

FOUR OAKS PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Next Week—Menu 1

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Dear Parents and Governors

Parents' Questionnaire

Our annual Parents' Questionnaire is now available for all parents to complete. This is part of our school improvement planning that takes place every year and you can access it via our school website or the school mobile app on your phone. It will only take a few minutes to complete and we would really appreciate it if all families could take part.

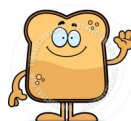
Many thanks for your support.

Year 2 Transition

As part of their transition from KS1 to KS2 our Year 2 pupils will get the chance during their last half-term to come over and join in assembly and playtime in the Junior playground on a Monday morning. As part of this process they will also be allowed to buy toast at morning playtime on a Monday and buy a bottled drink during every lunchtime. We have always given our Year 2 children this chance as they get ready to become part of the Junior department in September.

To help parents plan for this, costs are as follows:

- 1 round of toast - 30p
- Sparkling Fruit Flavoured Water - £1.20
- Still Fruit Flavoured Water - 70p
- Milkshake - 60p



School Pick-up Time

Again, I will make a plea for all parents to please keep their children very close to them once they have been dismissed from their classrooms at the end of the day. **No children should go running off from their parents, and no children should be playing football or climbing on the trim trails.** We have had a couple of near misses recently with children running around and throwing things and the school grounds need to be a safe place for everyone!

School Day Timings - 2023-24

At present our school day runs from 8.50am until 3.20pm for Infants, and 8.50am and 3.30pm for Juniors. However, as we like to ensure our children enter school safely we hold the gate open for 10 minutes in the morning, giving children time to enter, and to reduce congestion on the roads.



In light of this, I would like to inform all parents that the school day in our Infant Department will be extended from September 2023 due to the expectation from the Government that state-funded mainstream schools should deliver a school week of at least 32.5 hours by September 2023. This means that both departments in our school will finish at 3.30pm. Parents with children in both buildings do not need to worry as no children will be allowed to leave their classrooms until a parent arrives to pick them up.

Parental Mental Health Workshop—Year 5 & 6

We are pleased to be able to offer a mental health workshop on 7th June at 3.30pm for **parents** of children in Years 5 & 6. This will be run by professionals from Forward Thinking Birmingham. Full details of this can be found on the letter which went out to children and is also attached to the back of this newsletter. We are sure you will agree this is a hugely important matter.

Junior Toast in June

During the month of June there will be no toast available at morning break on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Juniors. This is because over these four weeks we will be inviting the children who will be joining Reception in September from Playgroup and Nursery to join us for lunch, and the kitchen will not have the time to prepare toast. If your child normally buys toast on these days please feel free to send them into school with a healthy snack (no crisps, chocolate or nuts please). Normal service will be resumed in July!



The PTA Pop-up Circus

What a wonderful day it was last Saturday when the circus came to town! A huge thank you to our wonderful PTA committee who put so many hours into organising this event and bringing it to life. It was an idea from a few years ago, but Covid got in the way. Many thanks to everyone who came along and made the day such a success!



Year 5/6 Tennis



A big well done to our Year 5 and Year 6 tennis superstars. They went off to Sutton Coldfield Tennis club to take part in the local tennis tournament in conjunction with The Wilson Stuart Partnership last week and came a creditable 4th place. Yet another example of our great sporting success this year!

Netball Team

Well done to our netball team who beat Boldmere 20-4 in the last game of the season! This means that we came second overall in the league. A huge thank you to Mrs Goldspink and Hayley for all their hard work with the team.

Teaching Vacancies

We have two teaching vacancies for September and details of these opportunities are on our school website. If you know anyone who would jump at the opportunity to join our happy talented team, then please point them in the right direction.



Sports Day



As we head towards the last half-term of the year, one of our traditional summer events is on the horizon. Our Sports Day is on Monday 19th June this year. Our Infant event will begin on the Junior field at 9.15am so Infant parents will be free to come onto site when they drop children off and congregate in the middle of the track on the Junior field. The event will end at approximately 10.15am and at this point we would ask all parents to leave the site as the children will return to their classrooms.

Later in the day our Junior event will begin at 1.45pm. A member of staff will open the Junior pedestrian gate on Edge Hill Road at around 1.35pm, when parents will again be allowed to congregate inside the track on the Junior field. The Junior event will end at approximately 2.45 - 3pm. At this point any parents wishing to pick up their Junior or Infant children slightly early will be allowed to do so by going to external classroom doors.



Music Lessons in September



We will again be running music lessons for piano, violin and guitar next September. Piano and violin lessons are run from Year 1 upwards and guitar lessons from Year 2 upwards. These lessons take place during the school day and your child will come out of their normal lesson to have their music lesson. You would also need to purchase an instrument and for violin and guitar you would need to bring this in for their lesson, for keyboard you will need an instrument at home to practice but there are keyboards available at school for the lesson. If you are interested or wish to find out more about cost and sessions please contact:

Heather for piano and violin at heatherducanson@hotmail.co.uk

John for guitar at johngeirighty@yahoo.com.





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	Ariya
Hedgehogs	Maiya Pa.
Turtles	Milo
Sharks	Martha
3E	Katie
3R	Sara-Sophia
4B	Ava H.
4W	Yian
5AC	Pippa
5MC	Maddison
6B	Keirath
6S	Harry St.



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

Bumblebees	Cole
Ladybirds	Sophie
Owls	Thea
Hedgehogs	Edward
Turtles	Ismaeel
Sharks	Alexa
3E	Olivia K.
3R	Danny
4B	Rhett
4W	Aarya
5AC	Darcey / Elise
5MC	Harry C.
6B	Harry S.
6S	Seren

Courtesy Cup Winners ~ last week

Reception	Aaliyah / Roman
Year 1	Yuvraj / Edward
Year 2	James / Heath
Year 3	Olly / Annie
Year 4	Salahuddin / Charlie W.
Year 5	Frankie / Theo
Year 6	Louis / Maryam



Well done to all the winners!

