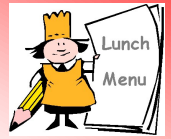


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Next Week—Menu 4

31st January 2024

Dear Parents and Governors

Reading Diaries

We would ask all parents to support us as a school, and all of the children, by filling in their reading diaries on a consistent basis. In this way our teachers can gain a focussed picture of exactly what the children are reading and how often. As we always tell the children in school... if you read more, then you get better at everything!



We appreciate your support in this matter.

Measles Vaccinations

As you will probably be aware, the spread of Measles has been in the news over recent months, with a higher-than-average number of cases across Birmingham, and now London. Over the last few months, we have twice put out a letter from Birmingham Environmental Public Health Department urging all parents to get their young children vaccinated against this potentially dangerous and highly infectious disease. So far, we have not had a single case of Measles in school, and will keep promoting this message to keep our children safe.

We have attached the warning letter from Birmingham Public Health Department to the end of this newsletter and urge all parents to read it.

SATs Results - Top of the Pile!

We are super proud that last week, it was announced that in Birmingham, two schools - Four Oaks Primary School and St. James' Catholic Primary School, led the way last year across the whole education authority in the Key Stage 2 SATs results, with 90% of all Year 6 pupils achieving the expected standard in Reading, Writing and Mathematics. This fact reflects how hard all of my staff work with their pupils over the 7 years of their school lives, and how supportive you all are as parents, to make sure that every child has an opportunity to do their very best. Well done everyone!

Bishop Vesey Athletics

On Wednesday last week Mrs Evans and Miss Appleby took some of our Y3 and Y4 pupils to Bishop Vesey to compete in an indoor athletics competition. They were absolute superstars and represented Four Oaks superbly. At the end of the competition the boys walked away with silver medals, the girls walked away with bronze medals, and the school came third overall. A huge well done to all pupils and staff involved!



Parkour Lessons

As we are affiliated members of the Wilson Stuart Partnership, which is how we compete in so many sporting events, we have had the opportunity to trial 'Parkour' for all children from Years 1 - 6. This will give the children a taster into the sport and signpost them to where they can participate in it if they enjoy it. These sessions have started this week and will continue for one year group at a time for the next 6 school weeks.



NSPCC Number Day

Friday 2nd February will see everyone at school celebrating NSPCC Number Day. Parents will need to check their year group's TEAMS page to check arrangements for how their children are requested to dress for this non-school uniform day with a mathematical theme. All proceeds from this annual event will go to the NSPCC and help to improve the lives of children less fortunate than those at Four Oaks. Thank you for your support!

Film Night

A big thank you to the PTA volunteers who organised and were present for the film nights two Friday's ago. The children had a thoroughly enjoyable time and it proved to be a lovely way to finish a busy school week. Yet again this has brought valuable funds into school to help us give your children the richest and most vibrant curriculum we can.

Year 3 Parents' Assembly & Lunch

Our Year 3 Assembly will take place on Tuesday 6th February when we will invite our Year 3 parents into school to celebrate what the children have been learning about in school. The children will perform for the other children in school at 9am and will perform to parents at 10.15am. Can we ask parents to arrive between 10am and 10.15am and queue up at the Infant building entrance.

At the end of the assembly the staff will escort the Y3 children back to the Junior building, and I will escort all parents over to the dining hall. **Can I remind all parents who wish to stay for lunch with their child, that they must have booked this on School Money prior to the event to enable my kitchen staff to cater for the correct number of people.**

Parents' Evening

Next Wednesday and Thursday we will be having our second Parents' Evenings of the year between 3.40pm and 6pm. You will be given an opportunity to visit one of your year group's classrooms to peruse your child's books, and then move to the other year group classroom to have 10 minutes with your class teacher to discuss pupil progress. You should today have been notified of your appointment time, so we ask that you turn up in plenty of time for your appointment to help both evenings run smoothly. You may come into school through the rear door of one of your year group's classrooms.



