

# FOUR OAKS PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## 24th October 2019

Next week



Dear Parents and Governors

### Half Term

A reminder that school closes today for half term as tomorrow is a staff training day. We hope that you have a very enjoyable break with your family and look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 4th November. During half-term the remedial work on the gas supply to the kitchen will be completed. For the last 6 weeks Debbie and her ladies in the kitchen have been preparing the children's food on rented electrical appliances and yet have still offered the same great variety of hot food that they always do. We are crossing everything we can that when we return on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November the kitchen will be back to normal but please be very careful if there is still any fencing around.



### Anti-bullying week 2019 - Odd Sock Day ~ Monday 11th November



Anti-bullying week 2019 is happening from Monday 11<sup>th</sup>—Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November and has the theme "Change Starts With Us". This theme links very well to our current work on "No Outsiders". We aim to empower everybody in our school community to celebrate what makes them and others unique and help them understand how



important it is that everybody feels valued and included in school, able to be themselves, without fear of bullying. Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November is "Odd Sock Day" and we are asking everybody to wear "Odd Socks" with their school uniform. This will enable the children to have fun whilst reinforcing the theme that we are all different, but all equal!

### Parents' Evening

Thank you to everyone who attended our parent evenings. A reminder that if you have a concern and wish to talk to your child's class teacher please speak to them after school to arrange a convenient time.



### School Book Fayre

Thank you for visiting our book fayre this week—I hope it helped with your Christmas presents list! Thank you to Mrs Glover for arranging the fayre and also to our Year 6 children for helping. As a result of the sales we have been able to add some great books to our classroom bookshelves.



### Open Day

Thank you to all of our Year 6 pupils who did such a fantastic job of showing prospective parents around our school during Open Day on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October. Totalling 58, we had a record number of families visit school and we received lots of wonderful comments and I am very proud of all of you.

### Reception—Eye Tests—4th November

The Children in Reception will be having their vision checks on the day we come back to school - forms have been sent out and need only be returned if you DO NOT want your child to have an eye test.



### Year 6 Architecture Day

Year 6 had a fantastic time today in the Infant Hall when they took part in their Architecture Day to support all of their fascinating work on the Ancient Greeks since coming back to school in September. This activity made lots of connections between learning in History, Geography, Mathematics and Science so thank you to all the parents who contributed towards the cost of this exciting learning opportunity!

### Year 6 SATS Assessment Workshop

We look forward to inviting all Year 6 parents into school on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November between 9am and 11am to attend the SATs Assessment Workshop in the Junior Hall. This is a very important session for parents and pupils alike where they will get to work together and find out lots of important information and vital techniques in relation to their end of year assessments. It is also an opportunity to ask any amount of questions about the SATs tests. We look forward to seeing as many parents as possible. (There will be no actual testing in the session - please do not be put off!).



### Super Stars and Acorns



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

Bumblebees	Avleen
Ladybirds	Jordan
Owls	Harry C.
Hedgehogs	Reeva
Turtles	Etta
Sharks	Daniels C.
3E	Joshua
3R	Connor
4C	Joseph
4G	Joshua
5C	Alfie
5G	Haydn
6E	Olivia R / Toby
6W	Jayden



### Super Stars and Acorns



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

Bumblebees	Samuel
Ladybirds	Isabella
Owls	Lily
Hedgehogs	Ned
Turtles	Darcey
Sharks	The Whole Class
3E	Maxwell
3R	Holly
4C	Evaleen
4G	Guhan
5C	Annie
5G	Rachel
6E	Arnie
6W	William

### Courtesy Cup Winners ~ last week

Reception	Ruhani / Carter M.
Year 1	Samuel / Jake
Year 2	Christina / James B.
Year 3	Keirath / Lily W.
Year 4	Callum / Lewis
Year 5	Myles / Annie
Year 6	Amrit / Ella



Well done to all the winners!

### Courtesy Cup Winners ~ this week

Reception	Ryan / Daya S.
Year 1	Zara / Yian
Year 2	Max / William H.
Year 3	Olive / Daniel
Year 4	Finn / Erin
Year 5	Reuben S. / William
Year 6	Erin / Flossie



Well done to all the winners!



