

FOUR OAKS PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Next Week—Menu 2

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Dear Parents and Governors

Reception Places for September 2024

I am very pleased to say that once again we will have a full school at the start of the next academic year, as we have had a high demand for our 60 Reception places for September 2024. We are really pleased to welcome our new and returning families to be a part of the 'Four Oaks Family', and if any new parents are unsure over any details of our induction process, then please call the school office where our friendly staff will be only too willing to help out.

School Closed Tomorrow

A reminder that school is closed to all pupils tomorrow, as school is being used as a polling station for the Police and Crime Commissioners' elections. We apologise for the inconvenience to both pupils and parents, but we have no say in the arrangements for elections. We look forward to seeing all of our pupils back in school this Friday.

A Job Opportunity at All Saints

Throughout the year we work closely with All Saints Church for the benefit of our pupils. They have alerted us to the fact that they have created a new post within their parish for an administrator. If you are interested in this exciting opportunity, then just follow the link below or read more details in the 'Latest News' section of our school website.

<https://www.cofebirmingham.com/about-us/vacancies/parish-administrator--all-saints-four-oaks.php>

Nut Free School

Can we remind all parents that we have a no nut policy at school as we have some children who are highly allergic to nuts. Can you please ensure that any snacks that are brought into school, **including those brought in for after school activity clubs**, are nut free. Thank you for your co-operation.



Easter Science Fayre



A huge well done to all of our families who spent time working on a project for this year's Science Fayre on the theme of Time. Once again we had an overwhelming number of fantastic entries which demonstrate the enthusiasm which our children have towards science at FOPS. Well done to our winners, Isla (Reception), Ava (Yr 1), Maiya (Yr 2), Martha (Yr 3) and Thea and Maddie (Yr 6), who have been invited to a special science learning evening lead by the physicist Jenny Watson from the Ogden Trust.

KS2 SATs Week Good Luck



The week beginning Monday 13th May will see our Year 6 pupils tackling their KS2 SATs tests, so we wish them all lots of luck. I would ask that all Year 6 parents support both us and their children by making sure they are in school for the whole week, and that they get to school at the normal time and are not late. The SATs tests have to be taken on the same days for all Year 6 children across the country so cannot be repeated on different days.



Football News



On Thursday 18th April our boys and girls' football team played amazingly against Whitehouse Common. The boys passed superbly and dribbled the ball to the net, but luck was against us and the goals just weren't going in, so resulted in 0 - 6 to WHC! The girls played a corker of a match and the end result was 8 - 0 to us! Brilliant matches played by both teams, you were a credit to the school.

On Monday of this week the boys played Minworth in the cup and this time they had their shooting boots on! 1 -0 up at half-time, during the second half they pushed their advantage home and won by 4 goals to 1.

Boys Football

On Monday 22nd April, Four Oaks boys' football teams played some outstanding football at The Sutton Coldfield Rotary Club Tournament at Coles Lane. Both teams played excellently and represented the school well throughout the tournament. The A team were unbeaten in all of their group games, with the boys dominating play and being praised by the other schools on how well they played. The B team battled hard in a tough group, winning 1 game and drawing 2 others. All of the players should be extremely proud of their performance and it was a delight to see all the smiles on the pitch.

Girls Football

On Thursday 25th April our girls' team played New Oscott in the Cup tournament at home and again did our school proud. The game was fast-paced and a joy for spectators to watch. The end result was 5 - 1 to Four Oaks. Well done girls! Mere Green is your next challenge as you're through to the next round!

Cross Country

Congratulations to all of the children who have represented Four Oaks in the cross-country championships this year. We always say that these events are some of the most challenging sporting activities that we ask the children to do each year, and so we are very proud of the children who took part in the last race of the year two weeks ago at Veseyan's rugby club.



Summer Concert—Saturday 18th May—6pm

Heather our violin and piano teacher will be holding a concert for our students on 18th May. All the details are below. Please come along and support our students and see what accomplished musicians they all are.

*I will be running a summer concert, for all students to take part in. Students can come and play one of the pieces they have been working on recently, and will be able to hear other students perform as well. The concert will be on **Saturday 18th May, in Little Aston Village Hall at 6pm.***

A keyboard will be provided at the concert, and a music stand. If you play multiple instruments you are welcome to play more than once, and if you have siblings who would like to take part they are welcome to do so (even if they don't have lessons with me).

Price

The concert will be FREE for anyone who performs, and for audience members it is:

£5 for adults

£3 for concessions (children aged 13-17 and adults 60+)

Free for children 12 and under

You can pay by cash or card, or if you know who is coming you can send me the ticket fee and book your tickets in advance.

