



This Week's News!

Friday 3rd May 2024

Dear Parents / Carers and Flamstead Families,

We are already in May and the Summer Term is flying by!

In school this week Cherry Class have been taking part in 'Drawing Club'. Their focus book this week has been 'The Day The Crayons Quit'. The children have been designing hotels, school trips, and crayons. They have also been writing accompanying sentences to go with their drawings, using vocabulary such as, witty, humorous and digress! In Maths, Nursery have been colour sorting and matching using comparative language, while Reception have been finding the difference and writing subtraction sentences.

Maple class have been creating colourful, highly patterned elephant pictures in Art and in History they have been learning all about why our village church is named after St Leonard.

In KS2, Chestnut class have been learning about fact families and area in Maths. In English, they have started a unit on Fables and they have been learning how morals can help to teach us right from wrong. In Science, they have observed the roots beginning to sprout from our broad beans. They also presented a fantastic assembly on Thursday. The children enjoyed performing and they remembered their lines brilliantly. Well done to everyone. It is a big challenge for some pupils to be part of a class assembly and I am very proud of them all.

The highlight of the week for Bonsai class was their time spent with the chicks. They have continued to work hard applying their knowledge of percentages to solve two step problems. The children have shown resilience when overcoming the challenge of the reasoning questions and Miss Pike has been pleased with their continued effort on the journey to become amazing mathematicians. In English the class have recapped grammar devices whilst further exploring a book called 'Wisp - a Story of Hope.'

Our Flamstead chicks have been visiting all the classrooms and enjoying the attention the children have been giving them. It has been amazing to see how quickly they are growing and changing.

Please can I ask that children, especially in Cherry and Maple class, are brought to the class door by an adult in the mornings and not sent into school unaccompanied or with an older sibling. This ensures we all know where the children are and any messages the class teacher may have for you can be passed over.

Thank you to FOFS for arranging such a fabulous Quiz Night for the local Community on Thursday night. St Leonards was a beautiful setting and the quiz was entertaining. It was wonderful to see so many families supporting this event and a good time was had by all. Well done to everyone who helped to organise this event and to everyone who took part. We were also very grateful to the 'stars' who contributed to our Star Wish List board. Your generosity is much appreciated.

Please remember that Monday is a Bank Holiday and school is closed for pupils on Tuesday for staff INSET. We look forward to seeing you next week. On Wednesday, our first day back, all the children are taking part in a Mini Marathon. We have been inspired by the recent London Marathon and we have been talking to the children about self belief and having a 'can do' attitude. They have really taken this on board and we hope they enjoy challenging themselves to a 2.6 mile run.

I hope you all enjoy a lovely long weekend, hopefully with some improved weather.

Mrs Jacqui Walton-Jones

Headteacher



Italian phrase of the week



'tempo per la famiglia' meaning 'family time'

FOFS News

Thank you to everyone who came along to the Fish and Chips Quiz Night last night. It was a brilliant evening expertly hosted by Quiz Master Andy Baradell.

We're still finalising the total of our fundraising but wanted to make a special mention of the Be A Star board.

This is a FOFS initiative to allow people to purchase items the school needs.

Amazingly, **£582** was donated towards items for the school!

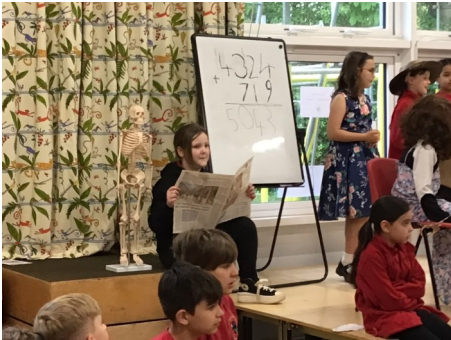
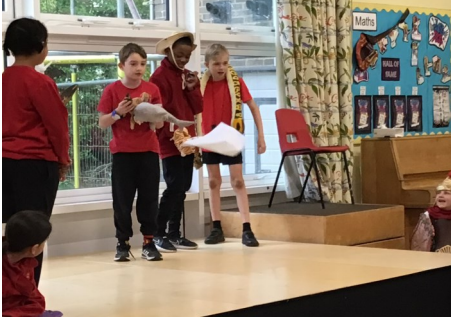
FoFS would like to thank:

Emily Spry and Max P, Becky Gisborne, Melissa and Dave Morrissey, Mark and Rachael Coffey, Claire and Mark Smith, Sharon Molloy, Giles Tully,

Minutes late per day	Learning time lost in a year
5 minutes	3½ days
10 minutes	7 days
15 minutes	10 ½ days
20 minutes	14 days
30 minutes	21 days

Photos of the week

Chestnut Class Assembly



Look how big our chicks are now!



