

FOUR OAKS PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Governors



Boreatton Park

Year 5 had a wonderful time at Boreatton park over the weekend. Thank you to all the parents for being supportive and of course a huge thank you to the members of staff who gave up their weekend to attend the trip.

Boiler House Progress

Work that began in the first week of the summer holidays is thankfully drawing to a close. Our new Infant boilers are now in place and on 1st October the heating in the Infant building should be working meaning that the contractors will have completed that part of their work exactly on time. Other cosmetic work will still continue within the boiler house but the contractors should leave the site on schedule on 30th November.



Many thanks for everyone's patience and we all look forward to being toasty warm throughout the Autumn and Winter!

School Christmas Cards—"My Art Project"

Hold fire on buying your Christmas cards!



We are once again running an art project this term where each pupil will be asked to create a piece of Christmas art. The resulting masterpieces will then be available for parents to purchase as very high quality greetings cards, writing paper, gift wrap, gift labels, posters, canvases plus some exciting new products launched this year.



Every item you purchase will raise much needed funds for school. These funds will be used throughout the year to provide materials for future art projects around school. A minimum of £1 will generated with every purchase and the more you buy the more money you help raise for school! All orders this year will be online via the website www.myartproject.co.uk

Orders will be delivered to school if they are ordered by the deadline which will follow. If you miss the deadline for school ordering you can still order but you may have to pay for P&P and have work delivered to a home address.

School Fund

As you will have seen a letter came out to parents about our new School Fund this week and the really good news is that since its launch in the Summer Term of 2019 we have already received £3,290, with individual donations ranging from £10 and upwards !!!

Thank you so much if you are one of our very kind families who have already contributed.

After lots of discussion between staff, School Council, PTA and school Governors, we have decided to use any funds raised through the new school fund to be put towards purchasing lockers for the children's cloakrooms throughout school. The addition of lockers will make the cloakrooms tidier, a safer place to be in terms of health and safety, and will give the inside of school a real lift and a smart and more up to date look.

We are in the process of getting quotations for the installation of lockers throughout both buildings, but we think we are aiming for an amount somewhere between £15,000 - £18,000. As well as School Fund contributing towards this target, any money raised by the pupils Enterprise projects this year, and some money from our annual school budget will also go towards the locker fund.

Thank you once more to anyone who has donated !



Super Stars and Acorns



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

Bumblebees	Ryan K.
Ladybirds	Poppy H.
Owls	Amelia
Hedgehogs	Charlotte B.
Turtles	Libby
Sharks	Ben B.
3E	Will N-L
3R	Samuel
4C	James
4G	Martha
5C	Annie
5G	Daniel
6E	Kaleb
6W	Isobel L.



Super Stars and Acorns



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

Bumblebees	Giaan
Ladybirds	Saffron
Owls	Scarlett
Hedgehogs	Aarya
Turtles	Zachary
Sharks	Sonny
3E	Aron
3R	Thomas
4C	Hannah K.
4G	Alex W.
5C	The Whole Class
5G	The Whole Class
6E	Laurie
6W	Priya / Alice

Courtesy Cup Winners ~ last week

Reception	Daia B. / Georgiana
Year 1	Jacob / Jamilla
Year 2	Cameron / Isabel
Year 3	Jemima / Kimran
Year 4	Lily H. / Allulah
Year 5	Ben W. / Freddie
Year 6	Lexie / Fina



Well done to all the winners!

Courtesy Cup Winners ~ this week

Reception	Arjun / Seren-Rae
Year 1	Charly C. / Jessica P.
Year 2	Toby / Mia
Year 3	Oliver G. / Jessie
Year 4	Millie / Willow
Year 5	Sophie T. / Charlie
Year 6	Alex O. / Lawrence



Well done to all the winners!

Infant Birthdays



Carter M. Harry F. Surbani Daisy V. Ella M. Annabel P. Olivia C. Daya S. Amira

Dinner Money ~ Juniors

Can parents please look on-line via SchoolMoney to view their up to date balance for school dinners and make payments. Thank you.



