

FOUR OAKS PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Governors

Next week



Head Teacher Appointment

The Governors wish to inform parents that the process to appoint a permanent Head Teacher is ongoing. When the position was advertised 7 candidates applied and the Governors met recently and have created a shortlist of 4. Interviews will take place on Tuesday 12th March and Governors will inform parents of the outcome by the end of that week.

Cake Sale

A huge thank you to the band of parents who organised a cake sale on the last Friday before half term. Lots of effort went into it and it was hugely successful raising £250!!! A big thank you also to all those parents and children who stood in a very long queue to buy cakes and push the grand total up! Lastly another thank you to the two families who have bought two lovely chalkboards, in the shape of a bumblebee and a ladybird, for the reception children to use in the playgrounds—the children will love using them!



PTA Comedy Night—TONIGHT



A huge thank you to the PTA committee who have arranged another fantastic comedy night for tonight. We hope that everyone coming along will have a fantastic time and have fun raising money for the children in school.

Reading Week—World Book Day—7th March



The week beginning March 4th is going to be Reading Week in school. All week the children will be immersed in reading, some of which will tie in with their creative curriculum. Within this week there will also be lots of opportunities for drama and performing. On Thursday 7th March it is World Book Day and we would like to encourage every child to come to school dressed as one of their favourite book characters. Who knows, the children may even spot a teacher or two dressed up!



Performing Arts Day—8th March



We hope all of the children enjoy our Performing Arts Day next Friday when they will be involved in artistic activities throughout the day. As part of this every class will enjoy a session from a company called "Drama Changes Lives".

Swimming Sessions for Year 4

Swimming begins for Year 4 on Tuesday 12th March and will run for 4 consecutive weeks on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. The children will be informed of the arrangements next week and a letter has come out to parents.



On-Line Safety

I would like to raise awareness of an issue that has been prevalent on-line and on social media in particular this week. There are recent trends using challenges and disturbing images that appear on social media, YouTube or in messages. The challenges encourage children to take part in menacing tasks or to act very dangerously. It also actively discourages children from talking to their parents or other adults about the video.

We felt that it was important to inform you about the potential risks to your child from this video so that we can raise awareness relating to this issue and avoid any possible harm that may be caused as a result of it. As a school we have been talking to the children in general terms about on-line safety and how it is always good to talk to an adult about things that worry them whilst on the Internet. We would ask that you take the time to read the leaflet from National Online Safety that we have posted on the school Twitter account which will give advice about how best to support your children and check the "ICT Tip of the Week" at the end of this newsletter.



Super Stars and Acorns



The following children received Stars (Infants) and Acorns (Juniors) in Assembly on 15th February. Well done to them all!!

Bumblebees	Jake R.
Ladybirds	Ava H.
Owls	Annabel
Hedgehogs	Libby
Turtles	Samuel H.
Sharks	Francis
3E	Elisia
3S	Ruben
4S	Maxwell
4K	Evan
5F	Olivia R.
5G	Dani
6JO	Isobel S.
6W	Jacob / Eric



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

Bumblebees	Jacob
Ladybirds	Lilliemay B.
Owls	James B.
Hedgehogs	Emily
Turtles	Harry S.
Sharks	Harry C.
3E	Jack
3S	Aimee
4S	Daniel W.
4K	Amber
5F	Henry B.
5G	Finley
6JO	Rea
6W	Lewis / Oliver W.

Courtesy Cup Winners ~ 15th February

Reception	Rupert / Charlie W.
Year 1	Harry / Joshua
Year 2	Maisie / Sienna
Year 3	Finn / Sarben
Year 4	Issy H. / Henry
Year 5	Lawrence / Henry B.
Year 6	Emily / Eesa



Well done to all the winners!


Courtesy Cup Winners ~ this week

Reception	Reeva / Samuel C.
Year 1	James C / Pippa
Year 2	Louis / Sienna
Year 3	Hannah G. / Allulah
Year 4	Lexie / Joshua
Year 5	Isabella C / Jack
Year 6	Arnav / Sophie



Well done to all the winners!

Infant Birthdays

Charlie W.  Fatimah
Mila



Alison Mander—Kindness award
Last Half Term it was awarded to:
Infants— Lilly-Mae S. (Ladybirds)
Juniors— Jaiya S. (6W)



Dinner Money ~ Juniors

Dinner money for this half term is now due. The cost for dinners this half term is £85.00. Dinner money should be paid in advance, either termly, half termly or weekly (£12.50) on the first day of every week. Please make cheques payable to: City of Birmingham School Meals Collection and write your child's name and class name on the reverse. Mrs Johnson has requested that you check with her if you think you may have any credits or debits before paying for this term so she can give you the precise amount due. Thank you.

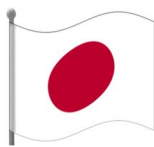


Milk Money—Infants

The cost for milk in Infants for this term is £14.08. If you need to pay for the second half term the cost is £7.70. Please forward the **correct** change in an envelope or cheques should be made payable to City of Birmingham School Meals Collection, please write your child's name and class on the reverse.