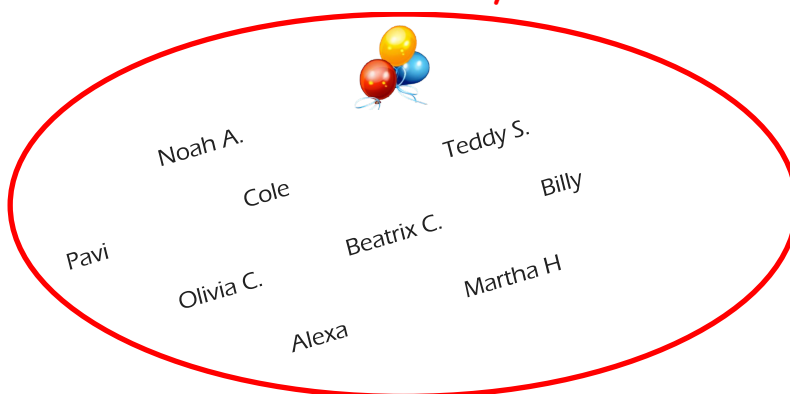
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Reception	Saffi / Sara
Year 1	Charlotte / Adam
Year 2	Kian / Finley
Year 3	Elena / Arjun
Year 4	Daisy / Noah
Year 5	Ava / Gabriella
Year 6	Frazer / Molly



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Infant Birthdays



Kindness Tree Award

Last Week Infants: Isabel W. (Turtles)
 Last Week Juniors: Louis (6S)
 This Week Infants: Thomas J. (Ladybirds)
 This Week Juniors: Beau (5MC)



Rag2Riches

Many thanks to all of those families who donated bags of old clothes and materials to our Rag2Riches appeal again. We raised £170 this time. Every time our PTA run an event like this it brings in more money to help provide essential materials for all of the children in school.

RE Trips

We hope that Year 4 enjoy their visit to Singers Hill Synagogue on 6th June to support their studies of Judaism and that Year 6 have a good time on their trip to the Islamic exhibition in Small Heath on 13th June.



Year 4 Workshop

Year 4 will be taking part in a workshop at school all about Ancient Greece. If you have not already done so please pay for this workshop on SchoolMoney and remember to tick the consent box. Thank you.

New Reception Parents - Induction Evening

We look forward to welcoming the parents of our new Reception children, starting in September, to our Induction Evening on Wednesday 14th June. This will start at 6pm but parents can come to look around the classrooms at 5.45pm.

Music Concerts for Violin and Piano Students

Heather will be running some end of year concerts that all students are welcome to take part in. She has sent the following details and can be contacted on heatherducanson@hotmail.co.uk.

- **Saturday 24th June**, in person concert at Wylde Green United Reformed Church. There will be 2 concerts, one at **5.30pm** and one at **7pm**. Both will be under 45 minutes, with a limit of 20 performers per concert. Audience tickets will be £5/adult, £3/concession (60+ or 13-17 years old), free for anyone performing/children 12 and under.
- **Saturday 8th July**, zoom concert, **5pm**. This will be online, from your own home, and is free to take part. There is a limit of 30 performers at this concert.



If you would like to take part in either/both of these please let me know to confirm your spot. Everyone is welcome to take part, and we will practice any concert pieces in our music lessons. You can pay on the day (cash or card) or can pay in advance (please send the money for the concert tickets to me, and I will email you a ticket confirmation).

Thank you Heather.

Coronation Art Work

As you may remember, your child created their own marvellous self-portrait as a King or Queen, as part of Four Oaks celebration for the coronation of King Charles III. I am pleased to let you know these have been processed to make commemorative items, you can purchase if you wish. You will receive a 10% discount for early orders (use code FourOaks) and all orders help to raise funds for our school! Your child should have brought a leaflet home with details of how to order and this can also be found on Teams. The children were extremely proud of their art work, and we are too! We hope you enjoy looking at them as much as we did creating them!

Miss Skelding

ICT Tip of the Week

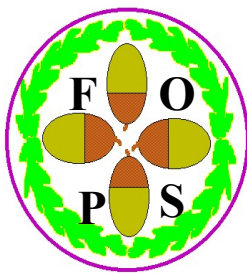
In Ofcom's recent Children and Parents: Media Use and Attitudes Report, 70% of parents expressed concerns about their child being bullied online, while almost three in ten children aged 8-17 had experienced someone being nasty or hurtful to them via technology.

For support and guidance, you can visit the following websites or speak to an adult in school.

www.childline.org.uk / <https://www.familylives.org.uk> / www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk

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

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Friday 19th May 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are pleased to be able to offer a workshop for the parents of children in Years 5 and 6, led by professionals from Forward Thinking Birmingham. The workshop is around supporting your children with their mental health, especially with the onset of puberty and at important transitional times.

What we cover:

- Commonly held misconceptions surrounding mental health
- What mental health means
- What can affect mental health and wellbeing
- What signs to look out for when concerned about an individual's mental health
- The difference in puberty/mental health
- Resources that can help support mental health and wellbeing and where to go if you are concerned.

The workshop is on Wednesday 7th June 3:30- 4:30pm in the Junior Hall, children are not invited to attend due to the content. We are aware that this may cause childcare issues, so we are happy to offer a film for them to watch in one of the classrooms during the workshop. We know this is a hugely important topic and we hope you will find the content useful for now and in the future.

Please complete the slip below so that we can cater for the correct number of attendees.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Morris

Name of child _____ Class _____

Number of adults attending _____ Number of children staying at school _____

Signed _____