Milk



Notification has now come through to parents via SchoolMoney regarding payment for milk for this term.

Consent for School Trips

A reminder that when you are paying for school trips through SchoolMoney parents also need to tick the consent box. Thank you.



PTA

A huge thank you to the very hard working PTA committee who have arranged the PTA Quiz for this evening in the Junior Hall. We hope that everyone has a fantastic time having fun raising money for the children in school.



Open Day

We are holding our Open Day on Friday 18th October. This gives current and prospective parents the opportunity to see us at work. Tours will be conducted by Year 6 pupils as we feel it is very important for parents to gain a pupil perspective on life at our school. Miss Appleby and I will be available to answer any questions. All the information is now available on our website.

If you know anyone who has a child that is due to start school in September 2020 please inform them of our Open Day. If this date is not convenient they can contact us for a mutually convenient date.

Flu Vaccinations

A reminder that all pupils will receive the nasal flu vaccination on Tuesday 15th October unless parents have returned their vaccination form stating clearly that they do not wish their child to take part in this immunisation program. Any outstanding forms should be returned as soon as possible. The form needs to be returned even if you DO NOT WISH your child to have the vaccination. If you are at all unsure then please contact the school office for clarification.



Elections—School Closure 7th May 2020



We have been informed by Birmingham City Council that our school is going to be used as a polling station for the West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner and Mayoral Elections on Thursday 7th May. This is the day before the altered May Bank Holiday and whilst I would not wish to close school I unfortunately have no alternative as the children's safety is paramount. Your understanding is much appreciated.

Parent Workshops

A huge thank you to those parents who have already attended a Parents' workshop during these first three weeks. Following many parents' requests we have continued to combine the workshops and 'Meet the Teacher' sessions into one calendar item and we hope you have found the sessions really useful. Please see the diary dates on the website if you need to check the dates of other parents' meetings throughout the year.

Secondary Transfer for September 2019-20

Could parents please note the deadline for application for Secondary School Transfer:

18 October 2019 - Grammar school test results sent to the parents. Parents are strongly advised to await grammar school test results before finalising applications.

31 October 2019 - Deadline for submitting application forms for Secondary schools.

2nd March 2020 - National Offer Day

16th March 2020 - Deadline for acceptance of school place offers

Year 6 BMI Survey—14th November

Year 6 will be receiving letters soon regarding measurement of their height and weight. Could these please be returned to school as soon as possible. If you do not wish your child to be measured could you please inform Mrs Johnson in the Junior Office.

Absences from School

Can I please reiterate that school can no longer authorize any days of absence from school for holidays taken in term time.

Can I also take this opportunity to remind all parents that if their child is sick they should be kept at home for 48 hours following the last bout of vomiting. This will help reduce the spread of these bugs for the protection of all the children and the staff. Thank you for your co-operation.

Parents' Evening

Letters in relation to Parents' Evening will be distributed next week. A reminder that these will take place on Wednesday 23rd October from 5pm to 7.30pm and Thursday 24th October from 4pm to 6.30pm. These evenings give parents the opportunity to have a 10 minute appointment with the class teacher to discuss your child's progress. Please complete the Parent's Evening pro forma and return to school. Staff will do their utmost to accommodate your preferences and also co-ordinate appointments across classes.

Confirmation of appointments will be distributed during the week commencing 15th October.

Please note there are NO childcare facilities on these evenings

Religious Education

At Four Oaks Primary School, we are proud to offer our children a broad and balanced curriculum that academically challenges them as well as teaching them the importance of respect for all beliefs and faiths, and as part of our Religious Education teaching, we reinforce this teaching and develop pupils' knowledge of different faiths and religions.

As part of the teaching, we would like to invite parents to visit school to talk to pupils across the year



groups from Reception to Year 6. This should involve talking to a class of 30 pupils or a year group of 60 pupils. These talks can be of any area to do with any faith, religion or belief. For example: different festivals that are celebrated, different food or clothing, or any stories that are told. If you are interested or would like more information of what this involves,



please do not hesitate to contact me to allow us to put this into effect as soon as possible.

