

FOUR OAKS PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Governors

Welcome Back!

A big welcome back to all of our Four Oaks families as we now enter our third term of the school year. The Summer Term is always a busy one and we are looking forwards to lots of exciting events such as:

- Year group assemblies for Reception, Years 1,2,4,and 5, for parents to watch.
- A whole host of sporting fixtures.
- The PTFA School Ball.
- Visiting authors to see Infants and Juniors.
- A chance for our Y6 pupils to show off their knowledge and talents in their KS2 SATs.
- The PTFA Summer Festival.
- Sports Day.
- PTFA funded Maths Adventure days.
- Induction Evening for new Reception parents.
- Year 5's trip to PGL Boreatton Park.
- Transition Day when all pupils move up to their new year groups.
- Area Sports at Wyndley.
- Celebrating children's successes with end of year reports.
- Our Year 6 Leavers' assembly for parents and Leavers' disco and BBQ.

Offers of Reception Places for September 2024

For all parents who have a child who will be starting school this coming September, if you applied online on time, and provided an email address, you should have received an email you on Tuesday 16 April 2024 to tell you which primary school your child has been offered a place in. The Local Authority will also send you a formal offer letter posted by 1st class post on Tuesday 16th April 2024, which you will receive at some point from the 17th onwards. The Local Authority ask you to allow at least three working days for your letter to arrive. The offer letter will explain how to accept or refuse the offer that has been made.

If you have been offered a place in Reception here at Four Oaks for September, then let me take this first opportunity to welcome you! As soon as the Local Authority send us a list of names our own induction process will kick in, and you will soon know about all of the exciting events we have planned for the Summer Term to get your children prepared for a successful start at school after the summer holidays.



Class Photographs

A reminder that on Thursday 25th April class photographs of all of the children will be taken in school. If your child is due to have PE that day they will need to bring in their PE kit to get changed into. We hope to see lots of smart children, please ensure that your child is not wearing trainers. We will send details of how parents can order these photographs if they wish in due course.

School Closure - Thursday 2nd May

Thursday 2nd May will see the Police and Crime Commissioner elections in England and Wales. The Police and Crime Commissioner in Birmingham makes sure that the local police are meeting the needs of our local communities, and as a school we have no choice in our school building being used as a polling station. We apologise to all parents for this inconvenience.

Staff Training Days

A reminder that our 4th staff training day will take place on Wednesday 22nd May and school will be closed to pupils on this day. Our 5th and final staff training day of the year will be on the very last day of the Summer Term which is Monday 22nd July and school will also be closed on this day.

National School Rebuilding Programme

I can now let parents know that we have completed a series of 'Client Engagement Meetings' with the DFE and the building contractors who have won the tender to build our new school over the next couple of years. In these meetings we all came together over a period of 6 weeks to work out what the new building will look like both externally and internally. The contractors have now gone away to prepare their planning submission to send to the planning department at Birmingham City Council. This means that during this term they will also arrange for a community meeting where all parents and residents will be invited into school over the course of one day to view the plans and ask questions. As a school we truly appreciate that this is a community project which will affect all of our families and local residents, and that it has to be right for everyone and provide Four Oaks Primary School with a positive future where the children will be at the heart of everything that happens on site. Keep your eyes peeled on the newsletter and through the mobile app for more news soon!



Lego Donations



As the better weather (hopefully) approaches we would love to be able to offer the children the chance to play with Lego outside at lunchtime. If anyone has any Lego lying around that they no longer require we would be grateful for any donations. Please bring them to the Infant office.

Streetly Tennis Club

This half-term our Year 3 pupils will get the chance to visit Streetly Tennis Club to hone their tennis skills in yet another sporting opportunity for the pupils at Four Oaks Primary. This is an annual occurrence and one that the children really enjoy. Look for further details on TEAMS as to when the children will be visiting the club.



Warwickshire County Cricket Club



This term will see Warwickshire County Cricket Club coming into school on a regular basis to coach our Year 4 and 5 pupils, but they also run cricket programmes outside school to support children all across the primary age range. Just have a look at the promotional poster at the end of this newsletter to read further details of their 'All Stars Cricket' and 'Dynamo Cricket' programmes.

X-Country

The last race of the season will be held tonight at Veseyans' Rugby Club, so we would like to wish the whole team good luck. A big thank you to all parents for supporting your children in taking them to these races. We will report back with the results when we have them.





Super Stars and Acorns



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Bumblebees	The Whole Class
Ladybirds	The Whole Class
Owls	Nina
Hedgehogs	Tamara
Turtles	Tobias
Sharks	Maisie
3E	Milo
3W	William
4C	Hugo
4R	Emilie
5G	Athier
5M	Jessica P.
6B	Aneka
6S	Jai

Bumblebees	Yousef
Ladybirds	Noah W.
Owls	Amber
Hedgehogs	Reggie
Turtles	Emily G,
Sharks	Pavi
3E	Elliot
3W	Veer
4C	Olivia
4R	Isla
5G	Not awarded
5M	Lottie
6B	Noah
6S	Annabel

Courtesy Cup Winners ~ 22nd March

Reception	Ella / Ernest
Year 1	Felicity / Ava-Mae
Year 2	Amelie / Mia J.
Year 3	Jenson / Alex B.
Year 4	Zahra / Isla
Year 5	Jake / Harriet
Year 6	Pippa / Harry C.



