

FOUR OAKS PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Next Week—Menu 2

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Dear Parents and Governors

Welcome Back

If I haven't seen you around the school site or on the gate, can I take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy New Year! Everyone at school hopes that all of our families had a lovely Christmas, and a chance to rest and re-charge batteries.

Operation Encompass

Four Oaks Primary School works in joint operation with Birmingham Children's Trust, Birmingham City Council, and West Midlands Police. This is formally known as Operation Encompass. Operation Encompass has been established to help schools provide in-school support to children who have been present at, exposed to, or involved, in any domestic abuse incident.

We know that children can be significantly harmed, physically and/or emotionally, during these situations, and that it can also negatively affect their learning and behaviour in class. Therefore, as part of the Operation Encompass procedure, and to help mitigate the resulting negative impact, the school will now receive a confidential phone call or email from West Midlands Police before 9am the morning after police are called to any household where a child or young person has been witness to, or involved in, any reported domestic abuse incident.

Here at Four Oaks Primary School we have a dedicated and child-focussed Safeguarding Team. They are specially trained to effectively use the information the Police share, in confidence, and enable the school to provide the right support to any child and their family. We always endeavour to offer the best support possible to our pupils and believe this will be extremely beneficial for all those involved.

More information can be found at <https://www.operationencompass.org/>



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School Attendance and Holiday in Term-Time Requests - Local Authority Fines

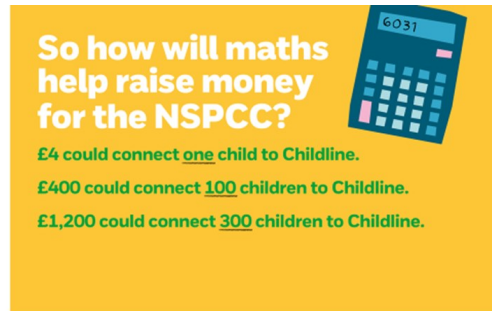
Here at school, we are still receiving requests from parents for holiday leave in term-time. As I stated in one of my Summer Term newsletters, the Local Authority are now taking a much firmer stance with these kinds of requests, and I have been asked to publicise the fact that we have now had 3 further fines of £60 per parent per child sent out to families from the Local Authority since we have returned from the Christmas break. The Local Authority will continue to do this, as holiday requests during time, when children should be in school, will always be unauthorised. This is part of a concerted partnership between all Birmingham schools and the City Council to maximize children's life chances by trying to improve attendance rates, and therefore opportunities to learn, and fulfil their potential.

Height & Weight Checks—Reception & Year 6

A reminder that the nursing team will be here on 30th January to carry out height and weight checks for Reception and Year 6 (for all the information see our newsletter dated 1st December). If you DO NOT wish your child to be measured please contact either office.

NSPCC Number Day

On Friday 2nd February we will be joining in with the NSPCC Number Day 2024 to have fun with Maths together whilst raising money for others less fortunate than us. We shall all be dressing up for the day - your teachers will let you know what your year group is dressing up as very soon, so keep an eye on TEAMS. To celebrate Maths, junior and infant children will be taking part in maths activities together in the morning which we very much look forward to. We have supported this charity event in the past and the NSPCC (National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children) have been grateful for our financial support, so it would be wonderful if we could all donate £1.00 via SchoolMoney (no cash sent to school please) to help others.



Lockdown Practice

Following on from Government recommendations to continually remind parents of their safeguarding procedures, we would like to share with our students, staff and parents how we implement a lockdown procedure.

A Lockdown Procedure is a sensible and proportionate response to any external or internal incident, which has the potential to pose a threat to the safety of staff and pupils in our school.

Lockdown Procedures may be activated in response to any number of situations, and it is essential that any planned procedures are tested to ensure they are robust and effective. In the event of a Full Lockdown, where it is deemed there is a direct threat to students within Four Oaks Primary School then the following guidelines will be followed where possible, as each situation requires a dynamic response:

- All pupils stay in or return inside (classroom, form room or other agreed location e.g. sports hall, assembly hall, dining room).
- External doors locked.
- Classroom doors secured.
- Windows shut and blinds drawn.
- Pupils sit quietly out of sight (e.g. under desk or around a corner).

We are advised to notify parents, by e-mail/website, with the following information if a Full Lockdown procedure has been invoked. This message will be to ensure effective communication is maintained.