When and where

The concert will be at Little Aston Village Hall, B74 3UF. There is a car park with plenty of parking spaces.

You will be able to arrive 15 minutes before the concert, from 5.45pm.

Heather

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MUSIC MATTERS!





Super Stars and Acorns



The following children received Stars (Infants) and Acorns (Juniors) in Assembly On 18th April Well done to them all!!

Bumblebees	Suhaan
Ladybirds	Anushka
Owls	Mia
Hedgehogs	Troy
Turtles	Elliott
Sharks	Jaya
3E	Jivan
3W	Enzo
4C	Hajra
4R	Daia
5G	Charlie W,
5M	Jessica P.
6B	Thea
6S	Alexia



Super Stars and Acorns



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

Bumblebees	Orla S.
Ladybirds	Dilawar
Owls	Dalton
Hedgehogs	Troy
Turtles	Thea
Sharks	Maiya Pa.
3E	Harry
3W	Nisharne
4C	Umbika
4R	Stella
5G	Harry M.
5M	Harry C.
6B	Amira
6S	Theo

Courtesy Cup Winners ~ 18th April

Reception	Lucia / Sahib
Year 1	Penelope / Maximilian
Year 2	Oliver S. / Joshua
Year 3	James / Oliver S.
Year 4	Charlie / Aaryan
Year 5	Yian / Jessica C.
Year 6	Elise / Sonny



Well done to all the winners!

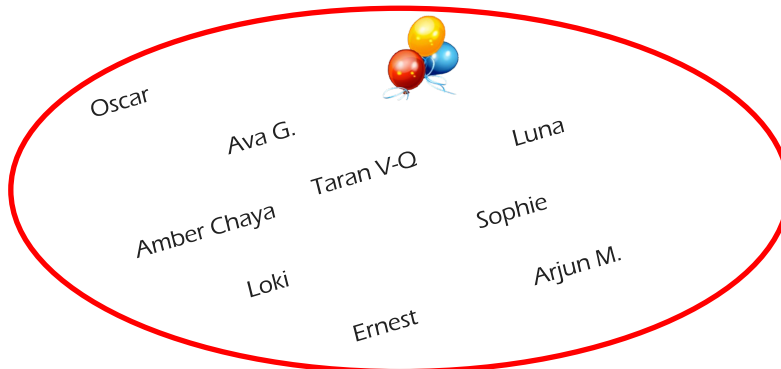
Courtesy Cup Winners ~ last week

Reception	Noah F. / Ronnie
Year 1	Roman / Rishi
Year 2	Saya / Didar
Year 3	Isabel / Ellena
Year 4	Bella / Danny
Year 5	Charly C. / Lottie
Year 6	Fatima / Daniel



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Infant Birthdays



Kindness Tree Award

18th April Infants: Zara (Hedgehogs)
18th April Juniors: Gian (3E)
Last Week Infants: Mia (Sharks)
Last Week Juniors: Aarun (6S)



PTFA Ball



Friday 17th May is the day of our PTFA School Ball for 2024. Many thanks to those parents and friends who have supported school by buying tickets, as this event, that happens every two years, is one of our most successful fundraisers. Every single penny that is raised from this event will go straight back into school for the benefit of every single child in school. We hope those parents who are going to this entertaining evening will have a great time.

Yummy Cake Sale

At 3.30pm on Friday 10th May one of our parents will be holding her next cake sale in the Junior outdoor classroom. These events, which have now happened regularly over the last 3 years, are another way of supporting our school as a percentage of the takings gets donated to the PTFA and come straight back into school to benefit all pupils. Plus, the cakes are absolutely delicious!



ICT Tip of the Week

Ticket Fraud has been in the news recently. Action Fraud reports that £6.7 million was lost to ticket fraud in 2023 in the UK.

Only buy tickets from the venue's box office, official promoter, or a well-known ticketing website.

Do not pay for tickets by bank transfer. Credit card or payment services such as PayPal give you a better chance of recovering the money if you become a victim of fraud.

The password you use for your email account should always be different to the password you use for other online services. If fraudsters have access to email accounts they can easily change passwords for other sites.

Check the reseller is a member of STAR? If they are, the company has signed up to their strict governing standards. For more information visit star.org.uk/buy_safe

If you think you've been a victim of fraud, contact your bank immediately and report it to Action Fraud online at action-fraud.police.uk or by calling 0300 123 2040.

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

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Head Teacher