack N.
5M	James G.
6B	William H.
6S	Paige

Courtesy Cup Winners ~ 22nd February

Reception	Leah / Chloe
Year 1	Hajara / Torben
Year 2	Emilie W. / Jaya
Year 3	Avyan / Heath
Year 4	Aalia / Sara-Sophia
Year 5	Lucy / Joshvir
Year 6	Ava / Oliver M.



Well done to all the winners!

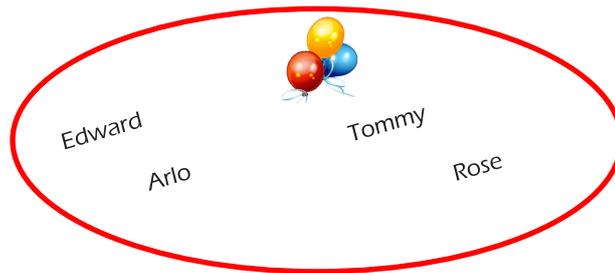
Courtesy Cup Winners ~ last week

Reception	Lacey / Harmony
Year 1	Anjun M. / Kaiyan
Year 2	Daisy / Aarick
Year 3	Alice / Isaac B.
Year 4	Freya / Avleen
Year 5	Harry M. / Harry C.
Year 6	Darcey / Beau



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Infant Birthdays



Kindness Tree Award

22nd February Infants: Charlotte (Ladybirds)
 22nd February Juniors: Pippa (6B)
 Last Week Infants: Poppy (Owls)
 Last Week Juniors: Annabel (6S)



Sutton Coldfield Charitable Trust—Grants for School Uniform

A reminder that the Sutton Coldfield Charitable Trust is running a scheme whereby parents who reside within the Sutton Coldfield boundaries can apply for a grant of up to £100 per child to help purchase school uniform. If you are in receipt of the following benefits you will be able to make an application:



UNIVERSAL CREDIT, CHILD TAX CREDIT AND/OR WORKING TAX CREDIT, INCOME SUPPORT, EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT ALLOWANCE, JOB SEEKERS ALLOWANCE.

If you think you may be eligible for this scheme then please contact Mrs Johnson in the Junior office (0121 675 4040 Option 1) and she will be able to provide you with a form to fill in with our school stamp on. Please note the deadline for completed applications is **Monday 11th March** so please do not delay in requesting your form.

Parkour

You may have had your children coming home talking about a new venture at school called 'Parkour'. Parkour is an athletic sport in which practitioners attempt to get from point A to point B in the fastest and most efficient way possible, without assisting equipment and often while performing feats of acrobatics. As a school we are part of the Wilson Stuart Sports Partnership and this year they have offered these sessions to all participating schools. If your child has enjoyed this new activity in school, you could always contact Wyndley Leisure Centre where classes are held each week.



Cake Sale

One of our enterprising Year 2 children has set up an amazing cake sale in aid of the very deserving charity 'SHELTER', who raise money to take care of the homeless in society. The cake sale will be at Mere Green Community Centre at 9.30am on Saturday 9th March. If you have the chance to drop in, donate some cash and come away with a delicious cake, then that would be fantastic! A flyer for this event is attached to the end of this newsletter.

Playgroup Easter Fun



We are a real learning community here at Four Oaks, and Tuesday 19th March will see our strong relationship with Four Oaks Playgroup continuing when they come to our school hall to celebrate Spring with their Easter Bonnet Parade. We will look forward to welcoming our youngest children on site into our school to marvel at their Easter creations.



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Smarties Challenge Winners

Thank you to everyone who donated cash or paid online we raised a total of £1,311. In Infants the winning class was **Turtles**, bringing in a huge £208.48 and in Juniors, **6S** raised the most - a massive £240.23! Well done to the winners, we hope you enjoyed your extra chocolate treat!

Comedy Night successfully raised lots of money, so thank you to everyone who came along and enjoyed an evening of laughter and good times with friends.

Rags2Riches earned us £175.00. Thank you! We will do this again in the Summer term.

Cake Sale - Friday 22nd March

Finish the Spring Term with a treat. Extravagant cupcakes topped with delicious treats will be available to purchase for £2 each. Ros, who owns 'The Little Cake Kitchen- Sutton Coldfield' is one of our FOPS parents. She will donate a very generous chunk of the profits to our school. Cash or card payments accepted. **Straight after school, Junior outdoor Classroom.**



Your School Lottery

This has replaced our previous prize draw '200 Club' and is a national initiative, therefore the jackpot prizes are much bigger. One supporter from our school is guaranteed to win a proportion of our supporters' contributions every Saturday night. The more players there are, the bigger the prize fund gets. Give it a go! Play once for £1 or set up a monthly direct debit to play every week.

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/>. A percentage of every ticket purchased goes back to the school.

Next Meeting - Monday 22nd April 8pm.

Come and join us at Streetly Tennis Club. Sit back and listen to what we're up to. Get involved as much or as little as you want. Some jobs take 3 hours a year, others take longer. Come along and find out how you can get involved in this fabulous team.

Contact us: You can keep up with our events and news on social media.

Facebook: Four Oaks Primary School PTA News & Events

Instagram: four_oaks_primary_pta_events

X: @4oaksprimaryPTA

Email: fopspta@gmail.com.



ICT Tip of the Week

SWGFL have recently updated their Instagram Safety Checklist. It offers easy and straightforward guidance to help protect your profile. Parents, carers and young people might find it useful whether you are an existing user or thinking of creating a new account.

Instagram is one of the UK's most popular social media platforms. This checklist may help manage privacy and other settings effectively.

The checklist is available as a free download here: <https://swgfl.org.uk/resources/checklists/instagram/>

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

Mr M Benton
Head Teacher



CHARITY CAKE SALE

MERE GREEN COMMUNITY CENTRE
SATURDAY 9TH MARCH 9:30AM



For more information about the charity or
to donate please scan the QR code.

