

# FOUR OAKS PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Next Week—Menu 4

## 23rd September 2022

Dear Parents and Governors

### Parent Workshops

We hope that the many parents who have attended their year group's Parents' Workshop over the last two weeks have found them a useful introduction to their child's forthcoming year in school. Our new Reception parents will get the chance to attend their meeting next Tuesday morning.

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### PTA Rags2Riches

At the end of the Summer Term the PTA sent home bags for all families to collect any unwanted clothes to be reused and sent to Ukraine with the 'Rags2Riches' scheme. This scheme will pay our school 40p per kilo of clothing, so this could be a valuable fundraiser for school, as well as being a worthy cause. Please bring any bags to the **Junior** playground at any point on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September, ready for collection the following day. A 'Rags2Riches' flyer setting out details of items that are permitted is attached to the end of this newsletter.

### PTA- Infant Disco & Junior Pizza Party



Our fantastic PTA will be getting their social fundraising year off to a great start by putting on the first disco and pizza party for the children next Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> September. Parents may stay at the Infant disco if they wish but they can also leave and collect their child at the end. No parents can stay at the Junior pizza party unless they have volunteered to help.



- The Infant disco will be in the Infant Hall between 5.15pm and 6.15pm.
- The Junior disco and pizza party will be in the Infant Hall between 6.30pm and 7.30pm.
- All children and adults can only enter the building by going through the Infant playground and entering through the back doors of the Infant hall.
- All children and adults will leave the hall by using the front doors. This helps with congestion and safety on what is always a very busy event.
- All items from the tuck shop are not free. However, as the tuck shop is run by parent volunteers, the PTA or school cannot take responsibility for ensuring children adhere to their dietary restrictions or allergies (as children buy and share items purchased among themselves). Parents of Infant children may accompany their child if they are concerned.

All tickets will now be sold online and emergency telephone numbers will be required at the time of purchase. Please follow the link below to purchase tickets:

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/four-oaks-primary/#.YxYNyffTWEd>

### PTA AGM—Monday 10th October

The PTA will be holding their annual AGM on Monday 10th October at 8pm at Steetly Tennis Club. Everyone is welcome, in particular any parents who may wish to join the PTA in any capacity, or for new parents to see what our PTA does throughout the year.

### Lunchtime Supervisor Vacancy

At present we have an exciting opportunity for someone to join our happy team of lunchtime supervisors. If you, or anyone you know, would like to read more details then just go to our school website, click on the 'Our School' tab and go to the 'Vacancies' page.

### Year 4 - Black Country Living Museum

A reminder to all parents that Year 4 will be off on our first educational visit of the school year, when they travel to the Black Country Living Museum in Dudley on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October. Please ensure that you have paid for the trip on SchoolMoney and that cash payment for the fish and chips lunch has been handed to your child's teacher if they wish to partake. We are sure they will have a fantastic time and that their experience will help bring to life their creative curriculum work based all around the Victorians.



### Secondary School Open Evenings

If parents are looking towards a secondary school choice for their child, then at this time of the year many schools hold open evenings for parents and children to look around their schools.

To find details of these important sessions just visit the different schools' websites. We have listed the website links below for your convenience.

Also for this newsletter, please find attached a flyer for the Year 7 Open Evening which is being held at King Edward VI School in Lichfield on Wednesday 28th September 2022 from 5.30pm - 7.30pm.

<https://arthurterry.bham.sch.uk/>

<https://www.suttcold.bham.sch.uk/>

<https://www.fairfax.bham.sch.uk/>

<https://plantsbrookschool.co.uk/>

<https://www.keaston.bham.sch.uk/>

<https://www.camphillboys.bham.sch.uk/>

<https://bvqs.co.uk/>

<https://jws.bham.sch.uk/>

<https://www.kefw.org/>

<https://www.handsworth.bham.sch.uk/>

<https://kingedwardvi.bham.sch.uk/>

<https://www.kechg.org.uk>



### Packed Lunches

As a Local Authority school, we have to follow guidelines stating that we should cut grapes in half when serving them, as they can represent a possible choking hazard.

We would appreciate it if parents sending in any grapes in packed lunches could do the same.

### Packed Lunches for Trips

A letter will be coming out to all students regarding packed lunches for trips. We will be asking you to complete your child's preference for their packed lunch at the beginning of the year and they will have this lunch on any trip they will go on throughout the year. This will replace our current system of ordering online. Please look out for this letter and complete this as soon as possible and return to your class teacher.





