

# FOUR OAKS PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Governors



### Thank you!

I would like to begin this newsletter by saying a huge thank you to all of our parents for their willingness to abide by our revised one way system that has been in place since Monday of this week. The fact that everyone is entering the school site in the afternoon using the Infant gate and then are leaving via the Junior gate has made everyone much safer with no-one fighting against the tide of pedestrians at any point. It has also made the narrow space at the side of Caterpillar Corner in Reception much less crowded. We hope that by listening to the views of parents we have made life safer for everyone. It is also heartening to still see so many parents wearing face coverings as we have asked at the end of the day.....THANK YOU EVERYONE!



### Book Fair

Every October we run a highly successful Book Fair in school which benefits many of our children. This year, due to Coronavirus restrictions we have had to do things differently, so we are having a 'Virtual Book Fair'. The Book Fair will begin on **Monday 12th October** and the last day to send order slips into school will be **Friday 16th October**. On the school website there is an order form which details the books on offer and gives a contact telephone number which parents can use to make an order.



**Pay by Phone:**  
Call 0330 088 5756



Parents should then send the form detailing the book titles they have ordered back to school. This will have on it, your name, your child's name and class, a transaction code (given over the phone when you order), and the value of books ordered detailed on it.



**Our School Customer I.D Number is: 23703440**



We will then process these forms and send for the books ordered, and get them back to you as soon as they arrive back at school.

The Book Fair makes a lot of money for school as we get a commission of 60% on all books ordered, meaning lots of new books for school, (all of our Guided Reading books have been acquired in this way), so we would really appreciate your support.

If you can't print the form at home then just telephone school and we will endeavour to send a paper copy of the order form home in your child's book bag.



### Much Needed Hygiene Supplies



Many thanks to the parents who have donated hand sanitizer this week. Stood on the gate in the morning it has been great to receive some very generous contributions from many parents. At present we now have enough of this product but if any parents have any supplies of anti-bacterial wipes or latex-free medical gloves that they can spare for us to use in school we would greatly appreciate them!



### Nasal Flu Vaccine

The school immunisation team will be in school on Tuesday to administer the nasal flu vaccine to all years. Thank you to everyone who has sent back their form, please ensure any outstanding forms are returned on Monday.



### Super Stars and Acorns



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

Bumblebees	Enzo
Ladybirds	Finley L-J
Owls	Joshua
Hedgehogs	Freya
Turtles	Jake
Sharks	Penny
3E	Jack
3R	Annabel
4C	Harry C.
4G	Keirath
5B	Lily H.
5SB	Shriya
6E	Kaya
6W	Alfie



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

Bumblebees	Jenson
Ladybirds	Dominic
Owls	Callum
Hedgehogs	Finley
Turtles	Elsie
Sharks	Samuel
3E	Toby
3R	Alexia
4C	Connor
4G	Adam
5B	Hannah
5SB	Absaar
6E	Reuben
6W	Evan

### Courtesy Cup Winners ~ last week

Reception	Leo / Phoebe
Year 1	Charlotte / Surbani
Year 2	Charlie L-M / Amelia
Year 3	Esme E. / Libby
Year 4	Joseph D / Scarlett
Year 5	Oscar / Joseph K.
Year 6	Jack N. / Noah



Well done to all the winners!

### Courtesy Cup Winners ~ this week

Reception	Simran / Aisha
Year 1	Hajra / Isla
Year 2	Zara / Lily
Year 3	Ava H. / Theo
Year 4	Amirah / Harry Sm.
Year 5	Jessica / Gracie
Year 6	Scarlett / Freya



Well done to all the winners!

### Infant Birthdays



Joseph B. Kian Elliot J. Charlotte H.  
Reuben C. Charlotte B. Dylan R.

### Dinner Money ~ Juniors

Could parents please check SchoolMoney for any outstanding payments for school dinners. If there are any problems logging into SchoolMoney then please contact Mrs Johnson in the Junior office.

### Milk Money—Infants

Could parents please pay any outstanding milk money as soon as possible. If there are any problems logging into SchoolMoney then please contact Mrs Johnson in the Junior office.

### Individual School Photos



Individual school photographs will be taken on Tuesday 10th November, a slip confirming the information has come out this week. You only need to return the slip if you **do not** wish your child to have their photograph taken. Unfortunately it will prove impossible for us to have sibling or family pre-school groups this year, this would involve breaking the Year bubbles which we are unable to do. Thank you for your understanding.

### Parents' Evening

During the Autumn Term we usually host a Parents' Evening where all parents are invited into school to have short conversations with teachers about children's progress. Under present restrictions we are not allowed to hold such an event so we will have to organise Parents' Evening in a different way. During the first and second weeks after half-term we will be offering all parents an 8 minute telephone conversation with their child's teacher so that the staff can report on how your children have settled back into school life. In the next two weeks we will be sending out details of how this will work so please watch this space.



### Open Day

Just as with Parents' Evening we are also not allowed to invite any present or new parents on site to experience our traditional 'Open Day' so we have had to become imaginative about this event as well. We are in the process of making a video that will reflect many aspects of life at Four Oaks Primary and show what goes on in school on a day to day basis. In a couple of weeks this will be available to watch on our School website and it will be accompanied by a 'Frequently Asked Questions' document and comments about school from present parents. Obviously any parents who have further questions about our school or about the process of applying for a Reception school place can always contact school by email or telephone and we will endeavour to provide clarity.



### Catch-Up Sessions

As you will probably have heard, the Government have provided all schools with a small amount of funding to finance sessions and resources to help children catch-up to where they would have been in terms of educational progress if there hadn't been a national school lockdown last term. At the moment all staff in school are in the process of assessing children and highlighting where learning gaps exist, they will soon be finalizing plans for how children can access extra support. I hope that all parents will support us this year in trying to enable all pupils to fulfil their true learning potential whether this involves taking part in further learning on-line at home or short teaching sessions either before or after school.



### PTA 200 Club

A reminder to all parents to renew their 200 club membership or, if you are not already participating, please consider joining. This is one way funds can still be raised for the PTA—only £10 for 7 monthly draws! The form can be found on the website. Thank you.



### ICT Tip of the Week

*TikTok is a social media platform that allows users to express themselves through singing, dancing, lip synching and comedy in 15 second videos that can be shared with others in the TikTok community.*

*Privacy settings: For control over who can see your videos, you can apply privacy settings to ensure you are interacting with people you know. If you have a private account, your friends will need to follow you and you will need to approve them in order for them to see your videos.*

*Blocking: If someone is bothering you on TikTok, you can block them.*

*Deleting: If a fan is bothering you, you can swipe left to delete them.*

*Reporting: If you see inappropriate content on TikTok, you should report it by clicking on the button with three dots and then click 'report abuse'. Should you violate the community guidelines, your account may be removed without warning.*

*If you are a parent and you are concerned with what your child is posting, you can email: [info@musical.ly](mailto:info@musical.ly) <https://support.tiktok.com/>*

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

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