

FOUR OAKS PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Next week



Dear Parents and Governors

Staffing News

In preparation for the new academic year that will begin in September, I want to bring you all up to speed with some staffing changes.

Firstly I'm sure that you will all join me in congratulating Mr Oakley on his recent marriage at the end of May. He will soon be relocating to Redditch and will be leaving us in July to take up a new challenge at another primary school. Miss Hollins, Mr Kay and Miss Sanders have also decided to move on to new challenges, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank them all for their hard work and commitment to Four Oaks Primary School. All of us at Four Oaks wish them well with the next chapter of their professional lives.

Joining us in September will be Mrs Puzey, Miss Everitt, Miss Reilly and Mrs Greening, and I'm sure that when you meet them you will, just like the rest of the staff, welcome them warmly to Four Oaks!

All of our new staff members will be in school on 3rd July when we have our Induction Day when our pupils will spend a day with their new class teachers for September. A lot of our Year 6 pupils will spend this day at Arthur Terry and we wish them luck!

Classes for September 2019

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| Reception: | Bumblebees—Miss Fowkes, Mrs Bissett (TA) and Mr Hill (TA) —New Reception |  |
| | Ladybirds—Mrs Bambury, Mrs Goldspink (TA) and Mr Hill (TA) —New Reception | |
| Year 1: | Owls—Miss Appleby, Mrs Barton and Mrs Finister (TA) —current Ladybirds |  |
| | Hedgehogs—Mrs Puzey and Mrs Upton (TA) —current Bumblebees | |
| Year 2: | Sharks—Mrs Morris, Mrs Lee and Mrs Hill (TA) -current Owls |  |
| | Turtles—Mrs Westlake and Mrs Hill (TA) —current Hedgehogs | |
| Year 3: | 3E—Mrs Elvins, Mrs Penn (TA) and Mrs Brown (TA) —Mixed Year 2 class |  |
| | 3R—Miss Reilly, Mrs Penn (TA) and Mrs Brown (TA) —Mixed Year 2 class | |
| Year 4: | 4G—Miss Glynn, Mrs Atherton (TA) and Mrs Loizou (TA) —current 3KS | |
| | 4C—Mr Cope, Mrs Atherton (TA) and Mrs Loizou (TA) —current 3E | |
| Year 5: | 5C— Mr Clarke and Mrs Bradshaw (TA) —current 4K | |
| | 5G—Mrs Greening and Mrs Bradshaw (TA) -current 4ES | |
| Year 6: | 6E—Miss Everitt, Mrs Glover and Mrs Litwinowicz (TA) —current 5F | |
| | 6W—Miss Wykes, Mrs Glover and Mrs Litwinowicz(TA) —current 5SG | |
| PPA Cover | Mr Boughton, Mrs Glover, Mrs Bansal and Mrs Smith (Maternity) | |

As can be seen from above the current Year 2 classes are being mixed as they move to Year 3. The children have been asked to identify 6 friends and they will be placed with at least one of these friends. The mixing of classes takes place at regular intervals and as always explained at induction evening it is to support the pupils in making new friends whilst keeping their current friendships, a skill they need to acquire for senior school.



Super Stars and Acorns



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

| | |
|------------|--------------------------|
| Bumblebees | Charlie L-M |
| Ladybirds | Charlotte Mc |
| Owls | Nicole |
| Hedgehogs | Zachary |
| Turtles | The Whole Class / Frazer |
| Sharks | The Whole Class |
| 3E | The Whole Class |
| 3S | The Whole Class |
| 4S | Not awarded—Trip |
| 4K | Not awarded—Trip |
| 5F | Arnie |
| 5G | Madeline |
| 6JO | Daniel |
| 6W | Liam |



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| Bumblebees | Lucy |
| Ladybirds | Valentino |
| Owls | Khadijah |
| Hedgehogs | Frankie |
| Turtles | Luca |
| Sharks | Oliver G. |
| 3E | Poppy / Lily V. |
| 3S | Alex T. / Dylan S. |
| 4S | Not awarded—Cricket tournament |
| 4K | Not awarded—Cricket tournament |
| 5F | Alex O. |
| 5G | Arooj |
| 6JO | Georgina |
| 6W | Jack C. |

Courtesy Cup Winners ~ last week

| | |
|-----------|------------------------|
| Reception | Charlotte B / Amelia |
| Year 1 | Ben B. / Christina |
| Year 2 | Sapphire / Scarlett E. |
| Year 3 | Zach / Willow |
| Year 4 | Not awarded - Trip |
| Year 5 | Flynn / Daniel |
| Year 6 | Jamie / Georgia |



Well done to all the winners!

