

FOUR OAKS PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Next week



Week 2

Dear Parents and Governors

Unavoidable Closure—Thursday 23rd May—European Elections

As of yesterday the Government has now laid an Order in Parliament enabling the UK to participate in the European Elections on Thursday 23rd May 2019 if the country has not left the EU by 22nd May. As such, the Elections Office is required to make the necessary plans to deliver a poll on 23rd May.

Due to this we have been informed that Four Oaks Primary School will be required as a polling station in the event that the European elections are held on THURSDAY 23rd MAY 2019 from 7.00am to 10.00pm.

Unfortunately due to this situation, and the safeguarding issues that it raises on our school site, that date will now mean an unavoidable closure for our school.

We will of course contact you in the event that the Government passes a deal before 22nd May resulting in the UK not participating in the European Elections, but please note that the Local Authority will not have advance notice of this decision prior to an announcement in the media.

We apologise for the short notice and uncertainty, unfortunately this is not within our control, but I thought that you needed as much notice as possible in order to finalise childcare plans.

Easter Holiday Dates

A reminder that today is the last day of school for pupils before the Easter holidays and that tomorrow is a staff training day. The children will be coming back to school on Monday 29th April.



Deputy Head Interviews

The interviews for the permanent position of Deputy Head Teacher will be taking place today. The Governors will inform parents of the outcome after the Easter break.

Assemblies and Parent Lunches

We hope everyone had a wonderful time at the Year 1 and Year 3 assemblies. Thank you once again to Debbie and her staff for providing such lovely lunches.

Easter Holiday Science Project—Don't be 'Board' - Save the Planet!

We have an exciting optional Easter Science Project. You could do this by yourself or with a friend or sibling. This year's focus is on recycling and your challenge is to create a board game which helps promote recycling.

- You must be able to set up and run your game a number of times.
- Your game must be portable.
- You need to plan your game before constructing it and be prepared to evaluate and make a number of alterations throughout the making process.

You may wish to use junk modelling materials (cardboard / plastic boxes/yogurt pots etc) to make your game.

Please bring your entries to school on **Friday 3rd May**, these will then be displayed in the hall and your parents will be invited to see the projects at the end of the day. There will be a certificate for everyone who brings in a board game and a prize for KS1, lower KS2 and upper KS2. Good luck!



New Reception Intake 2019

The National Offer Day for Reception places will be 16th April which is during the school holidays. We have decided to open the Infant office on Wednesday 17th April from 9am-3pm in order that both myself and Miss Appleby can help with any issues that may have arisen or if any parents wish to drop off their acceptance form. The deadline for sending the acceptance form to school is Tuesday 30th April.

**Super Stars and Acorns**

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

Bumblebees	Amiee B-W
Ladybirds	Amelia
Owls	Beau
Hedgehogs	Lily
Turtles	Miles
Sharks	Jaarvi
3E	Jane
3S	Shriya
4S	Ceris
4K	Joshua H.
5F	Not awarded
5G	Florence
6JO	John
6W	Jack H-S

**Super Stars and Acorns**

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

Bumblebees	Aarya
Ladybirds	Arvin
Owls	The Whole Class
Hedgehogs	The Whole Class
Turtles	Maisie
Sharks	Freddie
3E	The Whole Class
3S	The Whole Class
4S	The Whole Class
4K	Poppy
5F	Kalvin
5G	Cian
6JO	Emily P.
6W	Evie

Courtesy Cup Winners ~ last week

Reception	Harry / Esme
Year 1	Alexia / Sahaya
Year 2	Maya / Harry C.
Year 3	James /Willow
Year 4	Rachel / Sophia
Year 5	Wyatt
Year 6	Arnav / Sasha



Well done to all the winners!

Courtesy Cup Winners ~ this week

Reception	Adam / Charlotte
Year 1	Harry C. / Jayden
Year 2	Thomas G. / Oliver G.
Year 3	Lily V. / Oscar L.
Year 4	Ceris / Jack N.
Year 5	Max / Jaden
Year 6	Hannah / Isobel D.



Well done to all the winners!

**Alison Mander—Kindness award for this Half Term**

Infants— Olive C. (Sharks)
Juniors— Olivia B. (5G)

**Infant Birthdays**

Erin
Jai
Emily S.
Leo
Paige
Maelynn
William
Noah
Harry Sm.
Jamilla
Georgina
Jaarvi
James G

Dinner Money ~ Juniors

Letters will be coming out from Mrs Johnson at the beginning of half term detailing the amounts due for school meals and the amount due if you wish to pay for the full term. Dinner money should be paid in advance, either termly, half termly or weekly (£12.50) on the first day of every week. Please make cheques payable to: City of Birmingham School Meals Collection and write your child's name and class name on the reverse. Thank you.

**Milk Money ~ Infants**

Milk money for next term will be £11.88 for the full term. If you wish to pay for the first half term only this will be £4.18. Please make cheques payable to City of Birmingham School Meals Collection and write your child's name and class on the reverse. If you are paying with cash a reminder that we do not have change readily available so would ask that the correct change be sent into school please. Thank you.

Year 4 visit to Birmingham Botanical Gardens

On Thursday 9th May our Year 4 pupils will be off to explore Birmingham Botanical Gardens. Could any outstanding slips and contributions be sent into school after the Easter break.



PTA Disco and Pizza Party



A huge thank you to the PTA who put on a highly successful disco and pizza party last week. This was the first time that the Junior disco arrangements had been changed and there were lots of extra Junior pupils who came along and thoroughly enjoyed themselves—the pizza went down a storm!



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Cross Country

Well done to all our cross country performers who took part in the last race of the season this week. Huge congratulations to the girls team who came first over the whole season this year, we are still eagerly awaiting the final result for the boys.



Football



We have had a very successful season so far in football. With one league match to go the boys are joint top. They will play their last match against Hollyfield today so good luck to them. They are also in the semi-finals of the all Sutton Schools Cup and will play Coppice, here at Four Oaks, on the first Friday back after the Easter break so why not come along after school on that day and give them some support !

ICT Tip of the Week

"The government believe that online companies must start taking responsibility for their platforms, and help restore public trust in this technology. It's hoped that a legal duty of care placed upon internet companies will help to keep people safe. A consultation was announced this week, and while this new policy will help, it will always remain that parents should speak to children regularly about online habits, what they're doing, what they're looking at and what they may be subscribing to. Open dialogue and monitoring will always play an important role in keeping children safe online."

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

Yours sincerely

Mr M Benton
Head Teacher