

# FOUR OAKS PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Next Week—Menu 1

## 10th February 2023

Dear Parents and Governors

### Book Fair

A huge thank you to all of the parents and children who have visited the book fair this last week. It has been a very popular destination and I'm sure you have helped us raise some much-needed extra funds for school to buy books with. I hope all of the children enjoy reading their brand-new books and that their regular reading habit has a positive effect on their progress in school.



### Year 1 Viking Day



On Tuesday this week, Four Oaks Primary School became a very scary place as Year 1 celebrated all things Viking! The children made such a super effort to come to school dressed as a Viking and they learnt so much during their exciting day. Just take a look at our school Twitter account at <https://twitter.com/fouroaksprimary> to see some fantastic costumes!

### Parents' Evenings—15th & 16th February

Next Wednesday and Thursday, (or Tuesday and Thursday for 6B parents), we will be having our second Parents' Evenings of the year. This week you will have been given an opportunity to visit the classroom and peruse your child's books, so next week it is purely a chance to have 10 minutes with your class teacher to discuss pupil progress. You should have now been notified of your appointment time, so we ask that you turn up at that exact time to help both evenings run smoothly. You may come into school through the front door of either building and then walk to the specific classroom. The teachers from each year group will be together in one classroom belonging to each year group.



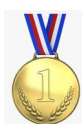
### Bring a Bear



Thank you to everyone who supported our bring a bear event to raise money for our Charity Birmingham Children's Hospital. We also used this event to talk to all our children about their mental health as well as physical health.



### More Sporting Superstars!



A HUGE well done to our team of Year 1 and Year 2 gymnasts who competed on Wednesday. They came away with quite the medal haul. Two individual golds and one individual bronze and the team won overall gold! Thank you to Miss Wylde and Mrs Goldspink for going with the children and for the parents for taking the children to participate.



### PTA Comedy Night

We hope that everyone who is coming to our fantastic PTA Comedy Night tonight has a wonderful time. It starts in the Junior hall at 7pm. Many thanks to everyone who has bought a ticket and is supporting bringing funds into school for the children's benefit!





### Half-Term Premier Sport Gymnastics Camp



On Monday 20<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> and Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February, the first three days of the half-term break, Premier Sports will be running their popular gymnastics camp at school in the Infant Hall. If you are interested in this popular activity and have not yet signed up, just see the details on the flyer attached to this newsletter.

### World Book Day



Just a reminder that the first Thursday back after half-term (2<sup>nd</sup> March) is World Book Day, and we are asking that everyone makes a sandwich board to wear displaying the cover of their favourite book. Children can dress up as a book character as well if they wish but we will be having a competition for best sandwich board with book prizes up for grabs!

### Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March – Proposed NEU Strike Action

1<sup>st</sup> March is the second day in the National Education Union's proposed four days of national strike action. Once again, I can report that as far as I know at this moment in time Four Oaks Primary School will not be adversely affected by this event and will be open as usual.

I must stress to parents that this situation could change at any moment depending on whether staff change their minds about withdrawing their labour, which is their legal right. We could also be affected if our staff have their own children at a school which has to close due to this event. I will keep parents clearly informed of our position.

### Juniors—House Point Winners

Well done to Bracebridge who won the house point competition. Bracebridge children will all be allowed to come into school on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> in non-uniform.

### Rags2Riches—14<sup>th</sup> February

Once again, our fantastic PTA committee are running their Rag2Riches event where parents can bring in a black bin-liner full of any unwanted clothes. Your bags of unwanted clothes can come in any time between 7.30am and 6pm on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February, and they can be deposited in the outdoor classroom next to the Junior playground. Any donations will then be weighed and get turned into cash that goes towards improving the provision for every pupil in school. Please give generously!



For further details just visit the PTA website page at [www.pta-events.co.uk/four-oaks-primary](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/four-oaks-primary)

### Reception Donations Requests

Reception are trying to develop their outdoor 'mud kitchen' and would be grateful for any donations of old kitchen equipment eg: colander, saucepans, spatulas, baking trays or anything else that you regularly use in a kitchen (no knives please!).



