Flamstead Village School

This Week's News!

Friday 17th May 2024

Dear Parents / Carers and Flamstead Families,

This week in school our Y6 children have been doing an amazing job in their SAT tests. The SATs are important but it is also important to remember that they are a snapshot of achievement and they measure only a small part of what makes each and every one of our children a unique and special individual. We are so proud of them all and the effort they have made. They enjoyed a hearty SATs breakfast each morning this week and the bacon baps were very popular! Children across the school have been designing posters for the Village Show later this year and they will also be involved in designing the programme cover for the Scarecrow Festival in the summer and we are encouraging everyone to enter the Arts Competition for the Art Fair in June.

This week Reception have focused on the book 'The Ugly Duckling' as part of their Fairytales theme and they have been sequencing the story and creating story maps. During independent learning the children have been extending their vocabulary and learning how to share when making train tracks. The children also created their very own Class Comedy Club this week, getting up in the front of class and making their friends laugh. Maple Class have had a busy week; measuring mass of classroom objects in Maths, and writing, editing and illustrating their Billy Goat Gruff stories about The Three Hissing Snakes. They have also made Aboriginal Art inspired by Australian animals and learnt all about the Christian ceremony of marriage.

In KS2 Chestnut Class have been busy planning their own fable in English and thinking about the moral of the story. In Maths they have been working hard on formal written multiplication and in other lessons we have looked at photosynthesis, painting a flower using tint and shade in the style of Van Gogh and learning how special foods and fasting are used in different religions.

Bonsai class started the week practising their fielding skills in rounders and are looking forward to a match next week. Whilst Year 6 were in their tests, Year 5 worked in pairs to complete their own revision and develop their knowledge in Reading and Maths. Year 6 have worked hard throughout the week as they completed their SATs and any last-minute revision. Staff and Governors have commented on their focus and effort. We are extremely proud of the children. They greatly enjoyed their celebrations and rewards on Friday. They were able to enjoy time as a year group with activities on the field and relax with a movie and snack session together in the afternoon as a reward for all their hard work.

I end with some staff news. As a whole school we would like to pass on our gratitude and thanks to Miss Lamarr. Although Miss Lamarr has only been with us a short while she has been a wonderful support to the children and a super colleague to work with. Miss Lamarr has recently secured new employment much closer to her home and will be leaving us after the half term holiday. Although we will miss her greatly, we wish her the very best in her future career. We are in the process of conducting interviews and I will keep you updated as to any new staff appointments,

Have a wonderful weekend everyone.

Mrs Jacqui Walton-Jones

Headteacher

Italian phrase of the week

'Rilassante' meaning 'relaxing'

FOFS NEWS

Save the Date!

FOFS will be running a Summer Fair on the afternoon of Sunday the 14th of July.

There will be live music, BBQ and plenty of activities for the kids. So get your picnic blanket ready and save the date for a lovely afternoon.

ONLINE SAFETY

For Parents - Jessie and Friends (4-7 Year Olds)

Jessie and Friends is a great resource that parents can use to engage with their younger children about worrying or frightening situations online. When questions answer a question correctly they earn a star and can download a certificate to colour in.

Jessie and Friends can be found **HERE**.

For Parents - Wellbeing Apps for Kids

With wellbeing increasingly hot on the agenda, helping children manage their health and wellbeing is a top priority. Nothing can beat getting out in the fresh air, meeting friends and having fun, but some children may find apps useful for things such as learning about emotions, managing anxiety etc. There are thousands of these types of apps, but to cut through the fog Internet Matters have put together a list which gives details such as: suitable ages, purpose, how the app works and (where applicable) the cost.
You can find the list of apps **HERE**.

Flamstead Scarecrow Festival 2024
Competition to Design our Programme Front Cover

This year the Scarecrow Festival runs from midday on Friday 16th - Sunday 18th August.

We would like to involve as many of the young families in the village as we can this year and we recently came into the school to introduce a competition for the children to Design the Front Cover for the Scarecrow Festival 2024 programme.

The children will do their drawings in school during the week beginning June 3rd, after the half term holiday. Please talk to your children about ideas for their front overs and what they could design.

They will be judged by representatives of the Scarecrow Festival Committee and the school Governors.

There will be two age categories - years 3 & 4, years 5 & 6.

Each category will have a winner and a runner-up.

The best of the 2 winners will go on the front cover of this year's festival programme. The other winner and both runners-up will be printed inside the programme and these 4 children will each receive a prize.

All the children who do a drawing will be able to see their work displayed in the churchyard marquee throughout the festival.