A Visit From St. Mary's High School—Japan



We look forward to welcoming a group of girls from St. Mary's High School on Monday 11th March who will come and spend a cultural afternoon with Year 6. Our pupils will tell the Japanese Students all about life at Four Oaks, and in return will learn all about calligraphy, origami and watch a tea ceremony. This is an event which I began at Four Oaks 7 years ago but for the last two years the girls of St Mary's have been unable to visit. We are delighted that it has been possible to reinstate this special visit.

Year 6—Coding and World War 2 Workshop

Year 6 are looking forward to welcoming a team from Bletchley Park into school on Tuesday 12th March. They will be bringing an Enigma machine in to school and talking to the children about coding

Year 3—Lapworth Museum—13/14th March

We hope Year 3 have a great time when they visit Lapworth Museum of Geology in connection with their work on Natural Disasters. 3E will be visiting on 13th March and 3S will visit on 14th March.

Bikeability

A big well done to all of the Year 5 students who took part in Bikeability this week. They thoroughly enjoyed themselves and all passed their Level 1 and Level 2 Bikeability grades. Certificates will be given out in assembly soon. A big thank you to Miss Appleby for organising this activity.



Sutton Coldfield Charitable Trust

Sutton Coldfield Charitable Trust are again making awards, to parents in need, to assist with the purchase of school uniform. To be eligible you must be in receipt of benefits and live in one of the four Sutton Coldfield wards. Successful applicants will be provided with a voucher that can be redeemed at Clive Marks. If you feel you may qualify for a grant please collect the application form from the Junior office and return the form and a copy of the proof of benefit to school by **FRIDAY 29TH MARCH**.

Book Fayre

Thank you to everyone who attended our Book Fayre. We once again had an amazing response which means there will be some new books coming into school soon.



Data Sheets—Years 1-6

Data sheets have now been sent out for all parents to check. It is obviously vital to have up to date contact information. Could any outstanding forms please be returned to confirm that we have the correct details or make any amendments where necessary. Please note if you wish to add any emergency contacts to the list we will require a GDPR form to be completed with that person's signature confirming that we may hold their data. Please contact either office to request this form.

Explore Learning

Our Year 1 children had a great time on Wednesday when they took part in a free maths workshop run by Explore Learning in Mere Green., with Year 2 enjoying their workshop on Thursday. Many thanks to Mrs Bambury for organising these activities.

School policy on Sickness and Diarrhoea

We would like to remind parents that our policy regarding returning to school after a bout of sickness or diarrhoea is that children must be away from school for **at least** 24 hours after the last incident. As we are sure you understand these bugs are spread incredibly easily amongst children and this is to try and prevent other children and the staff from becoming ill. Many thanks for your support.

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Fencing Success

Great news! We have been running fencing sessions for our children before school on a Monday morning for 4 years now and two of our children have taken this interest to the next level. Both George in Year 4 and Alex in Year 6 have developed their fencing skills further by joining classes at Wyndley and just before half term they both took part in the regional championships. George did well in the Under 10s category and Alex had success in the Under 12s category, and he will progress to the National Championships in May. A huge well done to both boys!



Netball Opportunity— Years 1-6

Play Netball

An exciting opportunity to learn to play netball



-  Fun exercise
-  Make new friends
-  Build confidence
-  Learn new skills

A fabulous opportunity for youngsters in years 1 to 6 to come and learn netball with one of the regions most successful junior club.

All abilities welcome.

All coaching undertaken by experienced, performance academy coaches.

Thursday Evenings – Fairfax School
 CONTACT: NewhallNetball@gmail.com or Thea 0121 382 5023

PTA 200 Club

The winners of the February draw are:

£50	No. 43	Mrs T Pentland
£10	No. 103	Mrs Lit
£10	No. 80	Mrs S Clements
Voucher	No. 66	Miss S Thomas
Voucher	No. 71	Mr Dewsbery

Congratulations

ICT Tip of the Week

“Clickbait and Fake News is content whose main purpose is to attract attention and encourage visitors to click on a link to a particular web page, video, picture or other form of media. Often what you see isn't actually real or true but is designed to trick you, particularly youngsters into thinking it's real or true.

You may see things suggesting something will happen if you share or don't share some online content, such as receiving good fortune if you share a post, that you may win a prize if you comment, tag someone and share it. Sometimes the suggested outcomes are nice things, sometimes they're not so nice. The real outcome however, is usually the same, it just won't happen!

Sharing content gives the originators publicity, access to the people you share it with and gives them coverage nationally and internationally.

It's important to encourage conversation about internet use. Talk regularly about the things that, as a family, you are doing and looking at when online. There will be times when children see inappropriate content, but if they are happy to discuss this with adults then they will be happier and you can help to keep them safe.

Understand what apps are being used, how they're being used and what they do. Try them out yourself first before installing on devices children have access to. Set parental controls, either in apps, in device settings, through your Internet Service Provider or a combination of them all to get it right for you and your family.

Report and Block any sites or accounts that may find their way through your parental controls that are sharing content. Parental controls help, but are never 100% accurate as fraudsters attempt to work around them. It's important to monitor and encourage conversations about what's real and not real.

Be Share-Aware! Before sharing content, ask yourself,

*Is it genuine? Is it real or is it fake?
 Is it from a reliable source?
 Will it cause upset, hurt or harm if I share it?
 Do I need to share it?*

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

Yours sincerely

Mr M Benton
 Head Teacher