

FOUR OAKS PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Next Week—Menu 1

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Dear Parents and Governors

Governor Update

From time to time we like to raise parents' awareness of who our Governors really are. They do a fantastic job in the background of school life volunteering their time and they bring a wide variety of skills to the job of running the school. Below you can read all about one of our Parent Governors, Mrs Sarah Cardwell:

I'm Sarah Cardwell, and I was elected governor last year as parent to a child in Year 6. I currently lead a large secondary school in North Warwickshire having worked in a range of schools leading teaching and learning. I'm deeply passionate about the highest standards of education for all and will continue to enact those beliefs in my role as link Governor for Vulnerable students and Chair of the Safeguarding committee. Out of the classroom, I love upcycling furniture, socialising with friends, music, good coffee and photography. As a family, we love to explore new places. My wife and I are currently on a rapid learning curve ourselves as we convert a VW T5 into a campervan ready for lots of adventures. Our daughter is working on the playlists for all the travelling we will be doing! I'm committed to using my teaching experience to volunteer as governor to ensure our children continue to thrive at FOPS as a critical friend to the Senior Leadership team.

Sporting News

A fantastic well done to our Cross Country & Y3 Football teams who have been brilliant over the last two weeks in representing the school. It was the first chance for the football team as the competition was devised for inspiring new athletes to take part in a sport and they all tried really



hard putting on record 1 win, 1 draw and 2 losses. The cross-country team all performed brilliantly and will look forward to the two remaining races of the year, which have now been put back to 20th March 2024 and 17th April 2024.



Year 3 Gurdwara Visit

Our Year 3 pupils had a really interesting time at the Gurdwara this week and the visit enabled them to bring to life the work that they have been doing in RE recently, giving them a wider perspective on the beliefs held by lots of their Sikh school friends.

Year 1 Visit to All Saints

On 2nd and 9th October we will be walking our Year 1 pupils up to All Saints Parish Church to learn more about the important place churches have in Christian life, and the variety of important events that happen there.

Staff Training Day

A reminder to all parents that Wednesday 4th October will be our 2nd Staff Training Day of the year, and school will therefore be closed to all pupils. We will be using this day to have further continual professional development in our new writing scheme 'I'm a Clever Writer'.

Open Day

Wednesday 11th October will be our annual Open Day for new Reception parents. If you are interested in visiting our lovely school, then you are more than welcome to attend our Open Day at any time between 9.30am and 2.30pm. You will be taken on a tour of our whole school, and also have the chance to meet with the Head Teacher, Deputy Head Teacher and member of the Governing Body. We look forward to welcoming any new families!



Harvest Festival 2023—Monday 9th October

On Monday 9th October, we shall be celebrating our Harvest Festival in school and will welcome Sally and Sharon from All Saints Parish Church to lead our whole school assembly.

Once again, we would like to take the opportunity of the Harvest Festival to consider those within our wider community who may be less fortunate than ourselves. To this end, Four Oaks Primary School has decided to support the Hope Food Bank, which helps families experiencing hardship in Sutton Coldfield and North Birmingham.

Last year, the volunteers who came to collect the offering from our school were completely overwhelmed by the generosity of the Four Oaks Family.

Please send a donation into school with your child on the morning of Monday 9th October. Suitable contributions include tinned and packet foods, cereals, rice, pasta, long-life milk etc

Thank you in advance for your support,

Mrs Westlake

RE & Worldviews Lead



Parents Walking Up Drive

I would ask all parents to abide by our safety rules with the main vehicle gate on Edge Hill Road. There should be no pedestrians whatsoever walking up the vehicle drive. There are clear signs on the gate stating how dangerous this can be. All adults and children should be using the pedestrian gate just to the right hand side. If you have pressed the button and no-one answers immediately it will simply be because they are busy on the other line. Please be patient and try again.

World No Car Day

Thank you to all who were able to support this day. We understand that most of you travel to work after dropping your children off, so we appreciate any alterations you made to your day. The children discussed the reasons surrounding why this day has been devised and could even link it to the COVID period when eco-systems started to replenish due to less carbon emissions.



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Murder Mystery Evening

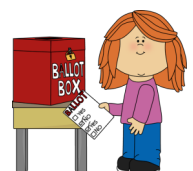
Unfortunately, the PTA Murder Mystery Evening has had to be cancelled due to only a very small number of tickets having been sold. A big thank you to those people who were willing to support this new venture - keep your eyes open to see if we can re-launch this at some point.

Rags2Riches—Tuesday 3rd October

Tuesday 3rd October sees our next **Rags2Riches** charity clothes collection. Please bring in any unwanted clothes in a black bag labelled with 'Four Oaks Primary'. The bags can be brought onto the school site on the morning of 3rd October and deposited in the Junior outdoor classroom. Every single bag will be weighed, and the PTA will receive really valuable funds back from Rags2Riches which will go towards your children's education in school.