"Message Sent to Parents During Lockdown"

"Four Oaks Primary School is currently in a Partial/Full Lockdown situation due to a reported incident in the local community. During this period the switchboard and entrances will be un-manned, external doors locked and nobody allowed in or out. Pupils will not be released to parents whilst in Lockdown, but we understand your concern for your child's welfare, and we are doing everything possible to ensure your child's safety. Please DO NOT call the school as this could tie up telephone lines that are needed for contacting emergency service providers. Please DO NOT come to the school as you could interfere with access by emergency service providers and may put yourselves and others in danger. We will keep you regularly updated via email and the website and will notify you as soon as you are able to collect your child. Thank you."

We carried out a Lockdown practice in school last week, as if there was a dangerous animal on site, and the children responded very sensibly. We will practise these procedures at regular intervals throughout the year.



Super Stars and Acorns



The following children received Stars (Infants) and Acorns (Juniors) in Assembly On 21st December Well done to them all!!

Bumblebees	Hattie
Ladybirds	Taran V-Q
Owls	Freddie
Hedgehogs	Kieret
Turtles	Daisy
Sharks	Maya Po.
3E	Lily M.
3W	Isaac
4C	Saffron
4R	Arjun
5G	Valentino
5M	Jacob
6B	Ben B.
6S	Sebastian



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Bumblebees	Not awarded
Ladybirds	Holly
Owls	Dalton
Hedgehogs	Oscar
Turtles	Oatie
Sharks	Aavai
3E	Kian
3W	Umaima
4C	Aima
4R	Poppy
5G	Kyra
5M	Arvin
6B	Pola
6S	Gabriella

Courtesy Cup Winners ~ 21st December

Reception	Not Awarded
Year 1	
Year 2	
Year 3	
Year 4	
Year 5	
Year 6	



Well done to all the winners!

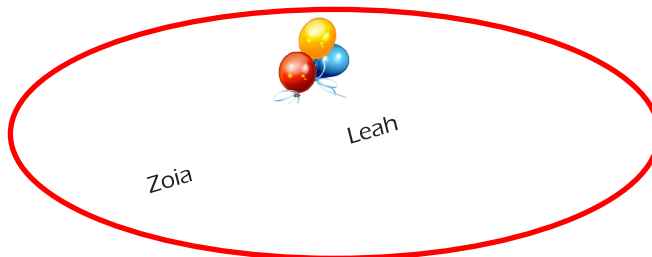
Courtesy Cup Winners ~ last week

Reception	Leo R. / Dimitri
Year 1	Isla / Ava
Year 2	Jonah / Eli
Year 3	Anaya / Nisharne
Year 4	Joshua / Reuben
Year 5	Amiee / Rhett
Year 6	Lily / Keira



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Infant Birthdays



Kindness Tree Award

Last Week Infants: Thea (Turtles)
Last Week Juniors: Milo (6S)



Alison Mander—Kindness Award
Last half term it was awarded to:
Infants— Connie (Ladybirds)
Juniors— Lily M. (3E)



Y6 Visit to Holdenby House

We hope that our Year 6 team and pupils had a lovely day today at Holdenby House today and had the opportunity to have experiences which will strongly support their curriculum work based around the Second World War.



Reception Parents' Workshop

Two days ago, we invited our Reception parents into school to get a first-hand experience of what it's like to learn every day in EYFS (the Early Years Foundation Stage). Parents had a chance to work alongside their children and get a feel for the very wide range of engaging activities their children experience every day. If any parents have any further questions after their time in school, then please get in touch with the Reception Team and they will endeavour to answer any queries.

Course for Parents of Children with an Autism Diagnosis

The Communication and Autism Team would like to invite parents of children with a diagnosis of Autism to a CAT PAC course, our parent awareness course designed to support you.

- The course has been designed for parents who want to increase their understanding of autism.
- The sessions will be delivered virtually via Microsoft TEAMS, a link will be sent to you before each session.
- Each session will last for 2 hours

Please see the attached fliers for further details.

Our SENDCO and Mental Health First Aider

Hi, I'm Mrs Morris and I'm the Inclusion Manager here at school. I co-ordinate the provision for children with Special Educational Needs, I'm the designated teacher for looked after children, I'm a designated safeguarding lead and I'm our Mental Health First Aider.

Should you have any concerns about any child here at school, please email me-
v.morris@fouroaksprimary.bham.sch.uk

I can signpost you to relevant services, offer support within school or lend an ear should you need it.



Bike & Scooter Club



Bike and Scooter club will be continuing this term. We have attached the timetable for the rest of the year. Please note that if we have to cancel this for any reason we will endeavour to let parents know as soon as possible.