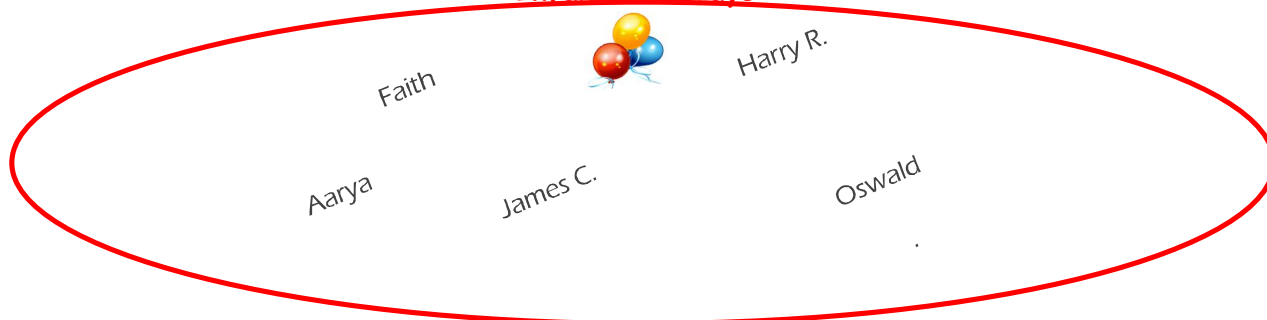
Courtesy Cup Winners ~ this week

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|-----------|---------------------|
| Reception | Elsie / Ava |
| Year 1 | Isabel / Aneka |
| Year 2 | Gabriel / Avani |
| Year 3 | Leo / Daya |
| Year 4 | Not awarded—Cricket |
| Year 5 | George / Gabriel |
| Year 6 | Kiran / Ava |



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Infant Birthdays



Dinner Money ~ Juniors

Can parents please look on-line via SchoolMoney to view their up to date balance for school dinners and to make payments. Please contact Mrs Johnson with any queries. Thank you.



Naming Uniform

After having made many pleas to parents to name items of school uniform and yet still collecting huge amounts of anonymous lost property we are going to start writing names on labels of uniform items in school.



Creative Curriculum Dressing Up Clothes



Another reminder that if any parents have any unwanted dressing up clothes at home that would support our creative curriculum topics in school, such as The Rainbow Bear in Year 1 (polar bear or rainbow costumes) or Stone Age costumes in Year 3 then we would we would really appreciate any donations. Many Thanks.



Musical Instrument Return



As parents are aware we are changing music provider in September. Parents of current students have received a letter this week to advise that all instruments should be brought into school next week and they will then have to be left at school for the final session during the week commencing 8th July. Thank you.

New Cashless Payment System—SchoolMoney

Our new cashless system will be going live on Monday 1st July. Please note that we will not be accepting any cash or cheques from this date.

Summer Festival

A massive THANK YOU to the PTA for organising such a wonderful Summer Festival. It was lovely to see so many parents and children attending. The weather order obviously worked!! We hope you all enjoyed yourselves.



School Trips

Year 2— Had a great time at Aston Hall on 21st June, thank you to everyone who helped on the day.

Year 4—Enjoyed their visit to Blist's Hill Museum on 20th June. Once again thank you to all the parents who helped out on the trip.

Year 5—Will be visiting Birmingham Museum on 10th July. **Could any outstanding payments please now be paid on-line and the on-line consent box completed**



Year 6— Will be visiting 'Safeside' on 4th July and also have their end of year trip to Woodlands on 18th July. Letters have now been sent out. Could we please ask parents to pay on-line for these trips preferably on Monday for the 'Safeside' visit. Many thanks.

New Schools Join the Learning Trust for Excellence

As you are aware, our school is part of the Learning Trust for Excellence (LTE), a collaboration of 7 local schools who work together, share good practice and develop opportunities for our staff and children. Following the success of the Trust and the significant impact it has had on improving teaching and learning in our schools, it will be expanding to work with more schools in our community. The LTE is delighted to announce that the following local schools will be joining the Trust this summer:

Court Farm Primary

The Deanery Church of England Primary

Maney Hill Primary

Wylde Green Primary



The schools will engage in all the collaborative opportunities and activities for a year in the first instance. All the schools have worked together previously as part of the wider group of Sutton Coldfield primaries so we are very much looking forward to the exciting opportunities this expansion will bring, welcoming new colleagues and learning from each other.

Safeguarding Pupils

At school we always tell the pupils in the Juniors that they are not to approach any adults on the other side of the school fence during playtimes and lunchtimes, in order to keep them safe. Could I kindly ask parents that if they need to get a message to their child, then please contact school by telephone or pop into the school office rather than approach them at the school fence. Many thanks for your co-operation.

Cherished

An organisation that we have worked with in school is offering workshops to support girls on a variety of issues. If you would like to know more about the support that they offer and the workshops that they are running in the next few months, then just call in at the Junior office and ask Mrs Barton or Mrs Johnson about further details!