### Alison Mander—Kindness award

This half term it is awarded to:

Infants— Libby W (Yr 2)

Juniors— Finn C (Yr 6)

For our new parents this is an award that was created due to the kindness of a past pupil Alison Mander who sadly passed away in 2016. Her wish was to set up an award for children who showed natural, instinctive kindness and with the help of her family this award is now presented on a half termly basis.



### Infant Birthdays



Samuel C. Aima  
Rupert .Henry  
Amber  
Esme E.  
Jack C.  
Thomas Mc.  
Charlie T.  
Zahra  
Harry C.

### 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.





### Individual and Family Photographs ~ Tuesday 12th November



The photographer will be in school on Tuesday 12th November to take individual and family photographs. Slips regarding this have been sent home with each child so please complete and return as soon as possible. All children will have their individual photographs taken unless we hear to the contrary. Families with pre-school children are welcome to have their family photos taken between 8.30am and 9.00am in the Infant hall.

### Reception Intake September 2020

School admissions in Birmingham are now to be 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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:

**31<sup>st</sup> October 2019** - Deadline for submitting application forms for Secondary schools.

**2<sup>nd</sup> March 2020** - National Offer Day.

**16<sup>th</sup> March 2020** - Deadline for acceptance of school place offers.

### Rock Bottom



Tickets for the three performances of our school show "Rock Bottom" are now available for purchase via our SchoolMoney system. This has now been opened up to the whole school. Thank you to everyone who has already purchased tickets for the two evening and one afternoon performance, tickets will be ready to collect on the first day back after half term. All of the children across the whole of the school will watch the dress rehearsal on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November or Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November. I would like to thank the children and staff who have all worked extremely hard towards this performance and I am sure that it will be a great success.



### Rock Bottom Programme Competition Winners

The winners of the programme competition were: Year 1 & 2 - Jai S. (Sharks) Year 3 & 4 - Erin C (4C), and Year 5 & 6 - Gracie H. (5C) Well done to them all.

### School Trips—SchoolMoney

On our new SchoolMoney system we are able to send out letters electronically regarding the school trips. We will be sending all the trip letters electronically in order to save paper. Could you therefore check the email / message which will contain all the details. Could you also remember to tick the consent box on the system. Thank you.



### School Christmas Cards—"My Art Project"

Our unique artwork has been posted!

Your children's masterpieces have been created and are now being turned into beautiful Christmas cards. Towards the middle of November children will receive their free Christmas card along with a paper order form. You will then have the opportunity to order various items with your child's design on if you wish. These items include: greetings cards, writing paper, gift wrap, gift labels, posters, canvases plus some exciting new products launched this year.

A reminder that each item you purchase will raise a minimum of £1 for school. All funds raised is spent supporting art activities in our school.

All orders this year will be online via the website [www.myartproject.co.uk](http://www.myartproject.co.uk). Your unique order number will be in the pack that arrives with your free card.

Orders will be delivered back to school in time for Christmas, if you order by the deadline (which will also be on your form). 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.

Thanks in advance for your continued support.



### Diary Dates

We have attached a further copy of the known diary dates up to the end of this academic year for your information.



### Induction Questionnaires

If any parents in Reception have not returned their Induction Questionnaire then we would still be more than happy to have them handed in at the Infant Office. Many thanks.



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### Christmas Fayre—Friday 29th November

We are very quickly marching toward the Christmas Fayre - FRIDAY 29<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER. To ensure we can provide lots of fun stalls and activities for everyone the PTA are now recruiting helpers, this could be to help set up, run a stall or clear away. If you would like to volunteer (it can be for as little as 30 minutes) please post your details into one of the PTA post boxes in our reception area or contact the PTA Chair Mark Watkins on 07798 708052.



