



This Week's News!

Friday 14th June 2024

Dear Parents / Carers and Flamstead Families,

The weather this week has not held up to the promise of summer but we have still been bright and cheery in school. The Summer Term is advancing with great speed and we are all looking forward to the exciting events coming up over the next few weeks.

It is with sadness that I inform you that Ms Chimombo has resigned after a period of absence. We have missed her in school and I am sure you will all join me in wishing her health and happiness for the future.

The interviews that recently took place were very successful. We have three new members of staff who will be joining us. Ms Castree has joined us as a Teaching Assistant this week and we extend a warm welcome to her. Before the end of term we will be joined by another new Teaching Assistant who will be working in KS2 for the remainder of the Summer Term. In September we will also be welcoming another new starter to the team. We are very happy to be further strengthening our already great staff.

All the classes have been taking part in discussions about the upcoming Euro24 football tournament this week. The children have been given a team and they are excited to see how well their chosen team plays. We will all, of course, be supporting England on Sunday!

Despite the weather the children in the Early Years have enjoyed exploring the new areas and resources in their outdoor area. Thank you to all the parents who have complemented us on the developments of our learning areas. Your feedback is always welcome.

This week Maple Class have been exploring puppets. They designed and made their own finger puppets from paper and used them to tell each other stories. In Maths, Year 2 have been using multiplication language finding out all about arrays, commutativity and products. Year 1 have been busy 'Thinking 5' to help them with their addition. The children in Year 1 and some children in Year 2 have been completing their 'Phonic Screening Checks' this week. We are immensely proud of their achievements, progress and effort.

This week has been a busy week in Chestnut Class. They started with a trip to Knebworth looking at how the gardens are used to grow herbs, fruit and vegetables to supply the Lytton family. They were able to plant their own sunflower which the children took home and we are looking forward to hearing how tall they grow. They have also been baking cakes, locating European countries and cities and working on decimals in maths. Well done to Year 4 children who completed their MTC check on Thursday after months of hard work revising.

On Wednesday, Bonsai took part in a live lesson with author Sharna Jackson where she discussed her recent books including *The Nine Night Mystery*. They have begun play practice this week and are excited to collaborate with Chestnut and show off their skills next month. A moderator went through Year 6's English books on Thursday with Miss Pike and commented on their hard work and the progress the children have made. They should all be proud.

Next week in school we will be participating in Sky 'Access All Arts Week' and also 'National School Sports Week'. I am sure the children will enjoy focusing on different aspects of their curriculum and trying some new activities.

To those of you who are celebrating Fathers Day this weekend, I wish you all a wonderful Sunday.

Have a wonderful weekend everyone.

Mrs Jacqui Walton-Jones, Headteacher

Italian word of the week

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Padre meaning 'Father'



Photos of the week

Maple Class enjoyed making their finger puppets and learning in maths.



Chestnut Class had a great day on Monday at Knebworth.



Finance Items

KS2 School Lunches

As you are aware, parents have the facility to 'top up' their child/ren's lunch account directly on Arbor. Please can we politely remind parents to top up now. We are seeing many outstanding bills which do need to be settled as soon as possible, before the end of the Summer Term please.

Grittleton House Residential Trip—Bonsai Class

Payments should be up to date for the forthcoming Year 5&6 Residential trip. We understand however that parents have not been able to make payments on Arbor due to the cut off date expiring. This has now been extended so that all outstanding balances to be settled asap.

We do prefer all payments to be made via the Arbor App wherever possible, but if this is holding you up making a payment, we are happy to accept cash/cheque (payable to Flamstead Village School).

Free School Meals

Children who are currently in Year 2 and moving up to Year 3 in September will **no longer be entitled** to Universal Free School Meals. You may be entitled to Free School Meals if you fit the required criteria (please see Free School Meals below).

Free School Meals

If your circumstances have changed you may be able to receive Free School Meals for your child/ren if you are in receipt of any of the following:

- **Income Support**
- **Income-based Jobseekers Allowance**
- **Income-related Employment and Support Allowance**
- **Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999**
- **The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit**
- **Child Tax Credit** (as long as you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and you don't get more than **£16,190** a year)
- **Working Tax Credit run-on** (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- **Universal Credit** (with annual earned income of no more than **£7,400** after tax and not including any benefits you get).

