



This Week's News!

Friday 22nd March 2024

Dear Parents / Carers and Flamstead Families,

Another wonderful week in school has come to an end. All the children have been enjoying the Outdoor Learning Area this week and we have been planting a range of flowers and vegetables.

We are grateful to FOFS for their ongoing support and hard work in developing this area of our school. This Wednesday all children were able to visit the outdoor area to explore and plant.

We have started to grow sunflowers, marigolds tomatoes, potatoes, butternut squash, pumpkins, sweetcorn, onions and basil to name a few.

We have also won a competition sponsored by the Tree Council and have received 5 new trees and some new hedgerow that we will be planting to further enhance our outdoor areas.

In the Early years this week Cherry Tree class have been builders and fairies. They have currently got a fairy house under construction in our outside area. They have taken on roles of health and safety as well as site managers this week. In Phonics, Nursery have moved on to a new unit which looks at alliteration and how different sounds are articulated. Reception have been recapping digraph sounds learnt in Phonics this week such as 'oo', 'ar' and 'or', as well as doing some amazing independent sentence writing explaining the story of Tiddler!

Maple Class provided us with a wonderful assembly this Friday morning. It was delightful to see all their work over this term. They took us around the World providing information and songs. They also made the biggest pizza Flamstead has ever seen!

Thank you to the Year One parents who attended the Phonic Check meeting on Tuesday and to the Year Two Parents who joined us for the Optional SATs meeting on Thursday. If you were unable to attend the meeting the PowerPoint is now on the school website for your information.

Chestnut class are still in their temporary classroom as we are having their usual classroom painted and redecorated after the scaffolding was removed last weekend. It was the ideal opportunity to refresh the classroom and we thank one of our parents, David Carter, for his effort and support in painting our school. Meanwhile, this week Chestnut have been exploring the best materials for building a mini greenhouse in D&T. In English we have been inspired by the poem 'The Magic Box' by Kit Wright and have created our own version to celebrate World Poetry Day.

Some of the children in Years 5 and Year 6 took part in their Bikeability training this week. The instructors remarked they were a very well mannered and responsive group. I am please to say that all of them passed the level 2 training and are now competent road cyclists!

Bonsai class have had a wonderful trip to the Natural History Museum in London today. The visit linked with their learning on volcanoes and earthquakes. The trip was successful and the children were a credit to Flamstead Village School.

Thank you for all the 'Smarties' tubes that have been returned to school. The School Council have raised the grand total of £358.62 and they are looking forward to spending this money on playground equipment requested by their classes. Well done to the School Council for this initiative. Maple Class were the class that raised the most money and they will be getting an end of term treat, to be decided by the School Council. Well done Maple Class!

I wish you all a wonderful weekend. Please remember that next week the term ends on Thursday 28th March at 1.30pm.

Best wishes

Mrs Walton-Jones
Headteacher

 **Italian word of the week** - *giardino* meaning garden 

Marathon Fundraiser

Please see the message below from one of our parents. Jess Devoti who is running in a marathon this year and fundraising for a cause very close to all of our hearts. We have permission from the family to share this in the school newsletter.

"As you all know I'm running the full MK Marathon on the 6th May and all the money raised will be donated to Martina and the kids to support them through this devastating time"

Please use the link below to show your support.

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/jessica-devoti>



JustGiving

Help raise £1000 to Support Martina, Conor, Darcy and Harper after the terrible loss of Scott Ladley.

[justgiving.com](https://www.justgiving.com)

School Meals - Increase in meal charges Summer Term 2024

The daily charge for a KS2 school meal will increase to £3.35 (this being in line with other local schools) from the start of the Summer Term.



Polite Request



With the end of the Spring Term nearly upon us, please can we ask that all payments for trips are up to date and lunch accounts have been 'topped up'. Thank you.



Skips Safety Net

Keeping children safe online

A Parent's Guide to Cyberbullying



Many young people who are victims of cyberbullying suffer in silence.