We spoke to the children in their school assembly about designing their drawing, using bold, bright colours to make an attractive cover and including things that they may see at a scarecrow festival.

We're really looking forward to seeing their designs. We wish them all the best of luck!

Bright Stars! Friday 17th May 2024		
Nursery	**Delilah**	Delilah for asking for a challenge in her reading books. Delilah has been practising her letters this week with her teachers and asked to take a reading book home to read! She has also been practising her writing of words such as cat and dog.
Reception	**Darcy**	Darcy for persevering and showing self-belief this week in Maths lessons. Darcy has been ensuring she uses correct number formation and sentence starters in Maths to support her learning.
Year 1	**Rosie**	For having a brilliant, enthusiastic maths week and really trying hard in her lessons all about mass.
Year 2	**Evie**	Evie for being a fantastic numerical ninja and completing the whole Numbot Quest.
Year 3	**Rafael**	For much improved focus and participation in class, including beautiful presentation and creative writing in English.
Year 4	**William**	For persevering and achieving in times tables and attention to detail in English and Art.
Year 5	**Evie**	For always being a role model and focussing on her work.
Year 6	**All of Y6**	For their dedication and focus during SATs.

TTRS and Numbots

Year Group	Who impressed us most?	Percentage of Children online
Nursery	Edie	29%
Reception	Cordelia	77%
Year 1	Leo	55%
Year 2	Evie	33%
Year 3	Ava	70%
Year 4	William	91%
Year 5	Maisie	87%
Year 6	Sloan	89%

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 13/05/24
Nursery	94%
Reception	99%
Year 1	100%
Year 2	96%
Year 3	99%
Year 4	98%
Year 5	93%
Year 6	97%

Well done Year 1 !

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

Upcoming dates for your diaries!

Date	Time	Event
22.05.24		Class photo day
27.05.24	-	May Half Term holiday
03.06.24	-	Back to school
03.06.24	-	Y4 Multiplication Times Tables checks from today (National)
05.06.24	-	Y3 and Y4 Tag Rugby competition at Harpenden Rugby Club
07.06.24	-	Whole school to Flamstead Arts Festival at St Leonard's Church
10.06.24	-	Year 1 Phonics Check week (National)
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
09.07.24	9.00—9.45	New Nursery and Reception children 'Stay and Play'
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.

THIS IS ME!

BE INCLUDED

Parent or carer?

Have a child with an education health care plan or currently considering a education, health care plan request?

These briefings are for you.

'This is Me' is the new form to support children and young people in telling their story. What they write, draw or present will be included in their Educational and health care needs request and annual review.

'This is Me' and the guidance notes have been coproduced with children and young people. They have tested it and are now ready to share for others to use. The aim is simple, to tell the child's story, in whatever way they can.

SENDIASS, Educational health care coordinators, SENDCOs, Schools and others will receive training soon. ***But first we would like parents and carers to learn more. Please join us at one of these online events.***

Friday the 17th May 10am to 11am Join the meeting now Meeting ID: 347 120 146 180 Passcode: TmxrqW

Wednesday 22nd May 6pm to 7pm Join the meeting now Meeting ID: 397 771 075 256 Passcode: G7Rjsb

Thursday 23rd May 1pm to 2pm Join the meeting now Meeting ID: 361 293 340 695 Passcode: qu9U32

If you can not join any of these meetings but would like to receive a recording please email sarah.stevens2@hertfordshire.gov.uk . These will be sent on 30th May 2024.

(Please note this email is for these meetings only and I can not advise or support with individual EHCP requests)

FLAMSTEAD ARTS FESTIVAL

Children's Art Competition

Create a piece of artwork about St Leonard's Church

(No bigger than A4)

Closing Date : 2nd June 2024

Judging by The Countess of Verulam

1st Prize - £75 Artscape voucher + A Family Ticket to The Royal Academy of Arts Summer Exhibition

2nd - £50 Artscape voucher

3rd - £25 Artscape voucher

Three age categories:
4-7 yrs
8-11 yrs
12-15 yrs

Winners to be announced at the Festival on Sunday 9th June.

Add your NAME, AGE and email address on the back.

Place in the box inside the church.