Parking & Traffic Signs

Each year the Lord Mayor of Sutton Coldfield invites schools to bid for a grant of money to help support school improvement, and as examples, in past years we have received money to help our Gardening Club, buy new reading books, and to support remote learning. This year the grant has been given a 'Promoting Community Involvement and Safety in and around schools' theme by the Mayor and from our pot of money we have purchased new traffic safety signage for outside our two pedestrian entrances on Edge Hill Road, alongside some more bike storage racks so hopefully we can have a whole year group bringing bikes/scooters to school once they arrive. These signs were installed last Friday and thank you to the parents who took notice of them. It was disappointing however to hear from some parents that other parents were still ignoring them. I will stress again that all measures we take as a school around our gates are **to protect your children**, and this will only succeed if we all work together!

Netball

The netball squads played 2 games against Little Sutton on Thursday 25th January. The first game was a tightly contested match. The match finished with Four Oaks winning by 3 goals.



The second match was played by our developing players. Four Oaks took the lead in the first quarter 7 -0 both teams switched players and Little Sutton scored a goal. The match finished with another win for Four Oaks 7-1. A fabulous start to the league!

The next match will be played on 22nd February.

Musical Achievements

Some of our talented musician have been taking some music exams. Well done to Caesar, Daisy B. and Shan who were awarded their Copper medal for violin. To Avni, Sheng and Amber F. who were awarded their bronze medal for violin and to Lucy, Noah K and Alayna who gained their bronze medal on keyboard. A massive WELL DONE to them all.





Super Stars and Acorns



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

Bumblebees	Lacey
Ladybirds	Aana
Owls	Leon
Hedgehogs	Raphael
Turtles	Emilie W.
Sharks	Aarick
3E	Isabel
3W	Luca
4C	Zahra
4R	Toji
5G	Amelia
5M	Samuel
6B	Lily / Darcy
6S	Thea



Super Stars and Acorns



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

Bumblebees	Ella / Noah F.
Ladybirds	Ezra
Owls	Sophie
Hedgehogs	Thomas
Turtles	Maya V-Q
Sharks	Isaac
3E	Sulayman
3W	Heath
4C	Hector
4R	Ella
5G	Scarlett
5M	Ezra
6B	Christina
6S	Daniel

Courtesy Cup Winners ~ 18th January

Reception	Jovan N. / Aaron
Year 1	Mia R. / Bethany
Year 2	Landi / Maya Po.
Year 3	Sebastian / Simran
Year 4	Jai S. /Charlotte
Year 5	Esme / Lottie
Year 6	Bella / Max



Well done to all the winners!

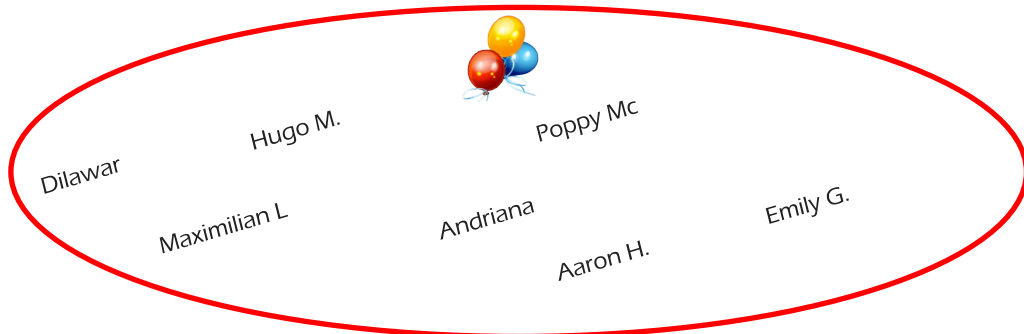
Courtesy Cup Winners ~ last week

Reception	Ophelia / Charlotte
Year 1	Saffi / Troy
Year 2	Luna / Pavi
Year 3	Ralph / Lucia
Year 4	Finlay / Georgiana
Year 5	Harry R./ Charlotte Mc
Year 6	Cameron / Aarun



Well done to all the winners!