### Super Stars and Acorns



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

Bumblebees	The Whole Class
Ladybirds	The Whole Class
Owls	Rose
Hedgehogs	Isaac M
Turtles	Rayan
Sharks	Nisharne
3E	The Whole Class
3R	The Whole Class
4B	Sam
4W	Ned
5AC	Bella
5MC	Mia
6B	Harry
6S	Ted



### Super Stars and Acorns



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

Bumblebees	Freddie
Ladybirds	Joshua
Owls	Bolin
Hedgehogs	Aavai
Turtles	Maddy
Sharks	Phoebe
3E	Saffron
3R	Harry
4B	Adam
4W	Emily
5AC	Jayden
5MC	Julia
6B	Anna
6S	Nicole

### Courtesy Cup Winners ~ last week

Reception	Jeevan / Torben
Year 1	Martha / Amelia
Year 2	Ria / Alexa
Year 3	Bella / Seren-Rae
Year 4	Faith / Athier
Year 5	Seb / Thea (5MC)
Year 6	Alayna / Oliver



Well done to all the winners!

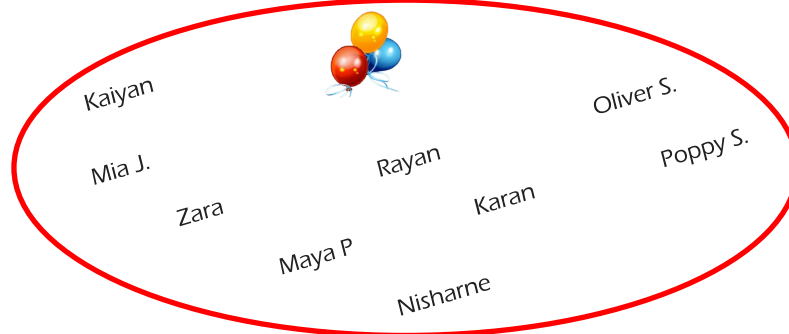
### Courtesy Cup Winners ~ this week

Reception	Leon / Aizah
Year 1	Oliver / Jaya
Year 2	Elliot / Veer
Year 3	Sophia / Toji
Year 4	Penny / Jake
Year 5	Pippa / Annabel
Year 6	Luca / Clark



Well done to all the winners!

### Infant Birthdays



### Kindness Tree Award

Kindness Tree wasn't awarded this week—normal service will be resumed next week.



### Message Regarding Attendance

Could all parents please read the attached letter from Birmingham City Council regarding attendance. Can I reiterate again that children should not be taken out of school during term time for holidays.

### Flu Vaccination Forms

All children should now have come home with their consent form for their annual flu vaccination. Could all parents complete the form to indicate whether or not they want their child to have the nasal spray and return these to school by Monday 3rd October. Thank you.



### Open Day—Prospective Reception Parents

We will be holding our Open Day for any parents who wish to look around our school on Monday 10th October. There is no need to make an appointment, parents can turn up from about 9.30 am with the last tour at about 2.50 pm.

### Pedestrian Gates

A polite reminder that while our pedestrian gates are open before 8.50am, including our Russell Bank Road entrance, this is for parents to access the site for FOSBACS. No child should be entering school premises before 8.50 am, if they are not attending FOSBACS, as our staff will not be available to supervise them at this time. Thank you for your co-operation.

### COMMUNITY NEWS.....COMMUNITY NEWS.....COMMUNITY NEWS.....

#### Four Oaks Saints Cricket Club Bonfire Celebrations - November 5<sup>th</sup> 2022

It may seem a little previous, but we would like to share news of our local bonfire celebrations this year. As November 5<sup>th</sup> falls on a Saturday this year, Four Oaks Saints Cricket Club have decided to organise things differently and 'Early Bird' tickets are now available online until the end of September at a discount, when the price will revert to the normal price. As bonfire night falls on the Saturday they know they will be really busy, so they may have to restrict gate entry on the day! To read more details and book an Early Bird ticket just follow this link:



<https://fouroakssaints.co.uk/bonfire/>

### ICT Tip of the Week

*Jessie & Friends is a resource developed for children aged 4-7. The website helps children to develop the skills and knowledge they need to help them stay safer when spending time online.*

*Designed for children to visit at home with their parents and carers, users complete 'badges' where they help the characters, Jessie, Tia and Mo, to identify when to 'Tell a Grown Up' (TAG) in different online situations.*

*Visit the website here: <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/4-7s-website/>*

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

Mr M Benton  
Head Teacher





## School Attendance – a very important message for all parents/carers

### Academic Year 2022-23

Dear Parent/Carer,

This is an important update about school attendance for the academic year 2022-23. Four Oaks Primary School is working in partnership with parents and Birmingham City Council to ensure all children return to school following difficult times. We would like to thank parents for the work you have done in ensuring your children received education during that time.