School Council

We have held our first School Council meeting of the year where children have been asked to put forward ideas for which charity we should support this year as a school. Last year we raised money for Birmingham Children's Hospital and our donation was greatly appreciated. So watch this space to see which charity our school votes to support this year!





Super Stars and Acorns



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

Bumblebees	Leah
Ladybirds	Tilly
Owls	Zac H,
Hedgehogs	Bethany
Turtles	Ben J.
Sharks	Arjun K.
3E	Ralph
3W	William
4C	Joshua Mc.
4R	Georgiana
5G	Alayna
5M	Charlotte
6B	Lily
6S	Aarun



Super Stars and Acorns



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

Bumblebees	Austin
Ladybirds	Connie
Owls	Poppy S.
Hedgehogs	Torben
Turtles	Charlotte
Sharks	Andrianna
3E	Ismaeel
3W	Noah
4C	Finlay
4R	Jordan
5G	Elsie
5M	Rhett
6B	Theo
6S	Jayden

Courtesy Cup Winners ~ last week

Reception	Yuvan / Malini
Year 1	Aaliyah / Kieret
Year 2	Isla O. / Olivia
Year 3	Jenson / Phoebe
Year 4	Sheng / Daya
Year 5	Laina / Jessica P.
Year 6	Joshua W./ Thea (6S)



Well done to all the winners!

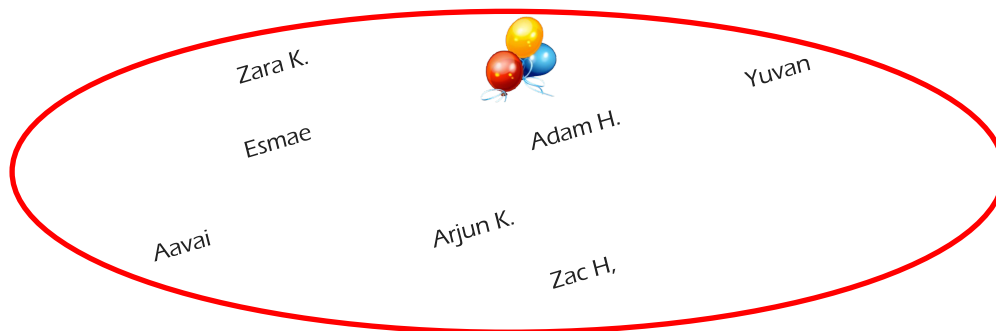
Courtesy Cup Winners ~ this week

Reception	Isla M-R / Kana
Year 1	Benjamin O./ Olivia
Year 2	Maya V-Q / Isaac
Year 3	Avaani / Amiyah
Year 4	Olivia / Florence
Year 5	Valentino / James
Year 6	Beau / Noah



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Infant Birthdays



Kindness Tree Award

Last Week Infants: Aizah—Hedgehogs
 Last Week Juniors: Arjun—4R
 This Week Infants: Didar—Sharks
 This Week Juniors: James—5M



Naming School Uniform

We are once again finding we have a large amount of lost property. Can I please make a plea to parents to name ALL pieces of school uniform. It is impossible for us to return uniform if it is unnamed as it all looks the same! We are unable to keep unnamed items at school for a long period and we will continue to adopt the policy of leaving items where they have been left so please remind your children to return to where they left the item to find it. We will then look at the clothing at the end of the week and return any named items. If they have not been claimed by the end of 2 weeks we will be sending them to the charity shop. Thank you for your co-operation.



Individual School Photographs



Our individual and sibling photographs will be taken in school on Tuesday 7th November. We will be sending out forms in due course for requests for sibling groups however we wish to advise you that this year all children will have their photograph taken individually as we will be placing these on our new computer system. This is purely for internal school use.

Bonfire Night Fireworks Display

We have attached a flyer with details of the annual Four Oaks Cricket Club firework display. Early bird discounts are available .



ICT Tip of the Week

Messaging and chat apps are a great way for a child to stay in touch with friends and family but it's important you are comfortable with who they're talking to. Children can be added to groups that contain people they may not know. Different apps have different policies and settings so it's important to keep up to date with the apps your children are using and you are comfortable with them doing so.

The NSPCC offer advice on chat apps for parents here: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/social-media/chat-apps/>

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

Mr M Benton
Head Teacher

Four Oaks Saints CC

Clarence Road (behind the shops) B74 4LT

Bonfire Night

Spectacular Fireworks Display & Kiddies Funfair



SATURDAY 4th NOVEMBER

Licensed Bar & Hot Food Available

Early Bird tickets available from

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

Adults £9.00, Children (up to 12) £4.50

Pay on the gate tickets subject to availability

Adults £10.00, Children (up to 12) £5.00

Under 5s Free.

Bonfire lit at 6.30pm

Fireworks at 7.30pm & 8.15pm