Well done to all the winners!

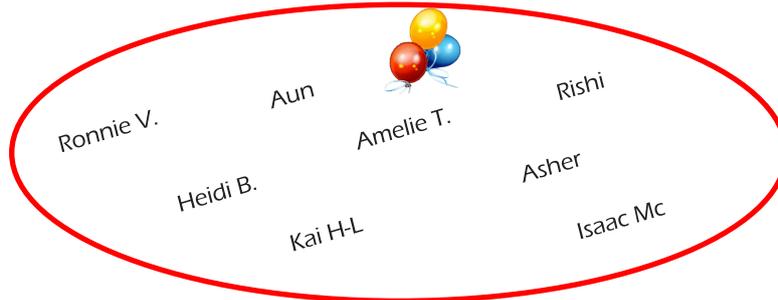
Courtesy Cup Winners ~ last week

Reception	Loki / Ronnie
Year 1	Ellora / Rex
Year 2	Ariya / Aavai
Year 3	Madeleine / Millie
Year 4	Jordan / Seren-Rae
Year 5	Arvin
Year 6	Emily / Nicole



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Infant Birthdays



Kindness Tree Award



22nd March Infants: Isaac Mc (Sharks)
 8th March Juniors: Amanda (3E) / Emily H. (5G) / Taran S. & Oliver M (6S)
 Last Week Infants: Joshua (Owls)
 Last Week Juniors: Nicole (6S)



Alison Mander—Kindness Award



The award for Spring first half term was awarded to:

- Infants— Daisy B (Turtles)
- Juniors— Georgiana (4R)

The award for Spring second half term was awarded to:

- Infants— Torben (Hedgehogs)
- Juniors— Jacob M. (5G)



Football Fixtures



In the next few weeks our boys' and girls' teams will be taking part in quite a few football fixtures. We thought it would help parents to have all of these fixtures in one place:



Date	Fixture	Venue
Thursday 18 th April	Boys v Whitehouse Common Girls v Whitehouse Common	Four Oaks
Monday 22 nd April	Boys Tournament	Coles Lane Football Club
Thursday 25 th April	Boys v New Oscott Girls v New Oscott	Four Oaks Four Oaks
Monday 29 th April	Boys v Minworth (Cup Game)	Four Oaks

Parking

In my last newsletter I wrote about inconsiderate parking in Russell Bank Road. Since that time, I have been in touch with residents and incidents of this have still been happening. I cannot stress strongly enough that parking across residents' dropped kerb driveways is not acceptable. I would ask again all parents dropping off children at school to show respect to our residents and park sensibly. We have now moved one of our 'keep children safe' parking signs to this area to give parents a visual reminder on a daily basis.

Reception—Parent Assembly and Lunch

We look forward to welcoming our Reception parents to their first assembly and lunch on Thursday 9th May. Whilst we can easily cater for any vegetarians could we ask parents to let us know if they have any other dietary requirements (eg Vegan, coeliac or allergies) by telephoning the Infant office (675 4040 Option 2) by Friday 3rd May. Thank you.

Visiting Authors



Our children had great fun today listening to two visiting authors. Chris Naylor-Ballesteros and Emily Harper came along to entertain the children and give them some tips about how to be more successful in their writing. This is the latest in our constant push to highlight the importance of reading and writing as skills in life, and not just at school. As we always say to the children, if you read more then you get better at everything. We hope that any children who purchased any of Chris' or Emily's books today really enjoy them!

Sutton Coldfield Community Trust—Uniform Grant Applications

We have received notification from SCCT that they have extended their application deadline to 13th June. If you are in receipt of any benefits listed in our newsletter of 21st February and think you may be eligible please contact Mrs Johnson in the Junior office (675 4040 Option 1) for a form.

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

Mr M Benton
 Head Teacher

FIND YOUR LOCAL ALL STARS & DYNAMOS CLUB & SIGN UP HERE:

<https://ecb.clubspark.uk/dynamos/SearchResults>

All Stars Cricket (for all children aged 5-8 years old) provides a fantastic first experience where they're guaranteed 8 weeks of jam-packed fun, activity and skills development. **Dynamos Cricket** provides a fantastic opportunity for **8-11year-olds** whether they are new to the sport or already budding young players to develop their cricket skills, gearing them up to take the next step in the game! Every child who registers for a programme also receives their very own personalised t-shirt on top the 8-weeks' worth of sessions!

Sign-ups for new participants open on **Wednesday 10th April** so make sure you get in early and secure your place at the link above! Simply type in your postcode and find a centre local to you.

