



This Week's News!

Friday 1st March 2024

Dear Parents / Carers and Flamstead Families

It has been lovely to see all of our families back after the half term break. We are looking forward to a busy but short half term, there are only 5 weeks of school before the Easter holidays. The children have adapted amazingly well to the changes within school over the half term and Chestnut Class have settled well into their new temporary classroom.

This week all the classes were visited by one of our Governors. Mary Jenkin enjoyed visiting all the classes and talking to some children about maths. We also had some exciting workshops provided by 'West End Into Schools' this Friday based on dance, drama and books. In EYFS and KS1 The children all participated in a fun session based on the book 'Dinosaurs and All That Rubbish' and the workshops in KS2 were based on 'The Iron Man'. The workshops were a wonderful way to start our book based activities leading up to World Book Day next week.

Other activities this week have seen the children in Early Years regrouping whole numbers in maths using the cherry model to help them. Maple class have been all around the world with their learning. In Geography they have studied maps to help name the continents and oceans. In Science they have been looking at our seasons in the UK and in English they have been exploring the book 'Coming to England' by Floella Benjamin and learning all about her early life in Trinidad. In Music they have started learning about Brazilian Bossa Nova music and in D&T they have been finding out what everyone's favourite type of Italian pizza is.

In KS2 Chestnut class have enjoyed settling into their new classroom and they are working hard on learning their times tables while Bonsai class have been exploring reasoning questions linked to their maths learning.

Thank you to the families who donated books to classes, either through the 'Buy a Book' pictures at Parents Evening or through the 'Wish lists' at the book Fair. We are very grateful to you all. The books have been labelled with a donation sticker and we look forward to adding the books into our class libraries. We were also lucky enough to win 50 books from 'Books Trust Represents' after Bonsai class participated in a live lesson with poet laureate Joseph Coelho. We have also won a 'Stitch' book, posters and book marks courtesy of a competition from Topsta.

Thank you to the FOFS team and all the Flamstead Families that helped develop our outdoor learning area over the half term holiday. It looks fabulous and it will be lovely to see the children exploring and learning in this area. Remember to send a named pair of wellies into school as soon as you can.

We have also had a portrait of King Charles III delivered to school this week. All schools were offered the chance to apply for a portrait in the Autumn Term. The photo was taken at Windsor Castle in the Autumn of 2023 and shows his Majesty in the uniform of an Admiral of the Fleet. It will be displayed in the office reception area.

Best wishes

Mrs J Walton-Jones, Headteacher

Thank you to the families of the following children for donating a book or books to school.

Cherry Class

Arabella, Cordelia, Reggie, Jessica, Joni, Daisy, Ada and Xander

Maple Class

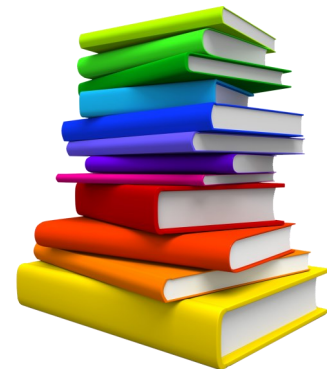
George, Mia, Isla, Elsie and Rosie, Evie, Leo, Jude, Darcy and Louie,

Chestnut Class

Theo, Lottie and William

Bonsai Class

Leo, Evie and Jacob



Italian word of the week - 'primavera' - meaning Spring

Photos of the week

Outdoor Learning Area



West End Into Schools Workshops



Early Years activities



Our Donated Books



FOFS News

There have been a number of new families joining the school recently so I wanted to re-introduce FOFS and explain what we do.

FOFS stands for Friends of Flamstead School. We're like the PTA, but in a 'Friends of' model, there doesn't have to be just parents on the committee - there can be other members of the community too.

Throughout the year we hold events to fundraise for the school, then spend the money in ways that enhance the children's experience.

Christy and Alister Co-Chair FOFS, Sarah Gibson is the Secretary, Tania is our Community Fundraiser and Anna MacLeod Franklin helps run events. We're all spread across the year groups, so if you have any ideas or want to get involved, just grab one of us for a chat.

New Flooring and Decorating

Because of a good fundraising year in 2023, FOFS was able to fund new carpet for the school's Reception and main corridor. We also replaced the vinyl flooring in the KS1 toilets. We believe the children really benefit from seeing their surroundings valued and improved and think the areas look brilliant now.

Huge thanks go to David Carter for coming in during half term to decorate the main Reception room.