They feel they can't turn to parents or a trusted adult for support as they fear they may get in trouble or have their devices taken away from them. It can carry on all day, all evening and all weekend for the world to see, causing a lot of emotional stress to the victim and their family.

It can very quickly lead to the victim feeling trapped, scared and vulnerable to grooming and blackmail.


Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.

Parents please contact your school to enquire attending their next e-safety workshop or have any concerns.

Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.

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23 March
8.30pm



60 EARTH HOUR



WWF—EARTH HOUR

WHAT COULD YOU DO?

Give an hour for Earth on Saturday 23 March 2024, 8:30 - 9:30pm and help bring our world back to life



HOW YOU CAN GIVE AN HOUR FOR EARTH

- Campaign for nature
- Go stargazing
- Cook a plant-based meal
- Switch off lights
- Watch a nature documentary
- Listen to some music
- Switch off digital devices

Photos of the week

Planting in the Outdoor Learning Area

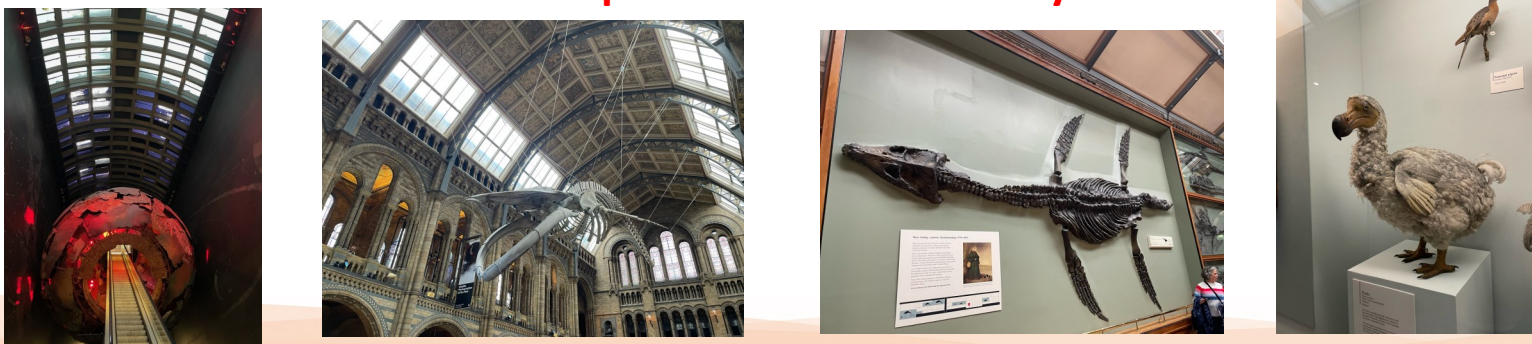


Level 2 Bikeability

Maple Class Assembly



Bonsai Class Trip to the Natural History Museum



**Bright Stars!
Friday 22nd March**

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| Nursery | Cayleb | For his amazing spelling of words this week in Phonics. Cayleb has been using digraphs in his reading and writing. Well done! |
| Reception | Ada | For her fabulous attitude to learning this week. Ada has been challenging herself in all areas of learning and being a positive role model in the classroom. |
| Year 1 | Finley | For being a polite and kind member of Maple Class. A great role model! |
| Year 2 | Harrison | For being respectful, contributing well in class and showing enthusiasm and commitment in our assembly. |
| Year 3 | Sasha | For working hard and showing fantastic improvement in his reading and writing. |
| Year 4 | Isabella | For improvement in multiplication and reading and thinking creatively in DT. |
| Year 5 | Aiden | For great teamwork and focus when writing his script for the Easter assembly. |
| Year 6 | Freddie | For fantastic effort and engagement in our reading lesson with the English Advisor. |

TTRS and Numbots

| Year Group | Who impressed us most? |
|------------|------------------------|
| Nursery | Cayleb |
| Reception | Xander |
| Year 1 | Leo |
| Year 2 | Evie |
| Year 3 | Theo |
| Year 4 | William |
| Year 5 | Eddie |
| Year 6 | Millie |

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 18/03/24 |
|------------|--------------|
| Nursery | 97% |
| Reception | 79% |
| Year 1 | 99% |
| Year 2 | 98% |
| Year 3 | 100% |
| Year 4 | 96% |
| Year 5 | 93% |
| Year 6 | 99% |

Well done to Year Three for 100% attendance this week. You are all superstars!