It is now vital for all children be in school every day to minimise, as far as possible, the longer-term impact of the pandemic on their education, wellbeing and wider development. We also know that when not in school, children missed being with their friends and the wider social aspects of school.

Missing out on more time in the classroom risks pupils falling further behind. Those with higher overall absence tend to achieve less well in both primary and secondary school. **Therefore, the government has confirmed that school attendance continues to be compulsory for all pupils.**

This means that (unless parents are formally notified of new lockdown arrangements where schools are closed or a child is required to self-isolate), the usual rules on school attendance apply, including:

- parents' duty to send their child/children to school regularly where they are of compulsory school age;
- schools' responsibilities to record attendance, and to follow up absence proactively with parents who hold a legal responsibility to ensure their children attend;
- the option for local authorities to again consider the use of legal sanctions, including penalty notices and prosecution in court.

If you are worried about your child/children attending school the first port of call is to discuss your concerns with the school directly. The school has specialist staff who may be able to help, and all schools work closely with health and council teams who may also be able to help if needed.

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***Please note that, given the disruption to children's education caused by the pandemic, requests for leave during term time are unlikely to be authorised by the Head Teacher.***

Family emergencies also need careful consideration. It is not always appropriate or in the best interests of the child to miss school for emergencies which are being dealt with by adult family members.

No school or local authority wants to take legal action. Every attempt to resolve parents' concerns and improve a child's attendance will be made before any formal legal action, which may include a penalty notice or court action, is instigated.

***However, where all efforts fail and parents fail to ensure their child attends school regularly, legal action may be considered.***

After so much disruption to children's education over the past year, the most important thing is that the school and parents work together to get children back into school. The school is ready to listen so please contact them if you have any worries and they will try to help you. There is also information for parents and carers on attending school during the pandemic here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak>

Additionally, Birmingham City Council provides online information and guidance to parents on school attendance which you can access here:

[https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20014/schools\\_and\\_learning/1502/school\\_attendance\\_advice\\_for\\_parents](https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20014/schools_and_learning/1502/school_attendance_advice_for_parents)

Kind regards

Education Legal Intervention Team  
Birmingham City Council





# Year 7 Open Evening King Edward VI School Lichfield

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2022 5.30pm-7.30pm**

We are pleased to confirm that our Open Evening for admission to Year 7 in 2023 will take place on Wednesday 28th September 5.30pm - 7.30pm.

We are also opening the school to visitors from 5.30pm -7.30pm. Visitors will be able to walk around key areas of the school site, meet departments and talk to current students and staff.

Entry to the presentation in the hall is by ticket only to ensure that we have seats for everyone. You can book a timed entry via the link on our website one week before the event via [www.keslichfield.org.uk](http://www.keslichfield.org.uk). There will be presentations at 5.30pm, 6.15pm and 7pm. If you do not attend the presentation then you are still free to visit the school between 5.30 and 7.30pm. Senior staff will also be available to answer questions and there will be plenty of informal opportunities to speak to staff and students.

Children who are in Year 5 or Year 6 are most welcome to visit with their parents or carers. There is limited parking on site so we recommend that people who live locally walk wherever possible.

Students and parents will also be able to access key information about the school and departments via the link on our school website [www.keslichfield.org.uk](http://www.keslichfield.org.uk). This includes video presentations from the headteacher, senior staff, departments and students. This is information made available last year and we recognise that some families may prefer to access materials online.

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FOUR OAKS PRIMARY SCHOOL

# Raise funds by collecting reusable clothes

**RAGS 2 RICHES**  
Schools Clubs Groups

**WE ACCEPT CLEAN,  
GOOD QUALITY, DRY,  
REUSABLE CLOTHING**

- ☒ Adults, Childrens & Babies Clothing
- ☒ Jewellery and Accessories
- ☒ Paired Shoes and Footwear
- ☒ Belts and Handbags

A full list of reusable items is listed on our website  
[www.rags2riches4schools.co.uk](http://www.rags2riches4schools.co.uk)

**WE DO NOT ACCEPT**

POOR QUALITY ITEMS SUCH AS  
DIRTY, WET, RIPPED OR SOILED  
CLOTHES.  
PILLOWS, DUVETS, CURTAINS,  
BOOKS CDs OR ANY UNIFORM

If you are unsure what to put in the bags  
**STOP AND THINK**  
**WOULD YOU WEAR IT?**

Please use the clothing bag provided.  
You can also use any additional bag if required.

Collection Date:  
**Bring to the outdoor classroom on 27th Sept**

Please remember - NO UNIFORM