### 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— a letter about this event has come home today.



### PTA—Half Term Smarties Box Challenge

The PTA thought it would be a good, fun idea to give all the children a box of smarties as a treat and over the half term holiday earn some money by doing little jobs and tasks to help around the house: washing cars, tidying bedrooms, sweeping leaves etc (you can even stretch this to include homework and reading). Please keep the empty Smartie Tube and fill it with silver or gold coins in reward for their hard work. After half term please return the newly filled Smartie tube to your class teacher (by Wednesday 6th November). All the funds raised from the Smartie box challenge will go towards special resources to help with your children's education. There will be a competition to see which class can raise the most money in both Infants and Juniors and each child from the winning classes will receive a GIANT tube of Smarties as a prize



### ICT Tip of the Week

*"Instagram is a picture and video sharing app with an official age rating of 13 but we know many youngsters under 13 may be using the app. In an attempt to tackle cyber bullying, Instagram has introduced a new restrict tool. The feature is designed to protect your account from unwanted interactions, making it easy for you to quietly filter out people who may be harassing you"*

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

Mr M Benton  
Head Teacher



## DIARY DATES — 2019-20

Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	Pupils return to school    Reception sight tests
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 5 Gurdwara Trip
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti-Bullying Week
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	Individual School Photographs
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	9am – 11am – Year 6 Parents' Assessment Workshop
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 4—Architecture Workshop
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	PTA—Film Night
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	Afternoon Performance – School Show – “Rock Bottom”
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	Evening Performance – School Show – “Rock Bottom”
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Evening Performance – School Show – “Rock Bottom”
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	PTA Christmas Fayre – Infant Building
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception—Trip to Ash End Farm
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Cluster Carol Concert at Lichfield Cathedral
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 2—Trip to Whittington Barracks
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Junior Christmas Service at All Saints Church pm
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	PTA Christmas Disco





## DIARY DATES CONTINUED—2019/20

Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	pm - Infant Christmas Performance – Reception Parents
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	am - Infant Christmas Performance – Year 1 Parents
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	pm - Infant Christmas Performance – Year 2 Parents
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Party Afternoon / School closes for Christmas
	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2020	Staff Training Day – School Closed
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January	
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> January	
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> January	PTA Disco
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> January	
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> January	
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> January	9am – 10.30am – Reception Parents' Workshop
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> January	
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> January	
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> January 2020	
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> January	
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	Year 3 Parents' Assembly & Lunch
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> January	
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> January 2020	
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> January	
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 4 Parents' Assembly & Lunch
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> January	
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 4 Swimming
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 4 Swimming
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 4 Swimming
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 4 Swimming
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	Safer Internet Day Intra-School Y1 Gymnastics Competition Year 4 Swimming
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Parents' Evening - 5pm – 7.30pm Year 4 Swimming
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Parents' Evening - 4pm – 6.30pm Year 4 Swimming
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 4 Swimming Intra-School Y3 Basketball Competition School closes for Half-Term
	HALF TERM



## DIARY DATES CONTINUED—2019-20

Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	School Re-Opens
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 4 Swimming
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 4 Swimming
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 4 Swimming
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 4 Swimming
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Year 4 Swimming      Year 1 Viking Workshop
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 4 Swimming World Maths Day
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 4 Swimming World Book Day
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 4 Swimming
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 5 Parents' Assembly & Lunch
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Reception Parents' Assembly & Lunch
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 1 Parents' Assembly & Lunch
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Staff Training Day – School Closed
	EASTER HOLIDAYS
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	School Re-Opens
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> April	
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	



## DIARY DATES CONTINUED—2019-20

Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	School Closed—Elections
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	School Closed—May Day Bank Holiday
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	Key Stage 2 SATs Week
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Group & Class School Photographs
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	School Closes for Half-Term
	HALF TERM
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	School Re-Opens
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Phonics Testing Week
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	6pm – Reception New Parents' Induction Evening
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 2 Parents' Assembly & Lunch
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	





## DIARY DATES CONTINUED—201-20

Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	PTA Summer Festival - Midday –4pm (TBC)
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Reports distributed to parents
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	6pm – Boreatton Park Parents' Evening
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	PM – Junior Sports Afternoon
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	PM – Infant Sports Afternoon 2.30pm – Parents' Walkabout 4pm – 6pm – Parents' Evening
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	9.30am – Year 6 Leavers' Assembly & Parents' Lunch 6pm – 8pm – Year 6 Leavers' BBQ & Disco
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	School closes to pupils for summer holidays
	SUMMER HOLIDAYS
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Staff Training Day – School Closed