Bright Stars!
Friday 3rd May 2024

Nursery	Edie	For her wonderful participation in Maths and Phonics this week. Edie has been challenging her learning and supporting friends.
Reception	Austin	For persevering this week and independently writing phrases and sentences in Drawing Club. Austin has been making himself and teachers proud by putting in lot of effort into his learning this week.
Year 1	Alfie	For having a positive and conscientious attitude to learning in all of his lessons.
Year 2	Winter	For building her resilience and not giving up even when learning can get a little tricky
Year 3	Ava	For working hard in Maths learning fact families and lovely descriptive writing in English.
Year 4	Sidni	For having self-belief and a can-do attitude in learning which has led to an increase in confidence. Well done!
Year 5	Max	For using his different mathematical skills to solve two step percentage questions.
Year 6	Charlotte	For her focus and perseverance across all lessons even when faced with a challenge.

TTRS and Numbots

Year Group	Who impressed us most?	Percentage of Children online
Nursery	Edie	43%
Reception	George	62%
Year 1	Otto	36%
Year 2	Isla	47%
Year 3	Ava	40%
Year 4	Rupert	64%
Year 5	Jacob	53%
Year 6	Sloan	44%

We see a direct link between how much home learning is completed on TTRS and pupils achievement in class. Make sure you access your learning each week please!

Attendance this week

Year Group	w/b 29/04/24
Nursery	94%
Reception	98%
Year 1	99%
Year 2	92%
Year 3	98%
Year 4	98%
Year 5	93%
Year 6	99%

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

Upcoming dates for your diaries!

Date	Time	Event
06.05.24	-	Bank Holiday—School Closed
07.05.24	-	INSET Day—School closed to children
08.05.24	-	Mini Marathon Day in school—please wear PE kit.
13.05.24	-	SATS week for Y6 pupils
22.05.24		Class photo day
26.04.24	9.00	Parent Council meeting with Mrs Walton-Jones
27.05.24	-	May Half Term holiday
03.06.24	-	Back to school
03.06.24	-	Y4 Multiplication Times Tables checks from today (National)
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
21.06.24	All day	Y5 and Y6 attending UniSong at St Johns in Boxmoor
21.06.24	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
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.

UNDERSTANDING MY AUTISM / ADHD



'My World & Me'

A confidence building 12 week course for autistic young people and those with ADHD

Wednesday
1st May -
24th June

Understanding My Autism:
Supporting transitions for school
years 4 to 6 - Online

11am -
12pm

Tuesday
21st May -
13th Aug

Understanding My ADHD: 12-16
years. My World and Me Boxing
Group - YMCA Watford

3:30pm -
4:30pm

Thursday
13th June -
29th Aug

Understanding My Autism:
Supporting transitions for school
years 4 to 6 - Online

11am -
12pm

Wednesday
19th June -
4th Sep

Understanding My ADHD / Autism:
Supporting transitions for school
years 6 to 7 - Online

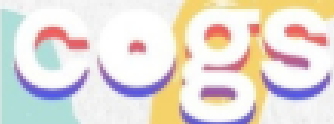
4pm -
5pm

To book, please visit nessieined.com or click the workshops above.