In addition they wish to develop a 'bedroom area' for their play area and are looking for donations of alarm clocks, a lamp, pyjamas, dressing gowns, picture frames etc. Thank you for your support.

### Change of Date for Class Photographs

Due to the extra bank holiday for the King's coronation the Year 6 SATs will start a day later than anticipated we have therefore had to change the date for our class photographs. These will now take place on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April, please amend your diaries accordingly!

### Year 2 Trip

We hope that Year 2 have a great time on their trip to the National Memorial Arboretum on Tuesday in connection with their topic of World War I.





### Super Stars and Acorns



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

Bumblebees	Poppy
Ladybirds	Thomas J.
Owls	Shaan
Hedgehogs	Aarick
Turtles	Sebastian
Sharks	Beatrix
3E	Ambika
3R	Shay
4B	Jayan
4W	Scarlett
5AC	Toby
5MC	Ben
6B	Oliver G.
6S	Oliver D.



### Super Stars and Acorns



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

Bumblebees	Saffi
Ladybirds	Arjun M.
Owls	Yuvraj
Hedgehogs	Eli
Turtles	Avyan
Sharks	Heath
3E	Ollly
3R	Surbani
4B	Jack L.
4W	Amelia
5AC	Frankie
5MC	Thea
6B	Frazer / Louis
6S	Connor

### Courtesy Cup Winners ~ last week

Reception	Oscar / Felicity
Year 1	Cassia / Ren
Year 2	Ismaeel / Oliver S.
Year 3	Carter / Florence
Year 4	Lottie / Jacob
Year 5	Christina / Isabel B.
Year 6	Francis / Seren



Well done to all the winners!

### Courtesy Cup Winners ~ this week

Reception	Beatrix / Mila
Year 1	Emily G. / Isaac
Year 2	Dominic / Alex
Year 3	Jordan / Emilie J.
Year 4	Sam / Logan
Year 5	Amirah / Oliver M.
Year 6	Francesca / Holly

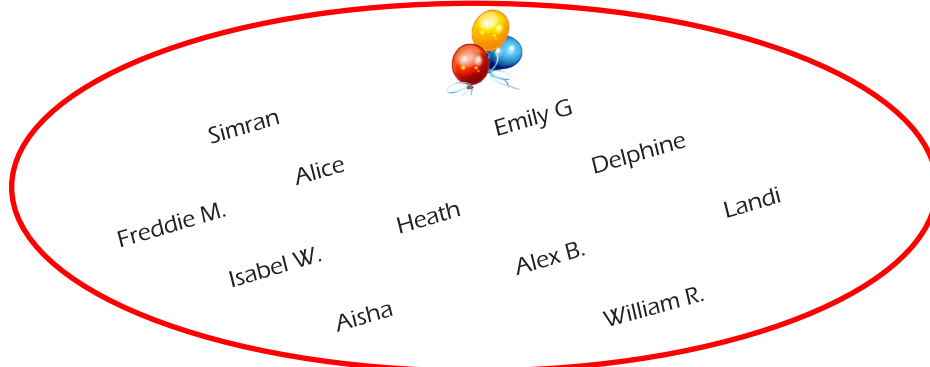


Well done to all the winners!

Our children also voted for staff Superstars last week and awarded our wonderful cleaner Mrs Lay the Infant Superstar and our amazing Head Teacher the Junior Acorn.



### Infant Birthdays



### Kindness Tree Award

Last Week Infants: Veer (Turtles) & Shan (Sharks)  
 Last Week Juniors: Sophia (3E)  
 This Week Infants: Zara K. (Ladybirds)  
 This Week Juniors: Emily H. (4W)



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



**1st Prize, £50** - Ball 108 - Mrs Underwood

**2nd Prize, £20** - Ball 147 - P. Van Arkadie

**ACME Dog Whistle** - Ball 184 - G. Langdell <https://www.acmewhistles.co.uk/>

Thank you to Mrs Smith and Turtles class who drew the numbers on Friday 27th January, overseen by Mr Benton. Thank you to ACME Whistles and to everyone who has purchased a number or two this year, your support is much appreciated!

