



This Week's News!

Friday 19th April 2024

Dear Parents / Carers and Flamstead Families,

Welcome to the start of the Summer Term. I hope you all had a lovely Easter break and were able to have some quality family time. It has been lovely to hear from the children about the activities and experiences they have had.

This half term our school theme is 'Self-Belief'. We have spoken to the children in two assemblies this week and all the children have been thinking about what they believe they can achieve before our next half term holiday. I am sure they will achieve their goals with self-belief. Some of their goals are to ride a bike without help, to win in karate, to do well in the Y6 SATs and to be able to swim more than 5 lengths of the pool. Maybe you could inspire your children by having a goal that you would like to achieve too?

This week your child received a sponsorship form for AktivkidsUK. We are very much looking forward to welcoming Paralympian Kylie Grimes into school next Wednesday to complete the circuit challenge with the children. Kylie is a Rugby Wheelchair Champion and I am sure she will be inspiring to us all.

Please remember to send your sponsorship form and money back into school on Monday 22nd April please.

In school this week Cherry Class have been enjoying exploring their activities during independent learning times. The children have been taking responsibility for their class environment and how they want to learn by creating their own maths games outside using hula hoops. Reception children have also been exploring finding the missing part. For example, $5=3+?$. The children were able to use reasoning to explain their answers well.

Maple class have been learning about local history and how children in Flamstead went to school in the past. They found out how 200 years ago children as young as two were sent to Straw Plaiting School to learn how to plait straw for their families to sell to the hat makers of Luton. They then made plaits of their own. At the end of the week they enjoyed a fantastic trip to Hertfordshire Zoo. We teamed up with another local school to take the children to meet a range of animals and have a wonderful workshop experience. You can see from the photos in the newsletter a great time was had by all the children. Thank you to the parents who assisted us on the trip.

Chestnut Class have made some wonderful greenhouses this week as part of their D&T topic. It was wonderful to visit their classroom and listen to their presentations and ideas on watering and ventilation systems. They have also had an exciting week with new music lessons starting with Herts Music Service. They will be learning to play the Cornet with Mr Eccles. Today they also started their weekly swimming lessons at Westminster Lodge.

Bonsai Class have been researching, planning and writing balanced arguments in class this week. The children in Year 6 have also started additional SATs booster classes which they have been enjoying on Tuesday and Wednesday after school. The new Curriculum Maps for this half term are now on the school website.

We are still looking for a **Class Rep for Year 3 and Year 5**. If any parent would like to take on the role please contact the school office. You would be very welcome at our Parent Council Meeting on Friday 26th April at 9am.

We also have an exciting event coming up organised by the ever dedicated FOFS team. Please do join us at the **'Fish and Chip' Quiz Night on the 2nd of May** at St Leonards Church. Click on the link below for tickets. If any families would like to join us and are financially unable to please speak to the school office in confidence for support.

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/friendsofflamsteadschool/1120865?>

I wish you all a wonderful weekend. I do hope the sun shines for us all and I look forward to seeing you again on Monday.

Mrs Jacqui Walton-Jones

Headteacher



Italian word of the week - *'luce del sole'* meaning sunshine



FOFS News

FOFS is holding its annual Fish and Chips Quiz Night on the 2nd of May this year!

It's a brilliant night expertly hosted by Quizmaster Andy Baradell, featuring a meal of Fish and Chips from Godfreys in Harpenden.

Teams can be made up of 8 people - but if you're a smaller number, we can always combine you with another team.

There'll be a bar available on the night and a raffle too. All proceeds from the evening will go towards supporting our wonderful school, so do come along - we'd love to see you there!

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A FRIENDS OF FLAMSTEAD SCHOOL EVENT



**THURSDAY
2ND MAY 2024**

7:30PM FOR 8PM START

ST LEONARD'S CHURCH, FLAMSTEAD



Tickets are £16pp and include Quiz entry and Fish & Chips or Halloumi & Chips from Godfreys, Harpenden.

To book your table (max 8 per team), please follow the link or qr code.

bit.ly/flamsteadquiz

Bar available on the night.
All proceeds will go towards supporting Flamstead Village School.



**Friends of
Flamstead
School**

Photos of the week

Gardening Club



Maple Class learning to plait



Cherry Class Activities



Maple Class at Hertfordshire Zoo



Bright Stars!
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Nursery	Harper	For settling into her new classroom so well. Harper has shown her teachers how well she listens and what a fabulous role model she can be already. We are all very excited to have her in the class!
Reception	Reece	For taking responsibility for his learning this week with such enthusiasm. Reece has set himself personal targets and has been actively working towards them this week making himself and his teachers proud!
Year 1	Elsie	For trying hard in all her lessons and becoming more confident in making contributions in class.
Year 2	Louie	For working to improve his focus, especially in written tasks. Louie wrote a great set of instructions this week on how to make a 'Fox Face' sandwich.
Year 3	Theo	For effort and enthusiasm in his learning and always supporting his peers.
Year 4	Rupert	For excellent work in maths, a positive attitude and self-belief in other areas he is not as confident in. Rupert performed well in front of others during our English lesson.
Year 5	Leo	For a great effort and perseverance in Maths.
Year 6	Sloan	For a positive attitude to learning in all lessons.

TTRS and Numbots

Year Group	Who impressed us most?
Nursery	Cayleb
Reception	Xander
Year 1	Ferne
Year 2	Jerry
Year 3	Ava
Year 4	Lottie
Year 5	Evie
Year 6	Sloan

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 15/04/24
Nursery	100%
Reception	97%
Year 1	98%
Year 2	100%
Year 3	97%
Year 4	95%
Year 5	87%
Year 6	98%

Well done to Nursery and Year 2—Great attendance this week.
Please remember not to take holidays and breaks in term time please.

Upcoming dates for your diaries!

Date	Time	Event
22.04.24	-	Arrival of our chick eggs
24.04.24	-	Activkidsuk—Olympian Visit—school fundraiser
02.05.24	9.00	Reception Parent meeting— EYFS Profile information
02.05.24	9.00	Chestnut Class Assembly
06.05.24	-	Bank Holiday—School Closed
07.05.24	-	INSET Day—School closed to children
13.05.24	-	SATS week for Y6 pupils
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)
10.06.24	-	Year 1 Phonics Check week (National)
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
01.07.24	All week	Y5/6 Residential to Grittleton House
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
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.

Community Events

Elaine Delmar in Concert

with
Barry Green, Piano
Simon Thorpe, Bass



Friday 26 April 2024, 8pm
St Leonard's Church
Flamstead

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



Tickets £30/ £25/ £20