Outdoor Learning Area

Last Sunday the 25th of Feb a group of parents met at the school to re-develop the Outdoor Learning area beside the school's field.

In five hours we achieved so much: a new circular outdoor classroom; 4 raised veg beds (one for each class); digging out and preparing a large wildflower bed; the creation of a grass mound seating area; a stumpery and a large bird feeding station.

Huge thanks to everyone who helped on the day and also to Shaun at High Elms Tree Surgery for donating a number of logs to the area.

There is still a willow whip dome to plant around the circular classroom (which will happen in the next week) and the scaffolders at the school have offered to make a large 13ft table and benches to sit in the area too. So the children will now be able to learn about nature and growing plants in a beautiful outdoor setting.

Would you like to help with a Gardening Club?

FOFS is looking to start a parent-run Gardening Club for the children in the Summer term.

If you're available between 1-2pm on Tuesdays or Thursdays and would like to get involved, please speak to Christy or email friendsofflamsteadschool@gmail.com.

Gardening knowledge is not essential and there will be a minimum of two parents at each session.



Bright Stars! Friday 1st March

Nursery	Frankie	For Her fantastic attitude towards learning this week. She has shown great participation in all learning this week and has impressed her teachers with her Maths skills when subitising and playing Snap!
Reception	Reece	For Putting in lots of effort into all his learning this week. Reece has been persevering and challenging himself in Maths with regrouping the whole using the Cherry model and in Phonics with his spelling.
Year 1	Alfie	For using wonderfully descriptive language in his writing about Trinidad.
Year 2	Darcy	For considered and thoughtful contributions to class discussions.
Year 3	Ben	For having a positive attitude, helping others and all of his fantastic learning on return to school.
Year 4	Beau	Adapting well to our new classroom and sharing his knowledge in Geography and Science.
Year 5	Joey	For his effort and participation in our maths lessons.
Year 6	Sloan	For great determination in this week's maths lessons

TTRS and Numbots

Year Group	Who impressed us
Reception	Xander
Year 1	George
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 26/2/24
Nursery	93%
Reception	90%
Year 1	96%
Year 2	100%
Year 3	91%
Year 4	94%
Year 5	91%
Year 6	84%

**Well done to Y2 this week!
FANTASTIC EFFORT EVERYONE!**

Upcoming dates for your diaries!

Date	Time	Event
07.03.24	-	World Book Day
08.03.24		World Book day— Dress up as your favourite book character
11.03.24	-	British Science Week begins
12.03.24	-	Space Dome in school for all children.
14.03.24	2.45	Y4 Parent meeting—Multiplication Times Tables Check information
15.03.24		Red Nose Day for Comic Relief
18.03.24		Bikeability Week for Y5 and Y6
19.03.24	2.45	Y1 Parent meeting - Phonic Screening information
21.03.24	9.00	Y2 Parent meeting - Optional Y2 SATs tests information
22.03.24	9.00	Maple Class Assembly
22.03.24	9.30—4.15pm	Y5 and Y6 Trip to the Natural History Museum
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
17.04.24		Activkidsuk—Olympian Visit—school fundraiser
19.04.24	All day	Y1 and Y2 visit to paradise Wildlife Park (Hertfordshire Zoo)
22.04.24	-	Arrival of our chick eggs
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
01.07.23	All week	Y5/6 Residential to Grittleton House
10.07.23	3.30—5.30	Open Evening and Arts Fest
11.07.23	9.00	Hertfordshire Secondary Transition Day
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.

Saturday 16 March 2024 7:30pm

St Leonard's Church

Flamstead

THE PIANO AND THE BRAIN



UNESCO Medal and multi-award winning Marianna Kapsetaki - neuroscientist, medical doctor & classical pianist - visits St Leonards to reveal to us the effect music has on the brain - and on those who play...



Tickets £10/ £15/ £20

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Or call Anne Françoise - 07577 530825



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
ARTISTIC SWIMMING COURSE

MONDAY 1ST - FRIDAY 5TH APRIL
AT MONK'S WALK SCHOOL POOL AL8 7NL


ideal for kids that love being underwater! Combines gymnastics/dance and swimming. No minimum age Must be able to swim 100m and be confident in deep water



K S ARTISTIC SWIMMING TIMES:

-  Beginner course daily at 10.30am
-  Intermediate course daily at 11am (Up to Grade 2)
-  Advanced course daily at 11.30am (Grade 3+)

LIMITED SPACES - BOOK NOW

 ksswimschool@gmail.com



Weekly Sessions run term time on Sundays 12pm at Monk's Walk Pool AL8 7NL