

# FOUR OAKS PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## 6th December 2019

Next week



Dear Parents and Governors

### Christmas Fayre

A huge thank you to the PTA for a wonderful Christmas Fayre a week ago, it really would not happen without the energy and enthusiasm of the PTA Committee and their trusty band of followers!

It was lovely to see so many families, both past and present, enjoying themselves and we received numerous lovely comments about the great atmosphere. Thank you to parents and families for attending and to our PTA, parent helpers and staff for organising and running the stalls, and for clearing up afterwards.

### Thursday 12th December—General Election

Another reminder that school will be shut on 12<sup>th</sup> December as we will be being used as a polling station, but we look forward to seeing everyone back with a bounce in their step on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December!

### Reception Trip

Reception had a fantastic time at Ash End Farm today where they had a festive time with the animals and met a very special person. Many thanks to those parents who helped out and made the trip possible.



### Year 2 Trip

We look forward to both Year 2 classes going to visit Whittington Barracks near Lichfield, to support their Creative Curriculum topic on World War I, on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December.

### Books For Schools—Sun Newspaper Campaign



The Sun and Sun on Sunday newspapers are running a 'Books for Schools' campaign. From November 23<sup>rd</sup> to January 18<sup>th</sup> there will be tokens which can be collected and sent into school. We have to collect 3,500 tokens by the 18<sup>th</sup> January and we will then be able to claim 100 free books for school worth over £600! Could parents please look out for the token if they read the Sun and send it into school. Thank you.

### Christmas Performance and Christmas Service

A reminder that this year our Junior Carol Service and Infant Christmas performance will take place as follows:

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December—2.15 pm —Infant Christmas Performance in school for Reception parents

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December -9.30 am— Infant Christmas Performance in School for Y1 parents

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December—2.15 pm— Infant Christmas Performance in School for Y2 parents

Please note that we have provided three times for the Infant performances to enable as many parents as possible to see the celebrations.

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December—2.00 pm—Junior Carol Service at All Saints Church

Key Stage 2 are very excited to present their Christmas service at All Saints Church on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December. We aim to start at 2pm. Children will need to wear their Christmas jumpers or t-shirts and their normal school trousers or skirts. They can come to school in their jumpers on the morning of 10<sup>th</sup> December. After the service has finished, parents and carers will be able to take children home directly from the church. Those not going home directly from church will walk back to school with staff. Mr Benton will explain how all this works after the service to ensure everyone is safe. Children who are being taken home directly from church do not need to bring their school bag in on 10<sup>th</sup> December, to avoid having to return to school to pick it up, although children who have packed lunches will still need to bring them to school.

If you have any questions, please do ask your class teacher.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

In addition there is a plea to Junior parents, could parents please be aware that there is not much space in the church car park and other events may be going on in the church hall. We are due to begin at 2pm so arriving around 1.45pm should give you plenty of time! Many thanks!





### Super Stars and Acorns



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

Bumblebees	Ronnie
Ladybirds	Finlay
Owls	May-Louise
Hedgehogs	Nikki
Turtles	Elise
Sharks	William P.
3E	Adam
3R	Jai
4C	Henry
4G	Ruben
5C	Evan
5G	Jack R.
6E	George
6W	Amy



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

Bumblebees	Florence
Ladybirds	Mustafa
Owls	Arvin
Hedgehogs	Jayan
Turtles	Pippa
Sharks	Taran
3E	Gabriel
3R	Molly
4C	Jack R.
4G	Cole
5C	Annie
5G	Akarl
6E	Isabella S.
6W	Elliott

### Courtesy Cup Winners ~ last week

Reception	Heidi / Taran
Year 1	Max / Alayna
Year 2	Frankie / Beau
Year 3	Harry S. / Eva
Year 4	Hannah K. / Daya
Year 5	Holly / Lily H.
Year 6	James / Jordan



Well done to all the winners!

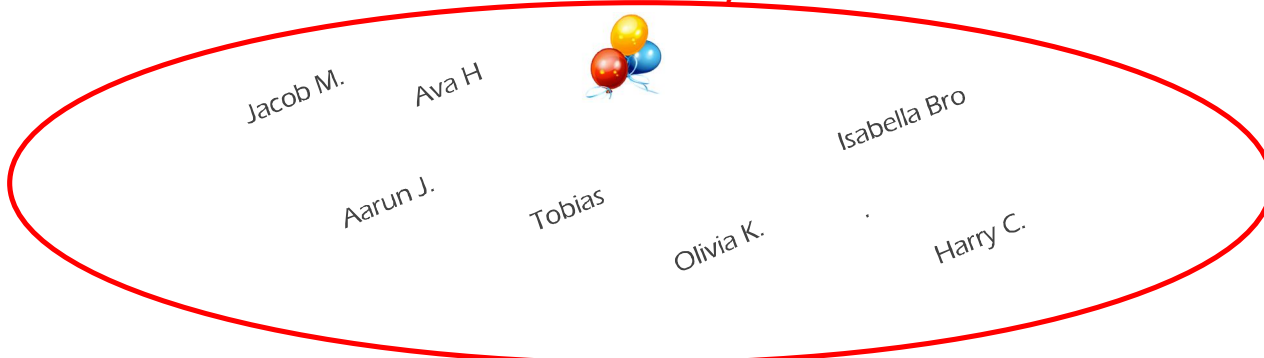
### Courtesy Cup Winners ~ this week

Reception	Elena / Olly
Year 1	Harriet / Jessica C.
Year 2	Daisy / Benjamin
Year 3	Francis / Samuel
Year 4	Gracie / Louis
Year 5	Thomas/The Whole Class 5G
Year 6	Olivia R./ Eesha



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### Infant Birthdays



### Dinner Money ~ Juniors

Can we please remind parents that dinner money should be paid in advance and parents should not be getting into arrears on the SchoolMoney system. Can parents please look on-line via SchoolMoney to view their up to date balance for school dinners and make payments. Thank you.



