



This Week's News!

Friday 7th June 2024



Dear Parents / Carers and Flamstead Families,

Welcome back to the final part of the Summer Term. It has been lovely to hear about the adventures and experiences the children had during their half term break.

This week the whole school have been celebrating the heritage and uniqueness of Flamstead Village culminating in a wonderful afternoon visit to St Leonards Church today to see all the crafts and skills that were demonstrated to the children. Each class had a chance to experience two different sessions but there are many more wonderful things to see so please do take your families to the Church this weekend to join in with the celebrations and all the activities taking place.

This week Nursery have been practising their segmenting and blending while Reception have been reviewing taught digraph and trigraph sounds. Reception have also started their learning on 'Olivers Vegetables' in Literacy. They have begun by learning the story from the story map and planning a class cookbook. In Maths Nursery have been exploring 2D shapes, making these out of lollipop sticks and comparing them. Reception have been exploring doubles and halves, using the language of equal and unequal groups.

Maple Class have been taking a closer look at Flamstead history this week. They created a giant timeline to show how Flamstead had changed since Roman times. They also went on a History walk around the village and spotted lots of different historic buildings and sights. They ended the week by making their own TV reports, sharing what they had learnt.

This week Chestnut have been learning about the place value of decimals in Maths. On Wednesday they enjoyed going to a Tag Rugby Tournament at Harpenden Rugby Club. The children really embraced the event and were a credit to the school with their teamwork and skills. In History, they explored the 80th anniversary of D-day and were lucky enough to look at some memorabilia bought in by Mrs Golfetto. The children had some great questions and many of them wanted to continue their research at home.

In Bonsai class this week the children have enjoyed researching the history of St Leonards and making quizzes for each other. They also researched how the church has changed over time comparing a floor map from 1902 to today using Google Street view.

As you can see the building and drainage work is still continuing. Unfortunately the drainage works in the school car park have met unexpected difficulties so the repairs to this area have been delayed, possibly until the summer holidays. The rest of the work has gone well and the Site Manager will be co-ordinating the removal of the final building materials and fences, reinstating our wooden fence and ensuring the cleaning up of the site is complete before their departure.

Next week Breakfast Club children can use the side entrance straight into the hall. Please make sure you bring your children in to the hall and do not drop them off outside the school gates.

Have a wonderful weekend everyone.

Mrs Jacqui Walton-Jones

Headteacher



Italian word of the week



'Chiesa' meaning 'Church'

Photos of the week

St Leonard's Church Arts Festival, History timelines, Tag Rugby, D-Day remembrance,



FOFS News

This week the children have been delighted to receive some of the resources donated to the school through the FOFS Quiz Night that recently took place.

Thank you again to everyone who purchased items from the Star Board, as you can see from the photos, everything is being used and enjoyed by the children to enhance their learning and develop their social skills.



The children love the giant Connect Four game in the playground.

Cherry Class have been measuring and using their containers, pipets and measuring jugs in their water play.



The geometric shapes and playground chalks have been a success in Maple class.

FOFS were able to help make a significant change in the school this half term by funding the purchase of new blinds for the school hall at a cost of £2340.

The hall is a flexible space used for a range of activities including learning, PE, lunchtime and assemblies. The staff are now able to control the lighting levels by closing individual blinds rather than a whole wall of curtain.

We think the new blinds look fantastic!

Gardening Club has been running throughout the summer term and the children have shown huge enthusiasm for all the digging, seed sowing, planting and creating we've been doing in the Outdoor Learning area.

On a personal note, I'd just like to say a huge thank you to our regular volunteers who help make the club happen every week: Becky Gisborne, Peter Lutman, Eve McCall, Tania Guinand and Sarah Gibson.

Finally, FOFS will be running a BBQ at the Flamstead Arts Festival on Sunday from 12:30-4pm in the grounds of St Leonards church. It's going to be a great afternoon and we'd love your support, so do pop along for a burger or hot dog if you're able to.



Bright Stars!
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Nursery	Cayleb	For progression in letter formation this week. Cayleb has been practising writing his name remembering to use our handwriting rhymes to help form the letters.
Reception	Lenny	Lenny for settling into his new classroom so well. Lenny has made lots of new friends and is a well-loved member of the class already.
Year 1	Ferne	For showing the brilliant qualities of resilience, perseverance and commitment to her learning.
Year 2	Isla	For being a kind, considerate and helpful member of Maple Class who always tries her best.
Year 3	Ben	For fantastic knowledge and intelligent questions in our history lesson on D-day.
Year 4	Fletcher	For excellent concentration in cornets and improved presentation in maths.
Year 5	Maisie	For great focus and effort in English. Well done Maisie!
Year 6	Dylan	For fantastic teamwork when creating a quiz on St Leonards Church.

TTRS and Numbots

Year Group	Who impressed us most?	Percentage of Children online
Nursery	Reggie	57%
Reception	Cordelia	64%
Year 1	Leo	45%
Year 2	Mia	47%
Year 3	Ava	90%
Year 4	Lottie	91%
Year 5	Rossi	53%
Year 6	Sloan	67%

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 03/06/24
Nursery	97%
Reception	98%
Year 1	100%
Year 2	98%
Year 3	97%
Year 4	96%
Year 5	90%
Year 6	95%

Well done Year 1!

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

Upcoming dates for your diaries!

Date	Time	Event
10.06.24	-	Year 1 Phonics Check week (National)
10.06.24	-	Second week of MTC check for Year 4 children
10.06.24	All day	Chestnut Class trip to Knebworth
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
Gatescroft, 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

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Woodfield
School

ISL
Integrated
Services for
Learning

Hertfordshire
Family Centre
Service

DSAACHIEVE
AMPLIFYING TALENT. MAXIMIZING POTENTIAL.

Carers
in Hertfordshire

**Services for
Young People**

MHST

PLAY SKILL
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:

<https://www.cpreherts.org.uk/news/cpre-hertfordshires-2024->