This is part of a wider project funded by the NHS and Herts CC. For more information visit: toolbox.mindler.co.uk

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Summer Term Groups



All our programmes provide support, information and resources to parents/carers and adult family members so they can help their children reach their full potential. For more information, please contact Louise on 0204 522 8700/8701 or email services@familylives.org.uk

Bringing Up Confident ADHD/ASD Children (6 weeks) Online group Wednesday 15 May to 26 June 7pm - 9pm

If your child has ADHD/ASD, or you think they might, join our online 6-week group where you will receive support from other parents and gain a comprehensive understanding of ADHD/ASD and learn strategies to improve life at home and at school. Our programme covers:

- ADHD/ ASD - a whole-family issue
- Understanding your child's behaviour
- Helping your child manage their feelings and outbursts
- Balancing support of siblings
- Learning about structure and routines
- Supporting your child at school

Sorting Out Family Arguments (6 weeks) Online group Thursday 16 May to 27 June 7pm - 9pm

Do you feel everything ends in an argument and you are constantly trying to keep the peace? Join our free online 6-week group to help improve family communication, reduce the reactions which lead to arguments and create a culture of teamwork in your family. Our programme covers:

- How parents and children can be affected by conflict
- Strategies in handling and resolving conflict and anger
- Parent's role when there is sibling rivalry and jealousy, fostering cooperation rather than competition
- Effective communication, implementing boundaries and how to negotiate

Less Shouting, More Cooperation (6 weeks) Online group Monday 3 June to 8 July 9.30am to 11.30am

Do you feel you are constantly nagging or shouting at your child to get what you need? Are you tired of losing your cool and want a calmer house? Join our free online 6-week group to learn how you can change the way you communicate with your child, respond better, and feel more in control. Our programme covers:

- Exploring what helpful discipline is
- Recognising the triggers and responding more effectively
- Learning new parenting tools to challenge children's behaviour
- How to negotiate and implement effective boundaries and family agreements
- How to hold boundaries and gain co-operation

Getting on with Your Pre Teen/Teenager (6 weeks) Online group Tuesday 4 June to 9 July 7pm - 9pm

Is your teen feeling anxious or isolated? Are you concerned about their mental health and struggling to get help? Maybe you have an FFA/CIN/CP in place and need more support. Join our free 6-week online group to learn how parents can best emotionally support their teen and feel confident and prepared for whatever challenges might arise. Our programme covers:

- Learn tools to help teenagers manage difficult emotions and become more emotionally resilient
- How to change parenting styles to meet the developmental needs of your teenager & remain effective
- How to talk to teens so they will talk to you and build strong relationships
- How to set effective boundaries to stop problem behaviour



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Time: 9 AM - 10 AM

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Time: 9 AM - 10 AM



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- 10-Week Junior Cricket Program
- For Boys and Girls Ages 11 and Above (younger players if competent)
- Open to All Abilities
- Focus Areas: Game Play, Skill Development, Strategy, Teamwork
- Objective: Develop confident young players aspiring to elevate their cricket skills to the next level.



Beginning 13th May Monday
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

For registration email:
flamsteadcricketclub@gmail.com

Coach: Mike Humphrey

Mike is an ECB Level 3 cricket coach (ECB Performance Coach) with a wealth of experience in coaching across diverse environments and standards. He has worked extensively with age group teams at both club and district levels and has contributed to performance pathways in regions including Essex, Surrey, Cricket East, and Oxfordshire. Additionally, Mike has served as an assistant coach at the Essex Cricket Centre, worked as an Essex Community Coach, and held positions at Anglia Ruskin University and the MCC Cricket Academy. He gained his Level 3 Performance Coach award through volunteering with local cricket clubs and completing ECB/UK Sport coaching certificates. Mike is also first aid trained, undergoes safeguarding children checks every three years, and is a member of the ECB Coaching Association. Mike has an enhanced DBS check via the ECB.



FLAMSTEAD CRICKET CLUB

JUNIOR CRICKET 2024

FOR BOYS AND GIRLS AGE 5 AND OVER

Our junior cricket program starts with the ECB All Stars Cricket initiative for 5-8 year olds, then moves onto Dynamos for 8-11 year olds; and hardball for U11s and older.

We welcome players of all ages and ability, specially newcomers to cricket. We offer professional coaching sessions appropriate to each age groups.



Beginning 18th May
Saturday
9 AM - 10 AM
For 5 - 8 years old



Beginning 18th May
Saturday
9 AM - 10 AM
For 8 - 11 years old



Beginning 13th May
Monday
6 PM - 7:30 PM
For 11 - 15 years old

FOR MORE INFO

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