### Infant Milk



A reminder that if your child currently has milk this will automatically continue next term. Should you wish your child to start having milk from next term or cancel milk please let Mrs Underwood, in the Infant office, know before the end of this term. Thank you.

### Lichfield Carol Service—Monday 9th December



We are looking forward to the Carol Service at Lichfield Cathedral on Monday 9th December at 7.15pm, (Could children who are participating please arrive at 6.50pm). A reminder that the doors to the cathedral open at 6.30pm and not before due to Evensong. We hope that everyone participating either representing our school, the Cluster Choir or the Training Choir has a wonderful evening.

### Christmas Party—Friday 20th December

Pupils can come to school in party wear for our Christmas parties on 20<sup>th</sup> December, but please ensure that your child will be warm when they go out to play. Children will have party food at lunchtime and then spend the afternoon playing party games and we hope the Infants may have a visit from Santa. If your child usually brings a packed lunch from home then you may like to add some party type food for this event.



### BEBRAS 2019—The Results!

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all of the children in Years 2 to 6 who took part in the National Computing Challenge in early November. We have had our results in and all children who took part have been given a certificate based on the score they got.

The Kits (Years 2 & 3) winner in our school was Avani S. in Year 3.

The Castors (Years 4 & 5) winners in our school were Haydn S. in Year 5 and Jack R, Finn M, Jessica H and Poppy P in Year 4.

The Juniors (Years 6 & 7) winner in our school was Fina P in Year 6.

As well as having winners within our school, this competition has helped put us on the UK computing map yet again, because to top this all off, 8 (a record number for us) children in Year 6 managed to get into the top 10% of the whole UK, and therefore have been invited to compete in another challenge (called the Oxford Computing Challenge) in March 2020.

Congratulations to Calvin S, Fina P, Ben H, Olivia R, Hannah R, Olivia B, Ella G. and Isobel L.

Congratulations to everyone!



### Christmas Card Post Boxes

Our Post Boxes are now in both Infant and Junior reception areas ready for you to post your Christmas cards. Please remember to put the class on the envelope to help our posties deliver them to the correct class.



### Rock Bottom DVDs

A DVD of our fantastic school show is now available to buy, so you can re-live all the wonderful performances of our talented children. The cost of the DVD is £14.00 and payment can be made through the "shop" facility on SchoolMoney. You may purchase more than one copy if required, just increase the number when ordering. School will receive £2.00 for every DVD sold.

### Individual and Family Photographs

The deadline for ordering individual and family photos has now passed could you please contact Academy Photography direct should you now wish to order photos.



### My Art Project

Orders for school delivery have arrived and have been distributed. We hope that you are happy with both the service and the quality of the products you have received. We thank you once again for all your support this year, especially as it was a switch to online ordering only. A reminder that orders can still be placed but will be delivered to a home address. Enjoy your Christmas gifts!



Mr. Cope

Project Coordinator.

### Parents and Just for Starters Nursery Access

Can I remind all parents who drop and pick up children from Just for Starters Nursery to please not walk through the middle of the car park. This can be dangerous and lead to accidents, so I would ask all parents to use the paths provided.

### Data Sheets—Years 1-6

Data sheets have come out this week to parents. We need to confirm we have up to date contact details for parents and other emergency contacts. Could you please check all details and make any amendments necessary and return the form to school as soon as possible. **Please note we require the form returned even if there are no amendments.** Thank you.



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### Film Night - Friday 13th December

We look forward to our second PTA Film Night on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December when the children will have a chance to lose themselves in the festive feel of "The Polar Express". The first film night was a huge success and very popular with the children, so our very hard working PTA Committee decided to squeeze in another one before we break for the Christmas holidays. They set up an on-line ticketing service which was the only fair way to organise things, many thanks to the PTA for putting so much effort into this, running it on the night, and making things fair for all! The children will remain at school on this day and then begin their festive film experience at approximately 4pm in the Infant Hall.



### ICT Tip of the Week

*"West Midlands Police has been made aware of an App called "UNICO LIVE". The app is publicised as age restricted 12+ and designed for young people to upload videos of them performing, singing and dancing etc.; it has come to our attention that there is inappropriate content on the platform involving young people. The content does not appear to be monitored and we urge you to check that the apps you and your children use are appropriate and safe. Always consider the risks when using any type of "Live Streaming App or platform". A short guide to Live Streaming can be found here: <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/what-is-live-streaming/>"*

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

Yours sincerely

Mr M Benton  
Head Teacher