Flamstead Heritage

claire@flamsteadartsfestival.org

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FESTIVAL PROGRAMME

Thursday June 6th

7:30 pm	Opening Reception Celebration event to open the Festival and its Art Exhibition - and to recognise all the roles played by the whole community in the many achievements of our 5-year heritage project.	*free by advance ticket only*

Friday June 7th

7:30 pm	Revue: *Come Rain, Come Shine* a sparkling musical entertainment – with a rural twist - starring Carole Boyd: Linda Snell of The Archers and Malcolm McKee.	*tickets £20 from May 11th*

Saturday June 8th

10:00 am to 4:00 pm	Heritage Craft Fair: demonstrations and displays of traditional crafts with local interest: Agriculture • Blacksmithing • Brick & Flintwork • Hedge Laying • Pottery, • Stone Masonry • Straw Hat Making • Timber Framing • Tree Identification • Wood Carving.	
	Birds of Prey display: 4 birds, two flights - Imperial Birds of Prey Academy.	
	Talks: including Matthew Champion on "St Leonard's Building History".	
	More: Food & Drink • Morris Dancing (outside the pubs) • Volunteering Kiosk.	
7:30 pm	In Concert: *Ben Earle* Ben Earle from The Shires	*tickets £20 from May 11th*

Sunday June 9th

11:15 am to 12:30 pm	Celebration Church Service To celebrate 800 years since the dedication of St Leonard's in 1223, led by The Very Rev'd Jo Kelly-Moore, Dean of St Albans.	*all welcome*
12:30 pm to 4:00 pm	Relax in the Churchyard Quarter Peal on the church bells • Barbeque run by FOFS • Musical entertainment from Katie's Jumping Fleas Ukulele Band • Chainsaw wood carving • Traditional children's games • Display of children's art competition (Village Hall).	

Throughout the Festival

10:00 am to 4:00 pm	Art Exhibition and Sale Artists including: Linda Brown • Virginia Corbett • Haydn Dickenson • Emily Good • Roy Goodman • Julia Ramsay • Dione Verulam • Esther Wragg • Steve Wragg.	

Venues: St Leonard's Church (AL3 8BS), churchyard or nearby Village Hall.
Free admission – except where shown. Tickets from May 11th.
See website for details: tickets, schedules, travel, parking, etc.
Flamstead Heritage & Flamstead Arts Festival 2024.
Subject to change.
www.flamsteadheritage.org/flamstead-arts-festival

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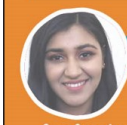
Would you like your child to make some healthy sweet swaps?



Sidra Hussain,
Beezee Families Nutritionist

We are here to help!

Our free healthy lifestyle programme can support families like yours make healthy habits. Help yourself to our sweet tips below.

1. Create a shopping list for the family, before going shopping.
2. Have a weekly sweet voucher. Your children choose when to "cash in" for a portion of sweets.
3. Use the NHS Food Scanner app to help find healthy swaps in the shops.
4. Try having a mix of fresh and dried fruits to help the sweet cravings, i.e. dried mango, bananas.
5. Remember to have dried fruits in small amounts as the sugar is more concentrated.
6. Mix things up and make fruit more fun – try making fruit cocktails, smoothies or ice lollies.
7. Look for healthy sweet treat recipes online. We might be biased but we think beezeebodies.com/blog/category/recipes is pretty good!

Like these tips and want to know more? Check out our website now.*

*Our courses are for families with children aged 5+.

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BISHOP'S STORTFORD Summercroft Primary School CM23 5BJ 17:30 - 19:30	HEMEL HEMPSTEAD Hobletts Manor Junior School HP2 5JT 17:30 - 19:30	STEVENAGE The Oval Community Centre SG1 5RA 17:30 - 19:30	BOREHAMWOOD Meryfield Primary School WD6 4PA 17:30 - 19:30

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Dates:

Tuesday May 28th and Wednesday May 29th
Venue: Tudor Primary School, **Hemel Hempstead**, HP3 9ER

Thursday May 30th and Friday May 31st
Venue: The Ridgeway Academy, **Welwyn Garden City**, AL7 2AF

Saturday June 29th and Sunday June 30th
Venue: Bernards Heath Junior School, **St Albans**, AL3 5HP

Cost: **£34** for two sessions. **£21** for one session.

For more information and to book, go to **www.hertsbalance.uk/public-schedule-booking**
email phil@hertsbalance.uk or call **Phil** on **07941 061717**.
Private L2BR, DBBC and Bikeability sessions are available for children and adults and families. Details at **www.hertsbalance.uk/private-sessions**

The Music at St Leonard's committee are offering free tickets to the performance. There are 20 available on a first come, first served basis. Please email the school office if you would like to take advantage of this offer :- admin@flamsteadjmi.herts.sch.uk.

In addition to Ani Schnarch of worldwide fame and the Royal College of Music Violin, Professor Itzhak Rashkovsky - the teen-age virtuosi TEO GERTLER will also perform!

Maestro Placido Domingo said of Teo - 'he is the future of violin playing'. You can see him performing at the YouTube link below :-

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4CuV2JjFjdA