

FOUR OAKS PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Governors

Next week



Parents' Evening

A reminder that Parents' Evenings 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. Staff will do their utmost to accommodate your preferences and also co-ordinate appointments across classes. Confirmation of appointments will be distributed at the end of the week commencing 14th October. **Please note there are NO childcare facilities on these evenings**



School Book Fayre

Our Book Fayre arrives in school on Monday 21st October. We would really enthuse all of our families to come along and buy a book as we, at school, get 60% of whatever you all spend back in free books. It really is a great way to support reading within school!

On Monday it will be open at 3.20pm to 4.00pm. It will then be open on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday in the morning from 8.30am until 9.00am and in the afternoons from 3.20pm until 4.00pm. There will also be an opportunity to purchase books at Parents' Evenings in the Science Lab.

This year you will be able to pay by card as the Travelling Book Company have supplied us with a contactless card machine. Unfortunately **we will not be able to accept cash** as we are now a cashless school.

If there are any parents willing to assist at one or more sessions before and / or after school please offer your services at either office. Thank you



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.

Half Term

A reminder that school closes to pupils on **Thursday 24th October** for half term (Friday 25th is a staff training day) and will open again on **Monday 4th November**. We hope you have an enjoyable break.

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.

Reception—Eye Tests—4th November

The ophthalmologist from the school nurse team will be visiting school on 4th November to provide an eye examination to all Reception pupils. Forms have come out this week. These need only be returned if you **DO NOT** wish your child to be involved.



Dog Free Zone

A reminder that the local authority have a very strict rule about parents not bringing dogs onto school site. This is for the safety of all the children, some of whom are very wary of dogs. Can I please ask all parents not to bring their dogs onto site. Thank you





Super Stars and Acorns



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

Bumblebees	Sophia
Ladybirds	Hector
Owls	Lilly-Mae S.
Hedgehogs	Charlie L-M
Turtles	Fatimah
Sharks	Oswald
3E	Scarlett E.
3R	Louis
4C	Jessica
4G	Amreet
5C	Sophia
5G	Issy H.
6E	Eliza
6W	Yousuf



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Bumblebees	Olivia
Ladybirds	Danny P.
Owls	The Whole Class
Hedgehogs	The Whole Class /Salahuddin
Turtles	Joshua
Sharks	Lily-Mae
3E	Francesca
3R	Avani
4C	Rishi
4G	Gregory
5C	Holly S.
5G	Ethan
6E	Erin
6W	Zach

Courtesy Cup Winners ~ last week

Reception	Charlotte / Isla
Year 1	Olivia / Elsie
Year 2	Pippa / Khadijah
Year 3	Anna / Joe D.
Year 4	Lily V./ Jessica Ho.
Year 5	Alex / Lilah
Year 6	Flynn / Cian



Well done to all the winners!

Courtesy Cup Winners ~ this week

Reception	Reuben /Jai
Year 1	Oliver J. / Jack
Year 2	Amira / Keira
Year 3	Martha / Oliver T.
Year 4	Poppy / Kira
Year 5	Jack N. / Isabella A.
Year 6	Laurie/the Whole Class (6W)



Well done to all the winners!

Infant Birthdays



Charlotte H.

Beau

Charlotte B.

Reuben

Joseph

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.



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.



Year 6 BMI Survey—14th November

Year 6 have been given letters recently regarding measurement of their height and weight. If you do not wish your child to be measured could you please inform Mrs Johnson in the Junior Office as soon as possible - thank you.

Reception Intake September 2020

The Local Authority will be writing to parents/carers of children this month who are on roll at a community or private nursery advising them how to apply for a Reception place online and where to obtain the primary information booklet. Copies of the booklet will be available online at all Birmingham Primary Schools, Libraries, Children's Centres and private and community nurseries. School admissions in Birmingham are now all completed online. The closing date for submitting application forms is **15th January 2020**. Proof of address will be required to be sent to the Schools Admissions and Pupil Placements Service. Emails advising you of your child's place will be sent out by the Local Authority on 16th April 2020. Acceptance should be made by 30th April 2020 or you may lose your place. Remember that families do not need to have the internet at home. Parents can apply online from any computer with internet access, including at any library. If a family does not have access to a computer, please come into school and we will help you.

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.

School Trips

Year 1 had a great time on their trip to Sandwell Valley yesterday.

Year 2 will be attending the Hindu temple on Thursday 17th October. Could any outstanding monies be paid asap and please make sure that the consent box on SchoolMoney is ticked. We hope they have a great time.



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 be 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.

Bug Busting

We have unfortunately had an outbreak of head lice in 2 different year groups in the Junior department. Could parents please check regularly for any signs of head lice and ensure that the bug busting method of conditioning and combing their child's hair is followed to eliminate any problems. Thank you.

Cross Country

A HUGE well done to our cross-country competitors who turned out in chilly weather at Bishop Vesey to run in the second event of the year. They all tried incredibly hard and improved on their first performances of the year. The girls' team came 1st overall and the boys' team came 4th meaning that overall we were placed 1st, there were 17 schools competing so this is an amazing result. A big thank you to Mr Boughton, Mrs Hill, Mr Hill and Mrs Penn for accompanying the team and to all the parents for providing transport and support.





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PTA—Children's Film Night—Friday 15th November

The PTA are looking to organise an exciting new event for the children—there will be a "Film Night" on Friday 15th November—keep your eyes peeled for a letter coming out soon!



PTA—Half Term Smarties Box Challenge



The PTA will be organising the Smartie Box Challenge again over October half term. Smartie boxes will come out in the last week of term and the children can earn money to fill them over half term doing little jobs and tasks around the house, such as washing cars, tidying bedrooms, sweeping leaves etc. More details will be in the next newsletter and the accompanying information attached to the box of smarties when handed out, but get your thinking caps on and save up some jobs for the children to do!!



PTA Children's Disco / Pizza Party~ Friday 18th October



The PTA will be holding their traditional Hallowe'en disco on Friday 18th October for the Infants and a Pizza Party for the Juniors. Optional Fancy

Dress with prizes for the best costume across all year groups. Please see the attached flyer for more details.

Please enter the Infant building via the door near the hall in the rear playground. Children must bring their completed slip (attached to this newsletter) including a contact telephone number and £1 for entry.

Children should be collected by entering the rear door (entrance to disco), collecting your child from the hall and exiting via the main front door so aiming to keep everyone safe.

Mobile Phones

A reminder that children should not bring mobile phones to the disco and as all children should be collected by an adult after the disco, there is no need for them to have one with them.

Infant disco 5.00pm to 6.00pm

Junior Party 6.15pm to 7.15pm

Pre-school siblings can attend but their parents **MUST** stay for the duration of the disco in this case.

Thank you to the PTA for organising this event.

ICT Tip of the Week

"Two Factor Authentication (2FA) is a free security feature that prevents hackers from accessing your accounts, even if they know your password. Most of the big service providers now offer 2FA. 2FA means you cannot login to an account on a new device without entering a onetime code usually sent via email or by text. This means hackers need your password and access to your emails or text messages to access your account. This website has tutorials on how to enable 2FA on many of the common service providers. www.telesign.com/turnon2fa/"

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 18th October 2019

**Both Events in the Infant School Hall—
Hallowe'en Fancy Dress All Years (optional)**

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 Hallowe'en 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 18th October 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 18th October 2019

CHILD'S NAME _____ CLASS _____

Parent/Guardian _____

Telephone Number where you can be contacted during event: _____

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Telephone Number where you can be contacted during event: _____