Upcoming dates for your diaries!

| Date | Time | Event |
|----------|-----------|--|
| 26.03.24 | AM | Easter Bonnet Parade at the Methodist Church |
| 28.03.24 | - | End of Spring Term. School finishes at 1.30pm |
| 15.04.24 | - | Start of the Summer Term - Back to school |
| 19.04.24 | All day | Y1 and Y2 visit to Paradise Wildlife Park (Hertfordshire Zoo) |
| 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.

MOVING ON UP NETBALL

DO YOU LOVE YOUR NETBALL?

DO YOU WANT TO CONTINUE TO ENHANCE YOUR SKILLS READY FOR NEXT YEAR AT PRIMARY SCHOOL OR GET READY AS A YEAR 6 FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL NETBALL?



STAHS
Netball Courts
St Albans
AL3 5LJ

ARE YOU IN YEAR 3, 4, 5 OR 6

Sign up for our 2 day moving on up
Netball camp on:

£35 a day
£60 for two

WEDNESDAY 3RD & THURSDAY 4TH APRIL
10AM - 3PM



For all abilities

Click [HERE](#) to book, use the QR or visit our website
[Herts & Beds Specialist Coaching](#)



SARACENS
FOUNDATION

EASTER

Open to all children from Reception to Year 6

CAMP

Monday 8th April - Thursday 11th April

How Wood Primary & Nursery, St Albans, AL2 2HU

£25 A Day

www.bookwhen.com/saracensfoundationcamps

CHALLENGE
SPORT & EDUCATION

MULTI SPORTS HOLIDAY COURSE

EASTER

2ND - 12TH APRIL

9AM - 3PM / 4:15PM

AGES 5-11 YRS

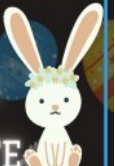
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Rainbow Stage

Easter Events

SUNDAY 31ST MARCH 11AM-3PM

THE EASTER BUNNY'S LOST EGGS

RAINBOW STAGE, HEMEL TOWN CENTRE

Join the Magical Story Elves team as they embark on this egg-citing, Easter themed, interactive adventure full of music, fun, games, magic and much more.



FRIDAY 12TH APRIL - 11am-3pm



EASTER CRAFT DAY

RAINBOW STAGE, HEMEL TOWN CENTRE

FREE ACTIVITIES FOR ADULTS & CHILDREN

Pom Pom Art Scratch-Art Colouring

Easter Cards Decorations Prizes





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LEARN TO BALANCE AND RIDE (L2BR)

- For children typically aged between 3.5 and 11
- 80% + of children are normally riding after 2 sessions
- 1 Instructor to max 5 children
- Balance bike and lightweight pedal bike for each child included in price
- 1 hour sessions

DEVELOPING BETTER BIKE CONTROL (DBBC)

- Follow-on course for new or inexperienced riders
- Covers key skills of starting, stopping, turning, looking, riding close to others, gears and signalling
- 1 Instructor to max 5 children
- Bike provided if required (extra £3.00)
- 1 hour sessions

Full course details at: www.hertsbalance.uk/course-descriptions

Saturday March 23rd and Sunday March 24th

Venue: Cassiobury Junior School, **Watford.** WD17 3PD

Tuesday April 2nd and Wednesday April 3rd

Venue: Tudor Primary School, **Hemel Hempstead.** HP3 9ER

Thursday April 4th and Friday April 5th

Venue: The Ridgeway Academy, **Welwyn Garden City.** AL7 2AF

Monday April 8th and Tuesday April 9th

Venue: Cassiobury Junior School, **Watford.** WD17 3PD

Thursday April 11th and Friday April 12th

Venue: Roundwood Primary School, **Harpenden.** AL5 3AD

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