Reporting School Absences

Can we remind all parents again that if your child is going to be absent from school then you must ring every day to inform us unless otherwise advised by the office staff. We also have a dedicated absence line (option 3) so calls can be made before the offices are open if this is more convenient. Thank you



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PTFA Events Coming Soon

Please visit our events site for all tickets and further information:

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/four-oaks-primary/#.YWhcw5NKjow>

Friday 19th January—PJ and Film night

This is a ticket only event. Ticket sales will close Thursday evening to allow us to get organised. Infants 3:30-4:55, Juniors 3:30-5:15pm. Please give your child their comfy change of clothes in a labelled bag in the morning if they wish to get changed for the event. If your child can NOT eat the vegetarian and nut free snacks provided, please send in something (labelled with their name) for them to enjoy during the event.



Monday 22nd January 8pm-9:30pm

PTFA meeting Streetly Tennis Club. All welcome.

Tuesday 6th February (am & pm) - Rags2Riches4Schools- Bag Drop Day

Charity Bags will be provided for your donations of clean, good quality, unwanted clothes and accessories. NO uniform at all please. If it's not good enough to pass on to a friend, it's not acceptable, this is because the clothes must be able to be sold on. School receives 50p per kilo.

**February Half Term—Smartie Challenge**

Children will receive a tube of smarties, and once they've all been eaten, children are encouraged to fill the empty tube with coins they earn by doing jobs around the house and garden over half term. They return the filled tubes to school and the children in the class which raises the most money each get a prize!

Friday 23th February 7pm-11pm -Comedy Night (adults only)

This is organised by our friends at The Comedy Junction. With food included and at least two fabulous comedians to entertain you, this evening will have you in stitches. The acts on stage are still to be announced and tickets will be on sale very soon via our events site.

**Friday 17th May—The Spring Ball**

There are just 2 tickets remaining for our Spring Ball on 17th May. Grab them quickly before they get snapped up.

ICT Tip of the Week

Children have lots of different methods of interaction. Online Games, Social Media Platforms, Messaging Apps and Email, all offer different methods of communication to connect with others or search for people with similar interests. Groomers can use these tools to connect with youngsters too. It's increasingly important to help children make smarter and safer choices about who they talk to and what they share online. For more advice on grooming, visit internet matters:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/issues/online-grooming/>

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

Mr M Benton
Head Teacher

Scooter and Bike Rota (2023 - 2024)

Infants		Juniors	
06.11.23	Owls	06.11.23	3E
13.11.23	Hedgehogs	13.11.23	3W
20.11.23	Sharks	20.11.23	4C
27.11.23	Turtles	27.11.23	4R
04.12.23	Bumblebees	04.12.23	5G
11.12.23	Ladybirds	11.12.23	5M
18.12.23	Owls	18.12.23	6S
08.01.24	Hedgehogs	08.01.24	6B
15.01.24	Sharks	15.01.24	3E
22.01.24	Turtles	22.01.24	3W
29.01.24	Bumblebees	29.01.24	4C
05.02.24	Ladybirds	05.02.24	4R
19.02.24	Owls	19.02.24	5G
26.02.24	Hedgehogs	26.02.24	5M
04.03.24	Sharks	04.03.24	6S
11.03.24	Turtles	11.03.24	6B
18.03.24	Bumblebees	18.03.24	3E
08.04.24	Ladybirds	08.04.24	3W
15.04.24	Owls	15.04.24	4C
22.04.24	Hedgehogs	22.04.24	4R
29.04.24	Sharks	29.04.24	5G
06.05.24	Turtles	06.05.24	5M
13.05.24	Bumblebees	13.05.24	6S
20.05.24	Ladybirds	20.05.24	6B
03.06.24	Owls	03.06.24	3E
10.06.24	Hedgehogs	10.06.24	3W
17.06.24	Sharks	17.06.24	4C
24.06.24	Turtles	24.06.24	4R
01.07.24	Bumblebees	01.07.24	5G and 5M
08.07.24	Ladybirds	08.07.24	6S and 6B

Scooter and Bike Club will be held every Friday.....12.00--12.30pm:Infants.....12.40--1.10pm:Juniors



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HALF TERM	
Session 3 – Sensory differences	Tuesday 20 th February 9.30-11.30am
Session 4 – Eating, sleeping and toileting	Tuesday 27 th February 9.30-11.30am
Session 5 – Emotional regulation	Tuesday 5 th March 9.30-11.30am

The subject or title of your email needs to state that it is for the:

Spring 2024 Early Years Online CAT-PAC.

In your email please include:

- Your name and email address
- Your Child / young person's name and school
- Your child / young person's CAT worker (if known)
- Due to limited places, the course will be offered to the first families to contact us.
- There is an expectation that parents endeavour to attend all sessions if possible.
- Please email A2EGeneral@birmingham.gov.uk to reserve a place. You will receive an email response to confirm your place or to tell you that the course is full.

Yours sincerely,

Viv Walters & Wendy Bantock



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Dawn Fisher and Wendy Gibb