Boreatton Park Meeting—Current Year 4

The Boreatton Park meeting will take place on WEDNESDAY 10th July at 6pm in the Junior Hall. This is for both parents and children of our current Year 4 who are going to Boreatton Park in September 2019. Could parents who have any outstanding amounts to pay for this residential trip please send payment into school as soon as possible. Thank you.



Sports Days

We would like to welcome everybody to this years Sports Days.

Junior Sports Afternoon, Thursday 12th July

1:40pm Procession around the track in their houses

1:50pm Back to their starting points and let the games begin.

The events will run in small relay teams and will consist of the following:

Event 1: Sprint Relay 20m

Event 2: Skipping or Hoop Relay

Event 3: Beanbag Balance Relay

Event 4: Obstacle Relay

Event 5: Sack Race Relay

Event 6: Egg and Spoon Relay

Event 7: Over/Under Relay

Event 8: Beanbag Shuttle Relay



The winning team is the first house to have all its members back and sitting down straight backs in silence.

The event is finished when everybody is sitting down in silence. Points will be awarded as follows:

1st place 4 points / 2nd place 3 points / 3rd place 2 points / 4th place 1 point

The house with the most points at the end of the competition will be presented with the trophy in a whole school celebration assembly.

Infants Sports Afternoon: Monday 16th July

Infants is going to be organised in a similar way to the Juniors events, to encourage a more competitive element, we are going to set up six events on the Juniors field around the circumference of the track.

Parents and visitors will be invited to position themselves in the centre of the track, which will allow you great views and enable you to support your child at each activity.

1.50pm Procession around the track in their houses

2:00pm Back into their starting positions and let the games begin

The events will run in small relay teams and will consist of the following:

Event 1: Sack Race Relay

Event 2: Over/Under Relay

Event 3: Beanbag Balance Relay

Event 4: Sprint Relay 20m

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Please bring with you picnic blankets or camping stools if you wish to sit down. We look forward to seeing you. Good luck to all the children who are taking part and many thanks for your continued support.

Athletics—Area Sports

CONGRATULATIONS to all our athletes who took part in the Area Sports last week. They all performed brilliantly and left us in the position of first in the field events and first in the track events meaning that we came first overall in the medium sized school category. A brilliant result! However what impressed us most was the behaviour of all the children. They were incredibly patient on a long afternoon and amazingly supportive of their team mates. A HUGE well done!

New Sports Uniform

With sporting activities in mind and with a new school year fast approaching in September can I remind parents that one of our new uniform providers has just created some super new sports and PE kit in our house colours with our school badge on. Tracey from Uniform-Hub was at our Induction Evening and at the Summer Festival and had a lot of interest from pupils and parents. To contact her just telephone 07958243555 or visit www.uniform-hub.com.



Year 6 Leavers Assembly and Parent Lunch—Wednesday 17th July - 9.30am

We look forward to welcoming the families of our Year 6 pupils to the Leaver's assembly on Wednesday 17th July. The assembly will take place at 9.30am in the Infant Hall, following this there will be an opportunity for a coffee break prior to a short presentation to the pupils. Lunch follows at approximately 11.30. The children are then invited back to school at 6pm until 8pm for the Leaver's BBQ. A huge thank you to the PTA for providing the funding for this enjoyable day.

Rotary Presentation Evening—Tuesday 10th July

Well done to all the children who collected their awards this week at Sutton Town Hall. All the children have worked very hard. The children have had to serve their community for ten weeks; learn a new skill for 10 weeks, take part in physical activity for 10 weeks and gain some Social Experience of Religion, Culture and the Arts. This award is heavily reliant on parents helping the children to complete as it is done in their own time, thank you to them and to Mrs Bansal for co-ordinating this.

Parking in Russell Bank Road

Once again I must ask for the assistance of all parents and grandparents of children picking up and dropping off children in Russell Bank Road. I have had more than one parent visit school to see me this week very concerned about other people parking on the pavements and actually on the traffic island! The safety of all children at Four Oaks Primary is paramount, so please be sensible about parking and respectful of the local residents driveways.

PTA 200 Club

The winners of the June draw are:

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| £50 | No 41 | Mrs N Hales |
| £10 | No 92 | Mrs S Hewlett |
| £10 | No 6 | Miss M Arnett |
| Voucher No 117 | | Mrs P Talabani |
| Voucher No 51 | | Mrs S Keating |

Congratulations

ICT Tip of the Week

"Create Complex Passwords. We know you've heard it before, but creating strong, unique passwords for all your critical accounts really is the best way to keep your personal and financial information safe. This is especially true in the era of widespread corporate hacks, where one database breach can reveal tens of thousands of user passwords. If you reuse your passwords, a hacker can take the leaked data from one attack and use it to login to your other accounts. Hacked account information is often shared on the dark web amongst cybercriminals."

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

Mr M Benton
Head Teacher