To find out more and to apply online please go to : <https://beta.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/at-school/free-school-meals/free-school-meals.aspx>

If you do not have internet access please speak to Mrs Drake in the school office.

Free Piano

We have been contacted by a member of the local community who would like to offer a baby grand piano to anyone who will love, cherish and make good use of it.

If you feel you would like to re-home this lovely instrument please use the contact details below.

Email: m.janicelawson@gmail.com



Bright Stars!
Friday 14th June 2024

Nursery	Frankie	For Her wonderful understanding of 2D and 3D shapes this week in Maths. Frankie was able to create 2D shapes from lollipop sticks and name some 3D shapes.
Reception	Phoebe	Phoebe for coming into school with a smile and an excitement for learning. And for always puts effort into all her learning and always being the first to help her friends.
Year 1	Jude	For having a really great week of learning. He has shown real determination and produced amazing English learning.
Year 2	Joey	For consistently showing a positive attitude towards his learning. He has created some wonderful written pieces this week in Literacy.
Year 3	Rupert	For fantastic work in maths this week on decimals and excellent knowledge in geography.
Year 4	Marion	For always giving her best in her learning, thinking of others and being a team player.
Year 5	Jacob	For improved effort and focus in class. Jacob has worked well in pairs several times this week to produce good work.
Year 6	Millie	for her independent editing in English. Millie has worked hard on improving her skills.

TTRS and Numbots

Year Group	Who impressed us most?	Percentage of Children online
Nursery	Reggie	29%
Reception	Joni	64%
Year 1	Elsie	45%
Year 2	Isla	33%
Year 3	Theo	50%
Year 4	Isabella	100%
Year 5	Joey	67%
Year 6	Sloan	56%

The amount of children completing their online maths home learning has been incredibly low this week.

A minimum of 10 minutes a day please from EVERYONE!

Attendance this week

Year Group	w/b 10/06/24
Nursery	83%
Reception	96%
Year 1	90%
Year 2	96%
Year 3	100%
Year 4	97%
Year 5	87%
Year 6	96%

Well done Year 3!

Please remember not to take holidays and breaks in term time please.

Upcoming dates for your diaries!

Date	Time	Event
17.06.24	All week	Art and Sports Week
19.06.24	AM	Hula Hoop Workshop for the whole school
20.06.24	All day	Y5 and Y6 attending UniSong at St Johns in Boxmoor
20.06.24	2.45	Y5 and Y6 parents invited to Unisong concert at St Johns Church - children can be taken home straight from the Church.
25.06.24	All day	Y1 and Y2 'History off the Page' workshops at Markyate School
27.06.24	AM	Sports Day and Picnic
28.06.24	9.00	Cherry Class Assembly
28.06.24	-	New Reception intake home visits
01.07.24	All week	Y5/6 Residential to Grittleton House
05.07.24	-	New Nursery intake home visits
08.07.24	-	Cherry Class Trip to Bekonscot Model Village
08.07.24	PM	Flamstead's Got Talent performances from KS2
09.07.24	9.00–9.45	New Nursery and Reception children 'Stay and Play'
09.07.24	PM	Flamstead's Got Talent performances from Reception and KS1
10.07.24	3.30–5.30	Open Evening and Arts Fest
11.07.24	9.00	Hertfordshire Secondary Transition Day
11.07.24	AM	School Transition Day with Nursery children and Parent staying for lunch
14.07.24	12–5pm	Flamstead Summer Fair
17.07.24	3.30–4.30	KS2 Production to parents/carers—afternoon
18.07.24	6.30–7.30	KS2 Production to parents/carers—evening (children back 6pm)
22.07.24	9.00	Y6 Leavers Assembly
23.07.24	1.30	End of the Summer Term. School finishes at 1.30pm

Please put these into your diaries! All these dates and term dates for 2024–2025 are also on the school website.



