

FOUR OAKS PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Governors

I just wanted to take this opportunity to thank all of you who have wished me well leading up to the Headship interviews this week. I also wanted to say how happy I am that the Governors have decided that I am the right person to take the school forward into the future. Rest assured that I will put every ounce of effort I have into making sure that Four Oaks Primary School provides all of your children with the chance to fulfil their true potential in the years to come!

Many thanks, Mr Benton

Quarantine Times for Sickness and Diarrhoea

Following on from the bouts of sickness that befell school just before the half-term holidays, this week in school we have received updated guidance from Public Health England about how long children should remain away from school following a bout of sickness or diarrhoea. In the past we have followed the advice of the School Nurse Service which has advised a gap of 24 hours, but Public Health England are now saying that a gap of 48 hours is advisable. We hope that all parents will appreciate and follow this guidance in order to stop the undue spread of symptoms in school. Many thanks to you all.

Year 4 Swimming



We hope that 4K have enjoyed their first four days of swimming and are looking forward to the rest of their swimming provision next week. 4ES will begin their eight days of swimming on Tuesday 26th March.

Assemblies and Parent Lunches

Reception: Will be performing their assembly on Wednesday 27th March beginning at 10.30am. The parents' lunch will begin at approximately 11.15am

Year 3: Will be performing their assembly on Thursday 4th April beginning at 10.30am. The parents' lunch will begin at approximately 11.15am

Year 1: Will be performing their assembly on Wednesday 10th April beginning at 10.15am. Once the Year 1 assembly is finished parents will be given 30 minutes to go to the Year 1 classrooms and see the children's Enterprise projects. The parents' lunch will begin at approximately 11.15am

Slips will be sent out in due course, please note the deadline for booking lunches on the slip. The cost is £4.00 for adults and £2.50 for pre-school siblings.

Dogs on the School Site

A polite reminder that the local authority have a very strict rule about parents not bringing dogs onto the school site. Whilst I appreciate that your pets are probably very docile and friendly, we do have quite a few children who are very wary of dogs. Thank you for complying with this rule to ensure the safety of everyone on site.



Parental Donations

I would just like to take a moment to thank those parents who have recently donated various resources to school. Obviously parents are aware that there are very real funding issues within education at present and it is great to know that we have so much support from parents in making sure the children at Four Oaks Primary get the best opportunities. In the next couple of weeks we will be launching news of our new "School Fund", so I hope that will become a new way for parents to show their support for what we as a whole school community do year in and year out!

Packed Lunches—Grapes

We are delighted to see healthy options being brought into school for packed lunches but have a request that if your child is bringing in grapes could these please be cut in half to avoid becoming a choking hazard. We are required by the council to ensure that all grapes served by Debbie are cut in half and would be grateful if parents could do the same. Thank you for your understanding.





Super Stars and Acorns



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

Bumblebees	Jack
Ladybirds	Penny
Owls	Isabel
Hedgehogs	Noah
Turtles	Adam
Sharks	Daniel
3E	Callum
3S	Alex W.
4S	Jack R.
4K	Not awarded
5F	Maya
5G	Remi
6JO	Ryan
6W	Harriet



Super Stars and Acorns



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

Bumblebees	Nikki
Ladybirds	Olivia
Owls	Julia
Hedgehogs	Bella
Turtles	Harry C.
Sharks	Connor
3E	The Whole Class
3S	Not awarded—school trip
4S	Noah
4K	Ashmi
5F	Arnie
5G	Fina
6JO	John
6W	Ava

Courtesy Cup Winners ~ 15th February

Reception	Charlie L-M / Harry R.
Year 1	William P. / Daisy
Year 2	Alayna / Connor
Year 3	Jasmine / Seth
Year 4	Auryn
Year 5	Edward /Eliza
Year 6	Isabel M. / Taran



Well done to all the winners!

Courtesy Cup Winners ~ this week

Reception	Isabella /Jovan
Year 1	Khadijah / Zachary
Year 2	Miles / Oliver P.
Year 3	Lily
Year 4	Haydn / Molly
Year 5	Luke / Zach
Year 6	Hari / Chloe



Well done to all the winners!

Infant Birthdays

Jack H.

Alayna H.



Taran

Oliver J.

Kimran

Dinner Money ~ Juniors

Dinner money for this half term is now due if you have not already paid. Please refer to your weekly letter for amounts due. 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 so she can give you the precise amount. Thank you.



Medical Appointments

A reminder that if you wish to take your child out of school for a medical appointment we do require a copy of the appointment notice, this includes dental appointments. Whilst we understand that many appointments are made over the phone or on—line most GPs will have a slip at the surgery which can be filled in and brought into school Thank you.

Easter Holiday Dates

A reminder that the last day of school for pupils before the Easter holidays will be Thursday 11th April. Friday 12th April is a staff training day.

Trips and Visits

Year 3

Year 3 really enjoyed their visits to Lapworth Museum of Geology this week. This is a new destination for us and is linked to one of our new exciting topics within our re-vamped foundation curriculum. I'm sure it will further motivate the children to be curious about their classroom learning!



Year 4

On Thursday 9th May our Year 4 pupils will be off to explore Birmingham Botanical Gardens - a letter will be coming out to parents soon.