**Not signed up yet, but fancy a flutter in the name of a good cause?** Sign up by 10th February to be entered into the Feb-July draws! There are 6 draws to go, so it is only £6 per number to take part. One number gives you 6 opportunities to win £50, £20 or some wonderful bonus prizes. Link to purchase <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/four-oaks-primary/#.Y1-sL3bP>

### PTA Infant Disco & Junior Pizza Party



Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March, at the end of our first week back after half-term, will see another disco and pizza party run by the PTA. This will happen in the Infant Hall with the Infant disco taking place between 5pm and 6pm, and the Junior disco and pizza party between 6.15pm and 7.15pm. Just visit the PTA website to book tickets at [www.pta-events.co.uk/four-oaks-primary](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/four-oaks-primary). A reminder that ticket sales will close 2 days before the event to ensure that enough Pizza can be ordered.



### Calling all Music Students!

Please see the attached Flyer about an end of term concert run by Heather our violin and keyboard teacher. Any children or parents are welcome to come along and see our talented youngsters.

### Half-Term

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February will be our last day in school before the half-term break. We hope that everyone has a lovely week away from the hurly-burly of school life, and that we all have the chance to rest and re-charge batteries. We look forward to seeing everyone back in school with a smile on their face on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February.

### ICT Tip of the Week

*1 in 6 children and young people have a diagnosable #mentalhealth condition. This week is #ChildrensMentalHealthWeek, and we're supporting @Place2Be to raising awareness of the importance of children and young people's mental health. Learn more: [www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk](http://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk)*

*Some ideas for well being:*

- *stay connected with friends, family and colleagues. Keep talking, even if that means by online methods but take regular breaks from the screen and the online world and only chat to those people you know in real life*
- *take a break from the social media, switch off the news sometimes, give your brain a break from the information overload and the worry*
- *get some physical exercise, whatever that means for you*
- *make sure you're getting some fresh air, sit outside, get out the house if you can, open a door or window feel the outdoors on your face*
- *try and keep your diet healthy, with plenty of fresh fruit and veg*
- *step away from the screens, and find a good book, play a family board game, go for a walk, play in the garden, go to the park*
- *ask for help if you are struggling or finding things overwhelming*

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

Mr M Benton  
Head Teacher





## Heather Duncanson Music



There will be an end of term concert for students to perform in on **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March, at 6pm**. This will be at Wylde Green United Reformed Church, and the concert will be no more than 1 hour long.

To take part in the concert please email [heather.duncanson@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:heather.duncanson@hotmail.co.uk) to let me know your child is taking part. (All children must be accompanied by an adult).

All students are welcome to take part. If any children are unsure they are welcome to come and just watch, and they can decide if they want to have a go.

### Tickets

- anyone performing does not need a ticket
- £5 for adults
- £3 for 13-17 year olds and anyone 60+

Free for children 12 and under

Tickets can be bought at the concert (cash or card).

### MUSIC MATTERS!



### Venue

The concert will be in Britwell Hall, at Wylde Green United Reformed Church.

72 Britwell Rd, The Royal Town of Sutton Coldfield, Birmingham, Sutton Coldfield B73 5SW

There is a car park, and plenty of street parking as well. The church is also a short walk from Wylde Green train station.

### Instruments

There will be a keyboard and an electric piano on stage, and a music stand. You will need to bring your music, and any non-keyboard players will need to bring their own instrument.

**FEBRUARY HALF-TERM**

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**Venue:** Four Oaks Primary School, B74 4PA

**Dates:** 20th-22nd Feb

**Times:** 9:00am- 3:00pm

**Price:** £30 a day

**Ages:** 5-12

**Additional info:** Use code FOUR/10 for 10% off till 1st Feb

### PLEASE BRING

A packed lunch  
Plenty of water  
Suitable clothing  
Loads of energy!

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