School Photos

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHY – VIEWING CARDS

Following Pret-a-Portrait's recent visit to take the class photographs, a viewing card explaining how you can view and order pictures, will be sent home with pupils shortly. Please ask your children to give it to you as soon as possible so you have a chance to order any pictures you would like at a discounted price before the Early Bird Deadline
24/06/2024

If for any reason your viewing card doesn't make it to you in the next few days, please contact **Pret-a-Portrait** directly on 0800 021 7626 or customerservice@pret-a-portrait.net



Community News

SEND 0-25 years
Hertfordshire's Local Offer

DACORUM FAMILY SERVICES
NORTH & EAST

DSPL8 Delivering Special Provision Locally

Gade Schools Family Support
Contributing to Life's Journey

HCT Public Health Nursing
NHS

HCT CYP Therapies Service
NHS

Dacorum Families SEND Information Fayre
Thursday 20th June 2024
2-4.30pm
Bennetts End Community Centre
Gatscroft, Hemel Hempstead, HP3 9LZ

Join us for a free afternoon filled with valuable resources and support for families with special educational needs and disabilities.

Discover local services, chat with experts and connect with other families, facing similar challenges.

Whether you're seeking advice, information, or just a friendly face—this event is for you.

Free cafe on site & a prize draw, for those attending.

If you need any support to attend, the fayre will have an accessible period from 1.30pm please indicate on your booking.

ADD-vance
The ADHD and Autism Trust

Mind
Hertfordshire Network

LTR

Woodfield School

ISL
Integrated Services for Learning

Hertfordshire Family Centre Service

DSAACHIEVE
EMPOWERING PARENTS. MAXIMISING POTENTIAL.

Carers
in Hertfordshire

Services for Young People

MHST

PLAYSKILL
Skills for play, skills for life

SPACE
Autism | ADHD
Neurodiverse Conditions

Herts Parent Carer Involvement
www.hertsparentcarers.org.uk

CPRE Hertfordshire's 2024 Children's Art Competition

We would love every child in the school to enter this competition and hopefully win books for school and £500 to spend in our wonderful outdoor learning area.



The theme this year is ***Why I Love The Countryside***

The closing date for submitting your entries to the competition is **Friday 19th July, 2024.**

Children can draw anything related to what they love about the Hertfordshire countryside. Their drawings could be related to local wildlife, beautiful scenery, flower fields, trees through the seasons, our precious chalk streams – let their imaginations take over!

There is a prize for the winning school and individual prizes in each age group category, plus a special ceremony in the autumn to showcase and celebrate all our young artists.

Prize categories:

- Winning School - Nature books for the school library and £500 to spend on creating an environmentally-friendly outdoor space at your school (e.g. nature area, food growing area, gardening tools, plants for an after school activity)
- Individual prizes and certificates in the following categories (first, second and third): Reception, Years 1-2, Years 3-4, Years 5-6

For further information on the competition and how to enter, please visit our website here:

Starting School

This summer Hertfordshire Family Support Service are offering a range of events and activities focused on creating a supportive network that empowers families and children to navigate school transitions with confidence and ease.

What's on offer for families:

1. Five Week Series on Facebook: We will be sharing a series of informative posts. These will cover various aspects of transitions and offer practical tips and strategies for parents

- Week 1 - Promoting independence
- Week 2 - Toilet Training and hand washing ready for school
- Week 3 - Loving Learning
- Week 4 - Turn taking and asking for help
- Week 5 - Talking about School

2. 'Ready for School' Drop-Ins: We are running drop-in sessions in weeks commencing July 8th & July 15th. These drop-ins will provide an opportunity for families to connect with our team and discuss any concerns or questions they may have about transitions to school or childcare settings.

Bus service information—Arriva

Parents, carers, and guardians of Year 6 students moving onto secondary school in September may be considering how their child is going to travel to their new school, with bus travel potentially being an option.



Student Travel

Do you or your child travel to University, College or School by bus? If so, we've got the perfect solution! Arriva Student and Child Saver tickets are valid for anyone in full time education and, is a cost effective and flexible way of paying for travel costs.

Unlimited travel - You'll get unlimited access to travel on any Arriva bus, at any time, across all routes in your chosen area.

No restrictions - The Saver tickets will cover your travel to and from University, School or College, evenings, weekends and throughout the holidays too at any time of the day.

Flexible payments - Arriva's Direct Debit scheme allows you to spread the cost of your ticket over affordable monthly payments. It's an easy way to pay for travel and there's no contract involved, making it an ideal way to get reduced bus travel for the whole Academic year, without paying upfront.

Sign up in advance - Either set your direct debit to start at a future date for when you need the ticket or, you can start your ticket now to get used to the local bus routes.

