

FOUR OAKS PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Next Week—Menu 4

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Dear Parents and Governors



PTA Christmas Fayre Friday 2nd December 5:30-8pm



We are delighted to announce that our Christmas Fayre is almost here!

We and the PTA can't wait to join you for a wonderful festive evening. You can expect delicious hot food, hot and cold drinks, beers, prosecco, gin, mulled wine etc at the bar, cakes and sweet treats. There will be traditional games, stalls, raffles (we have fabulous prizes) and plenty of Christmas cheer to keep your family entertained.



Santa's Grotto tickets are selling fast, so get yours now! Pre-booking your time slot is essential - there will be no availability to buy grotto tickets on the night. Visit our events website below and while you're there PLEASE sign up to help on a stall for a short time (your children can help, too).



<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/four-oaks-primary/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=56011#.Y31kf-zP3-Y>

Josh Lacey—Author Visit

What a wonderful time our pupils had this Monday when Children's author Josh Lacey spent a day with us here at Four Oaks Primary. He spoke to the children about his life as an author and his wonderful books, allowing the children a chance to buy a book and get it signed. I'm sure we have many pupils who enjoy writing stories and who will have been galvanised by his visit. Many thanks to parents for supporting yet another push in school to get all our children to read more often.

School Election Day - the Results!

Democracy In Action!

All the children and staff enjoyed the experience of visiting our Four Oaks Primary School Polling Station last Friday to cast their vote in our School Election to choose a charity for school to support this year. The results were as follows:

Birmingham Children's Hospital	131
Shelter	126
Air Ambulance	106
St Giles	66



The election result means that Birmingham Children's Hospital has been chosen as our charity to support this year.



We will be kicking off our efforts by taking part in their **Jolly Jumper Day** Fundraiser in December. This will take place on **Thursday 8th December**, the day of our Christmas Dinner in school. We would love the children to come to school in their Christmas jumpers or dresses on this day in exchange for a £1 donation to Birmingham Children's Hospital paid via School Money. Thank you for your support.

Review of Extra-Curricular Clubs Arrangements

We will be sending a letter out to update parents following a review of our extra curricular clubs arrangements. Could I encourage all parents to read this carefully. Thank you.

Pupil Playleader Training

Some of our Year 5 pupils had a great time on Tuesday this week when they enjoyed being trained up as 'Playleaders' for our younger Infant pupils. They had sports professionals in from Aspire Sports to train them in lots of different playtime games which they can lead when they work with our Infant pupils at lunchtime every day.

Non-Uniform Day—29th November



On Tuesday 29th November the children throughout school will be allowed to come to school in non-uniform as long as they bring either a bottle or a Teddy to sell at a stall at the PTA Christmas Fayre which is on Friday 2nd December. Children should take their bottles or soft toys to their classrooms where they will be directed what to do with them.



Christmas Performances

We are now able to announce the dates and times of our Christmas Performances. This year the Juniors will have a performance at school and the Infants will be going to All Saints church for the Christmas Carol Service. For the Infant performance the children will be walked up to the church after lunch and parents and grandparents are welcome to come directly to the church for a 1.45pm start, a seating plan will be available nearer the time. Please be aware of the limited parking around the church and walk where possible. Parents will be then able to collect their child after the performance to take them home. If anyone is unable to attend those children will be walked back to school for normal pick up.

Infant Carol Service—All Saints Church—Monday 12th December—1.45pm start

The Juniors' performances will take place over two days. We're asking parents of the different year groups to attend on different times and dates to avoid congestion in the hall. Grandparents are also welcome to attend these performances if they wish.

Year 3 & 4 Performance -	Tuesday 13th December—9.15am—Year 3 parents
	Wednesday 14th December—2pm—Year 4 parents
Year 5 & 6 Performance	Tuesday 13th December—2pm—Year 5 parents
	Wednesday 14th December—9.15am—Year 6 parents



We hope these events will get everyone in the festive spirit and are glad to be able to invite everyone back to these seasonal events.

Y3/4 Multi-Skills

Another big well done to some of our Year 3 and Year 4 pupils who represented Four Oaks Primary at the all Birmingham Multi-Skills event on Tuesday evening. They had a great time and were a credit to the school, winning the 'Passion' award. A big thank you to Mrs. Rowberry for organising yet another sporting opportunity for the children.



Year 4 Maths Team

We hope that 4 of our Year 4 pupils have a fantastic time at King Edward's School in Edgbaston this afternoon as they represent Four Oaks Primary in the all Birmingham Maths Competition. We will let you know how they get on in the next Newsletter.