Infant Birthdays



Kindness Tree Award

18th January Infants: Alfie C (Sharks)
18th January Juniors: Jake (5G)
Last Week Infants: Poppy (Owls)
Last Week Juniors: Lily M. and Maddie C. (3E)



Science Selfies Competition

Well done to everyone who took part in the Science Selfie competition which took place over the Christmas holidays. There were so many fantastic entries from children who had been busy making potato batteries, lava lamps, bouncing eggs, visiting museums and using microscopes. We even had a homemade seismometer! All children enjoyed sharing their photographs in our Science Curriculum Assembly this week and have received a certificate. A special well done to our Winners James, Amelia, Ranvir and Aarick who were voted winners by our Science Ambassadors!

Mrs Coles Science Co-ordinator



Year 2—National Memorial Arboretum

We hope Year 2 have had a wonderful day today on their trip to the National Memorial Arboretum. This will enhance their learning about World War I.



Milk—Infants

A reminder that if you no longer wish your child to have their milk next half term could you please contact Mrs Cerrone in the Infant office **before** the end of this half term. We are unable to cancel milk part way through the half term as this is ordered in advance.



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Tuesday 6th February (7:30am-6pm)

Rags 2 Riches Clothing collection- bag drop off day

A popular fundraiser at no cost to you. A charity bag will come home in your child's school bag, but please use any other bag too. We need quality clothing and accessories, **NO** uniform at all please. Bring your filled bags- you must label them 'FOPS' so that our school is credited with the correct amount collected - to the JUNIOR outdoor classroom in the morning from 7:30am or at pick up until 6pm on Tues 6th Feb. 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 is not suitable. School receives 50p per kilo of suitable items collected!



February Half Term- Smartie Challenge

Let us introduce this year's PTFA Smartie Challenge!

A box of Smarties will come home in your child's bag. Once the Smarties have been eaten, use the empty box to collect some coins. Perhaps your child would like to do some jobs around the house or garden to earn their coins?

Then return the filled tube to your class teacher after the half term holiday. The race is on to see which class can raise the most money! A giant tube of Smarties awaits every child in the winning classes. One class from Infants and one from Juniors will be chosen. All the money raised goes to supporting our children at the school.

Don't use cash? No problem- pay whatever your child has earned via our website 'PTA Events'. To pay in their earnings, select the product that relates to their class, change the "Price" to the amount that you are paying in and set the "Quantity" to 1, then simply add to basket and checkout as usual. The closing date for paying in is 26th February.

Smarties Challenge



<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/four-oaks-primary/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=70558>

Fri 23rd Feb (7pm) - Comedy Night (Adults only)

There are now less than 20 tickets left. The comedians coming to perform for us are fantastic. If you haven't been to our comedy night before, we transform the Junior hall into a buzzing live comedy venue. Stage set, stage lighting, licensed bar, pizza delivery for everyone and a great night of stand up comedy on your doorstep. The acts and MC have been organised by the successful 'Comedy Junction at The Station'. Bring your friends! For all the information see the attached flyer.

Tickets here: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/four-oaks-primary/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=70632>

Half-Term Premier Sport Gymnastics Camp

On Monday 12th, Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th February, the first three days of the half-term break, Premier Sports will be running their popular gymnastics camp at school in the Infant Hall. If you are interested in this popular activity and have not yet signed up, just see the details on the flyer attached to this newsletter.

Community News

We have attached a flyer for some community events, which parents may be interested in, that are taking place throughout March in Boldmere.

Just for Starters Nursery—Job Vacancy



Job vacancy

Just For Starters is a small family run nursery conveniently located on the site of Four Oaks Primary School.

We are looking to fill the above role with an experienced nursery nurse with a level 3 qualification in childcare.

There's flexibility in the post to be full or part time (and/or term time only) Join this experienced team to inspire young learners.