Mrs Bansal - RE Co-ordinator

Extra Curricular Activities

Please see attached list of all extra-curricular activities on offer. Thank you to my staff who give up their spare time to organise clubs for the benefit of our pupils.

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Cross Country



Well done to our Cross Country team who participated in the race at Bishop Walsh last week. They all performed very well so a big well done to all the competitors in what is a very challenging event!

Thank you to all the parents who provided transport and much welcome support to the children, alongside staff from school.

Year 4 Mixed Football

A big well done to all of our Year 4 children who competed at Bishop Vesey last Thursday, they all had a fantastic time, ending up undefeated and only missing out on the final after goal difference was taken into account. Thank you to Mr Boughton for organising this event.



KS1 Mixed Rugby

A big well done to all of our Year 1 and Year 2 children who competed at Bishop Vesey this Thursday. They all performed very well so a big well done to all the competitors in what is a brand new event for Four Oaks! Thank you to all the parents who provided transport and much welcome support to the children, alongside staff from school.

Aldi's Kit for Schools

A reminder to please keep sending the stickers in for the Aldi promotion. Aldi are giving schools the chance to get fantastic new sports kits. If you do shop at Aldi you can pick up a Team GB sticker whenever you spend £30 in any Aldi store. You can then bring in that Team GB sticker and we will put it on our Aldi's Kits for Schools poster.



ICT Tip of the Week

"The BBC has created a "wellbeing" smartphone app called Own It aimed at children. It monitors how young people interact with friends and family online and through messaging apps. It uses AI to evaluate a child's mood so it can offer advice or encourage them to talk to trusted adults. The app is designed to offer help and support especially if children are about to share sensitive data or send an upsetting message."

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

Yours sincerely

Mr M Benton
Head Teacher

Extra-Curricular Activities – Autumn Term 2019					
	Activity	Staff	Location	Time	Yrs
Monday	Handball	Premier Sports / Miss Appleby	Junior Hall	8.00 – 8.45am	R/1/2/3/4/5/6
	Netball	Mrs Goldspink/Miss Fowkes	Junior Playground	3.30 – 4.45pm	5/6
	Football	Mr Boughton	Junior Field	3.30 – 4.30pm	5/6
	Gymnastics	Premier Sports / Miss Appleby	Infant Hall	3.30–4.30pm	3/4/5/6
Tuesday	KS2 Dance	Premier Sports / Miss Appleby	Infant Hall	12.20 – 1.10pm	3/4/5/6
	Dance	Dance & Beats / Mr Boughton	Junior Hall	3.30 – 4.30pm	1/2/3/4/5/6
	Gymnastics	Premier Sports / Miss Appleby	Infant Hall	3.30 – 4.30pm	R/1/2
	X-Country	Mr Boughton	Junior Field	3.30 – 4.15pm	3/4/5/6
Wednesday	Violin Group	Mrs Brown	Jnr. Library	12.20 – 12.50pm	3/4/5/6
	Mindfulness / Well-being	Mrs Baba	Jnr. Classroom	3.30 – 4.30pm	R/1/2/3/4/5/6
	Netball	Mrs Goldspink	Jnr. Playground	12.20 – 12.50pm	4
Thursday	School Show	Mrs Bambury / Mrs Bissett / Mrs Goldspink / Mrs Finister	Junior Hall	3.30 – 6.00pm	5/6
	Drama / Well-being	Drama Changes Lives	Caterpillar Corner	3.30 – 4.30pm	R/1/2/3/4/5/6
	Dance	Premier Sports / Miss Appleby	Infant Hall	12.30 – 1.10	R/1/2
Science Ambassadors / Y6 Rotary Award Pupils / School Council		Mrs Morris, Mrs Bansal/Mrs Lee and Miss Appleby will let all pupils involved know when to meet as events/activities arise.			
French Club	Various after school and lunchtime sessions across both Key Stages.				
Instrument Lessons	Various in-school sessions across both Key Stages.				
The start dates of these activities will be announced by the adults running them.					