Individual and Sibling Photos

Proofs of photographs have now come out to all parents. Please note the deadline date - Monday 28th November. If you wish to pay using the envelope rather than online these must be sent into school on Monday morning. 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	Zac
Ladybirds	Troy
Owls	Oatie
Hedgehogs	Poppy
Turtles	Gian
Sharks	Ellena
3E	The Whole Class / Jordan
3R	The Whole Class / Callum
4B	Joshvir
4W	Oliver
5AC	Zach
5MC	William P
6B	Isla / Frazer
6S	Sam



Super Stars and Acorns



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

Bumblebees	The Whole Class
Ladybirds	The Whole Class
Owls	Elliott P
Hedgehogs	Jaya
Turtles	James
Sharks	Hans
3E	Ambika
3R	Annie
4B	Isabella
4W	Kyra
5AC	Cameron
5MC	Lily-Mae
6B	The Whole Class
6S	The Whole Class

Courtesy Cup Winners ~ last week

Reception	Raphael / Olivia
Year 1	Luna / Andriana
Year 2	Anaya / Mati
Year 3	Olly / Daia
Year 4	Jack / Harry
Year 5	Aneka / Milo
Year 6	Keirath / Jai



Well done to all the winners!

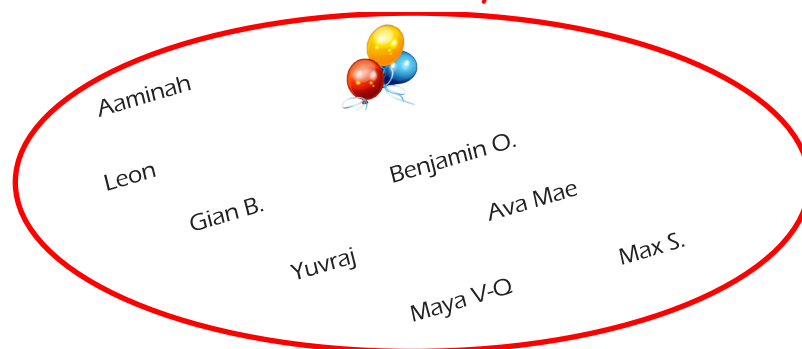
Courtesy Cup Winners ~ this week

Reception	Ava-Mae / Hajara
Year 1	Hugo / Karan
Year 2	Milo / Amiyah
Year 3	Saffron / Charlotte
Year 4	James / Reeva
Year 5	Fatima / Ben
Year 6	Jemima / Isla C.



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Infant Birthdays



Kindness Tree Award

Last Week Infants: Nina (Bumblebees)
 Last Week Juniors: Charlotte Mc. (4B)
 This Week Infants: Avni (Hedgehogs)
 This Week Juniors: Annabel (5MC)



Year 6 Trip to Wroxeter

On Tuesday 22nd November our Year 6 pupils and staff visited Wroxeter Roman settlement in Shropshire. They had a wonderful day learning all about the life of the Romans.



Year 5 Bikeability

Some of our Year 5 pupils will be taking part in Bikeability training next week. All pupils involved should have been given all information needed for their sessions, but just to remind parents, all bicycles used must be in good working order, all pupils must have a good quality helmet and also must have suitable clothing for any possible weather conditions.



Road Safety Week

Next week is Road Safety Week in school so all children will hear about those really important rules.

Food Boxes—Bring it on Brum

Attached to this newsletter is some information regarding registering for food boxes. Those families who are in receipt of Free School Meals (due to being in receipt of benefits) will have received a letter and a code to apply for the food box and activity clubs available over the holidays. Parents who are not on benefits can still apply for the food boxes—all details can be found on the 'Bring it on Brum' website. They can also sign up for the activity clubs but a payment of £10 is required.

Please note the deadline date of Wednesday 30th November for the food boxes.

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Grotto build- Weds 30th Nov 3:30pm-7:30pm & Thurs 1st Dec 3:30-6:00

Santa needs you! The Grotto is truly magical and it's pretty special to be part of the small team putting it together, especially when you see your child's face when they see it in all its glory.

The PTA needs 3-4 moderately strong people (there's a bit of lifting, fixing and moving to do) on the dates and times above. If you are able to help at these times (even for part of it) please contact Wendy Todd on 07713 419378. Thank you!

PTA Christmas Hamper

If any parents still have any donations to put towards the prize hamper for the PTA Christmas Fayre then the deadline is Wednesday 30th November. Please send any donations to one of the school offices. A list of items needed can be found on the last newsletter.



It's time to announce our November winners...