Plan your journey - Please use our 'Plan a journey' tool on our website to work out which bus you require or, download our app on the Apple Store or Google Play: www.arrivabus.co.uk

It's a simple process to apply, to arrange your Direct Debit and for further information please use the link or scan the QR code below and, select + Herts and Essex

www.arrivabus.co.uk/monthlytickets



Once registered you can select either to receive your monthly pass by post or sent to your mobile phone, so you won't have to worry about paying every time you board the bus. This ticket will rollover every month for as long as the direct debit remains active.

For any queries regarding the scheme, please email: talktous@arriva.co.uk

Direct Debit tickets are an alternative to the Herts Saver Card. A Herts Saver Card will only be required as a form of ID with a Direct Debit Ticket, for any student (6th form onwards, College or University Student), who does not have a valid student ID. Any student in school year up to Year 11, will not require a Herts Saver Card with a Direct Debit Ticket

*Our tickets do not cover Arriva London/TFL routes



Never Lose your ticket again
Choose to have your ticket on your mobile phone with the Arriva UK Bus app.



School Starters

Ready for School



School Transition Events Free - drop in

Join us at one of our drop in events this July to speak with our knowledgeable team about how to support your child to be ready for nursery or school.

Can't make it? Join us at Family Fun or SEND Chat and Play throughout the summer, visit www.hertsfamilycentres.org for details.

Thursday 11th July 10:00 - 11:30	Cedar Tree Family Centre, Hemel Hempstead, HP2 7JX
Tuesday 16th July 13:00 - 14:30	Windmill Family Centre, Hemel Hempstead, HP2 4DW

Let's get ready for this exciting new chapter together!




www.hertsfamilycentres.org

0300 123 7572

As this week is Carers Week, Herts County Council are supporting Carers in Hertfordshire by raising the profile of Young Carers - many of whom are attending school but yet to be identified as a Young Carer.

ARE YOU A YOUNG CARER?



Do you care for a family member because.....

they have a mental or physical illness?

they struggle with alcohol?

they have a mental or physical disability?

they struggle with drugs?

Carers in Hertfordshire will help you by...

 Listening

 Supporting

 Empowering

 Building networks with other carers



Carers in Hertfordshire

Young Carers

Support for YOU



For more information, visit www.carersinherts.org.uk/young-carers or scan the QR code

"Having people listen and support me has got me through the hardest of times."

FREE Workshops

For all parents/carers*

Sessions will be held either online via MS Teams or face to face at Hobbs Hill Wood Primary School HP3 8ER

Lite Bite	Date	Time & Location
Family Life on a Budget	Wed 18th October 2023	10:30 to 12:00 pm Online
Helping your Child to Manage Anger	Wed 15th November 2023	9:30 to 11:00 am Hobbs Hill Wood
Anxiety & Attendance	Tues 9th January 2024	10:00 to 11:30 am Online
Parent & Carer Wellbeing	Wed 28th February 2024	9:30 to 11:00 am Hobbs Hill Wood
Managing Worries & Anxiety	Wed 15th May 2024	10:00 to 11:30 am Online
Moving onto Secondary School	Thurs 20th June 2024	10:00 to 11:30 am Online

To book your place, please contact

Jan Nethercoat on:

jnethercoat@hobbshillwood.herts.sch.uk

Tel: 01442 401222 Ext: 5 (Term time only)

Please include contact details and name of child's school when booking

*at present sessions can only be offered to parents/carers of those children/YP who attend a DFS North & East Partnership School

Moving onto Secondary School

Date Thursday 20th June 2024

Time 10.00-11.30
Session will be held virtually via MS Teams

Is your child moving up to secondary school in September?

A **free** workshop for parents/carers with children moving up to secondary school. Practical and helpful tips on issues such as communication with secondary schools, the importance of good organisation skills, homework, staying safe and settling in.



For more details and to book, please email:

jnethercoat@hobbshillwood.herts.sch.uk

Please include contact details and name of child's school when booking

Tel: 01442 401222 Ext: 5

Piano Soirée

for a summer's evening

Daniel Browell
Claire Hayward

Saturday 13 July 2024

7.30pm

St Leonard's Church

Flamstead



Email tickets@musicatstleonards.co.uk
Or call Anne Françoise - 07577 530825

Tickets £20/ £15/ £10
Children and students £5