Please contact the Estelle Thomas on 07932 736424 or email your CV to ethomasjustforstarters@yahoo.com

Half-Term Break

I'd like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a happy half-term break, as we won't have another newsletter until we come back. The children will break up on Friday 9th February and we will look forward to them returning on Monday 19th February. I hope everyone has a good rest and returns to school energized ready for the second half of the school year.



ICT Tip of the Week

Be a Selective Sharer. There are lots of opportunities to share our personal information online. Be cautious about what you share, particularly when it comes to personal information. Be cautious of games or quizzes on social media asking for information such as your favourite colour, your first teacher, the town you were born or your favourite number. These questions are often used when setting up accounts for additional security measures, but hackers create scams and may ask these questions too. If you provide the answers, you may innocently be posting the answers to your security questions online for the hackers!

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

Mr M Benton
Head Teacher



25/10/2023

Dear Parents and Carers

Measles (MMR) Vaccine Reminder

As half term approaches, this is an ideal time to get up to date with the measles (MMR) vaccination. There has been a recent rise in measles cases across the country. Birmingham and Solihull have low MMR vaccination rates and there is a risk of a measles outbreak this winter.

Measles is a highly infectious disease, which can be very serious. The MMR vaccination is recommended to help protect you, your child and loved ones against measles. Two doses of the MMR vaccine are needed to get the best protection. The vaccination is free of charge.

Anyone unvaccinated who is exposed to someone with measles may be advised to isolate for 3 weeks. This would disrupt their learning or work, and this could happen repeatedly. If exposure happened again, another 3 week isolation period would be required each time.

Children and adults can catch up on any missed vaccinations by contacting their GP practice. Children should have the first dose at 1 year old and the second dose at 3 years and 4 months old. Two doses of the MMR can provide life-long immunity.

Vaccination will also help prevent the spread of measles. The MMR vaccination also protects against mumps and rubella.

Please contact your GP to book an appointment for Measles (MMR) vaccination.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Mary Orhewere FFPH
Assistant Director, Environmental Public Health, Health Protection & Place
Birmingham City Council

For more information visit: [Measles - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

As a reminder you can use this section to record the date and time of your child's vaccination appointment:

on: ____ / ____ / ____ at ____ am/pm
Date Time

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February Half-Term

PREMIER GYMNASTICS CAMPS

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GYMNASTICS CAMPS NEAR YOU

Venue:	Four Oaks Primary School, B74 4PA
Dates:	12th February- 14th February 2024
Times:	08:00am-15:30 or 9:00-15:00
Price:	9:00- 15:00 @ £25 & 8:00-15:30 @ £28
Ages:	4-11
Additional info:	Half day bookings for 4 year olds are available

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FROM COMEDY JUNCTION

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Food Included

LIVE COMEDY NIGHT
Friday 23rd February
Doors and Bar 7:00pm

ROB DEERING
Bruisingly hilarious - Time Out
Inspired - Daily Telegraph
"A highly impressive one-man soundscape powered mainly by energy and excellent guitar skills"
The Scotsman

KATE LUCAS
'A true musical genius'
Edinburgh Festivals Magazine
'Comedy perfection'
TO DO LIST

+ MC MICHAEL DRYBURGH

Tickets via WWW.pta-events.co.uk/four-oaks-primary

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March 2nd
Beats of the World
Dhol player, Dance Attack Performance, SuperDuper Inflatables bouncy castle, Face Painting, Mendhi, Arts & Crafts

March 9th
Bread from around the World...On Your Doorstep
Come and taste breads from around the world. Children's bread making demonstrations.

March 16th
Calm your Mind
Holistic therapies will be offered by local therapists including reflexology, reiki, massage and more. Meditation session by Dr Singh

March 23rd
The Grand Finale
Musical finale, performance by Sutton Stage School, Shakespeare's Birthday Celebrations - talk with Dr Anjna Chouhan, Arts & Crafts

EVERY SATURDAY 3PM-5PM
Newman Community Centre (formerly the Carpenter's Arms),
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