1st Prize, £50 - Ball 144 - J Purewal

2nd Prize, £20 - Ball 138 - T Cooper

Sterling Silver Sleeved Dog Whistle, worth £79.99, kindly donated by [ACME Whistles](https://www.acmewhistles.co.uk/) - Ball 64 - J Jones

<https://www.acmewhistles.co.uk/>

Thank you to Ladybirds class who drew the numbers on Mon 21st November, overseen by Miss Appleby.

As ever, a big thank you to everyone who takes part too... this simply wouldn't work without you!

Not a member yet? Sign up at any time in the school year to join in the fun & be entered into the remaining draws! There are 8 draws left, so it is only £8 per number to take part. One number gives you 8 opportunities to win £50, £20 or some wonderful bonus prizes.

Link to purchase however many numbers you would like: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/four-oaks-primary/#.Y1-sL3bP2>

Smarties Challenge

Result of Smarties Challenge 2022:

Ladybirds	£130.40	Infant School Winner: Owls
Bumblebees	£144.23	
Hedgehogs	£70.64	
Owls	£186.71	
Sharks	£144.30	
Turtles	£49.26	
3R	£119.88	Junior School Winner: 5MC
3E	£67.85	
4W	£91.89	
4B	£123.49	
5AC	£103.70	
5MC	£210.50	
6B	£32.50	
6S	£42.34	



Well done to Owls and 5MC, they have already received their giant Smarties tubes! The total profit across the whole school was over £1300! This money will go towards everyday items as well as enrichment activities including subsidised tickets for every child at the pantomime theatre trip in December.

Christmas Fayre Bake Off



Fancy your chances of being a star baker? Then enter our Christmas Star Baker competition!

There are adult, family and child categories with a prize for the best in each category.

Individual cupcakes, biscuits or larger cakes made for slicing are all welcome!



A letter with all the details has come out in your child's bag. Please bring your entries in on Friday 2nd December by 1pm for judging. Your delicious creations will then be sold at the Fayre that evening. All entries must be nut free and a list of ingredients supplied please.

ICT Tip of the Week

Last week was Anti-Bullying Week. This year the theme is Reach Out.

Anti-Bullying Week will remind everyone whether it's in school, at home, in the community or online, let's reach out and show each other the support we need.

If you have been affected by bullying or want to know where you can find more information about bullying, these links can help.

- <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-is-child-abuse/types-of-abuse/bullying-and-cyberbullying/>
- <https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/tools-information/advice-and-support/advice-parents/im-worried-about-cyberbullying>
- <https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk>
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/z9gqqf>
- <https://bulliesout.com/need-support/parents>
- <https://www.familylives.org.uk>

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

Mr M Benton
Head Teacher

Winter Food Boxes

As part of the winter Bring it on Brum! programme supported by the Department of Education and Birmingham City Council; we are pleased to offer families the opportunity to request a free winter food box.

Free food boxes are available for all families and households with children, regardless of benefits-related free-school meal eligibility.

We have partnered with Morrison's to provide a box of cupboard essentials and fresh produce. The contents of the box will include all the ingredients needed to make 4 meals, from a choice of 5 different recipes. All boxes are vegetarian with meat substitutes provided.

For more information on the recipes included, contents of the food box and delivery information visit our website:

www.bringitonbrum.co.uk/activity-packs-and-food-boxes

Families and households with children who ARE eligible for benefits-related free school meals.

Register for your free winter food box, live from Wednesday 23rd November, registrations will close on Wednesday 30th November or when all available food boxes have been allocated.

One food box is available for each eligible household (not one per child). Eligible households must have at least one child or young person eligible for benefits-related free school meals living there. You will need to enter the details of one eligible child in order to register for a food box, include your Bring it on Brum! code (sometimes called a HAF or FSM code) if you have it already.

Families and households with children who ARE NOT eligible for benefits-related free school meals

Register for your free winter food box, live from Wednesday 23rd November, registrations will close on Wednesday 30th November or when all available food boxes have been allocated.

One food box is available for each household (not one per child). You will need to enter the details of one child who goes to school in Birmingham in order to register for a free food box.

Treasure Trails Family Offer

Turn a regular day into a full-blown adventure... a great way to engage the whole family in a fun day out! Follow a self-guided Treasure Trail through the winding backstreets and hidden corners of towns and cities around Birmingham.

Crack the clues along the route to unlock incredible stories from the past and solve the mystery at the end. Before you know it, you've walked a couple of miles, taken in the highlights, explored new areas and put your heads together as a family and returned home with a massive smile on your face!

Please note this is not an organised activity; this is a self-guided activity pack for Treasure Trails around Birmingham. Families are eligible to apply for one Treasure Trails pack per household (NOT one per child).