Year 6



Our Year 6 pupils have had a very busy last few days. On Monday they were hosts to 12 girls from St. Mary's High School in Japan. The two groups of children sang to each other, played clapping games and learnt about each other's schools. Then they went off to practise the traditional Japanese skills of origami and calligraphy. We hope we can continue this international link in the years to come!

On Tuesday they had a visitor from the museum at Bletchley Park arrive in school to do a code breaking workshop with them and show them a real German Enigma machine!! These visits truly bring our new curriculum to life and instil a lasting curiosity in the children so thank you for contributing to make these events possible!



Reading Week—World Book Day—7th March

Everyone had a great time during our reading week and we were amazed at the wonderful costumes the children (and staff!) wore on World Book Day. Check out our website for photographs soon!

Performing Arts Day—8th March



All of the children enjoyed our Performing Arts Day last Friday when they enjoyed a session from a company called "Drama Changes Lives".

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**.

King Edward's School Birmingham—Open Days

Open Days - King Edward Boy's School will be holding an Open Day on Saturday 30th March 2019 10.00am - 12.30pm. The school is committed to make the school accessible to boys of high ability regardless of parental income and have a Means-tested Assisted Places Scheme in place. They will also be holding an Open Evening on Monday 24th June 2019 6.00pm - 8.00pm and another Open Morning on Saturday 14th September 2019 10.00am - 12.30pm.

Open Days for King Edward's Girl's School will be held on Saturday 22nd June 2019 - 09:30am - 12:30pm and Saturday 21st September 9.30am - 12.30pm.

School Car Park

We would like to remind parents that they are not allowed to drive onto site without specific permission. We have noticed an increase of people attempting to tailgate through the barrier in order to access the car park. Our car park can get very busy so for the safety of everyone please do not attempt to access the site.



Parents in Printing / Publishing

We are on the look-out for any parents who may have expertise in the printing or publishing world. We would like support and help from anyone who could help us to turn our new exciting curriculum document into a published marketable document. If this sounds like you then please contact us at school to talk through our ideas. Many thanks!

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Comedy Night

A huge thank you to the PTA Committee for organising the Comedy Night on 1st March and a huge thank you to all those parents and friends who came along to make it a success. It really was a fantastic night and was enjoyed by absolutely everyone who came along.

If you haven't been to one of the Comedy Nights before then please find someone who has and talk to them about their experience. It is a really relaxed, fun evening, full of laughter good food and drink, and the PTA are already talking about organising a similar event for next Spring!

School Fund

Many thanks to the PTA Committee for their help with setting up our new "School Fund" which will enable parents to donate to school if they wish. This will be launched straight after the Easter break and there will be a separate letter coming out to parents with all details and processes explained clearly. We look forward to working with parents to ensure a brighter financial future for the children of Four Oaks Primary!

Disco / Pizza Party



The PTA Disco event on 5th April will now be a disco for the Infant department, but a "Pizza Party" for the Junior Department. There will still be music to enjoy but the Junior children will have a chance to buy a slice of pizza and sit down and chill and socialize together! We look forward to seeing as many pupils as possible during the evening! Please see the attached flyer.



Spring Ball 2019

The final balance is now due for your tables. If you could kindly pass to Becky or Nicky and please include a full list of names on your table along with any dietary requirements. Balance is £20 per person. We are also looking for sponsors for the event which is £50. We will include your company information on the programmes which will be located on all tables. Plus you will be able to provide flyers, leaflets, business cards etc. which will be placed on the sponsor's table. Finally we have two tables left if anyone would still like to join this brilliant evening.



Looking forward to another fabulous ball!

Becky

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ICT Tip of the Week

"More children are accessing technology and the internet at a younger age than ever before. Recent Ofcom research shows that children aged 5 - 7 spend on average 1 hour 12 minutes online on a school day and 1 hours 54 minutes per day at weekends. This week, CEOP have released "Jessie & Friends" a series of three animations that follow the adventures of Jessie, Tia and Mo as they begin to navigate the online world, watching videos, sharing pictures and playing games. The animations are designed to help 4-7 year olds knowledge, skills and confidence helping them to respond safely to risks they may encounter online.

www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/jessie-and-friends/

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

Yours sincerely

Mr M Benton
Head Teacher



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"Having Fun, Raising Money"

FRIDAY 5th April 2019

Both Events in the Infant School Hall

ENTER VIA THE DOOR FROM THE PLAYGROUND AT THE BACK OF THE SCHOOL.
ALL CHILDREN MUST BE PICKED UP PROMPTLY (VIA THE 'ENTRANCE' DOOR)

Please ensure your child brings the slip with them.

NO CHILD WILL BE ADMITTED WITHOUT A COMPLETED SLIP



Infant Disco



Infants: 5.00 pm - 6.00 pm

Refreshments, crisps and sweets will be available to buy

Admission £1.00 to be paid on entry

CHILDREN'S DISCO - FRIDAY 5th April 2019

CHILD'S NAME _____ CLASS _____

Parent/Guardian _____

Telephone Number where you can be contacted during disco: _____

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Juniors - Pizza Party



Juniors: 6.15 pm - 7.15 pm

Pizza, refreshments and sweets will be available to buy

Admission £1.00 to be paid on entry

JUNIORS - PIZZA PARTY—FRIDAY 5th April 2019

CHILD'S NAME _____ CLASS _____

Parent/Guardian _____

Telephone Number where you can be contacted during event: _____

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