



This Week's News!

Friday 7th July 2023

Staff Update

As we come closer to the end of term, we are able to plan for September and the exciting changes that it will bring. As part of this, we start preparing for our new classes and how they will be best supported. On Friday, the children will spend the morning in their new classes meeting their new staff team.

We are very fortunate to have a full complement of teachers for September; with the current national shortages, this is becoming more and more difficult to achieve this. Although there are occasionally one or two last minute changes, at present in September, staffing will be as follows:

Early Years —Miss Stout and Mrs Carta

Year 1&2 —Ms Murray, Mrs Greenaway and Mrs Golfetto

Year 3&4 —Mrs Hobbs and Mrs Morrice

Year 5&6—Miss Pike, Miss Chimombo and Miss Lamar

Mrs Walton-Jones will also be at Flamstead on Friday to meet the children again. I'm sure that our new staff members will all be made to feel very welcome.

Next week, Ms Murray will be teaching in Year 5&6 for a few days as Miss Webb will not be with us. She will, however, be back in time for the end of term!

Early Years Update



This week the children have been looking into what pollution is and how we can help keep the oceans clean. We have been reading the book 'Somebody Swallowed Stanley' which gives children an idea of how rubbish in the oceans can harm wildlife. The children have written a letter to Mr Maher saying that we need to ensure we have recycling bins at school to help sort our rubbish.

Bright Stars! Friday 30th June

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| Nursery | Arabella | <i>For her continued progression in phonics and handwriting. Arabella is very ready to join Reception in September.</i> |
| Reception | Jude | <i>For his amazing independent writing of descriptive sentences explaining what pollution is. Jude has tried very hard this week to ensure he is using finger spaces to make it writing easier to read.</i> |
| Year 1 | Jerry | <i>For setting a great example of the children of Flamstead School when having visitors in throughout the week.</i> |
| Year 2 | George | <i>For always being a lovely friend and a helping hand for all the members of his class.</i> |
| Year 3 | Max E | <i>Showing great resilience on our residential trip even though it was a new and scary experience.</i> |
| Year 4 | Dillon | <i>for being a team player and stepping in last minute to support the production.</i> |
| Year 5 | Archie | <i>For having such a positive outlook to learning! Archie has made great progress in Year 5!</i> |
| Year 6 | Elie | <i>For consistently applying herself to the best of her ability. Great work Ellie!</i> |

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Friday 7th July

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| Nursery | Xander | <i>For showing get resilience and perseverance during sports day. Xander was a great Sportsman supporting all the teams and his friends.</i> |
| Reception | Ferne | <i>For joining in with Sports day so well and showing great sportsmanship while doing the activities and during the races.</i> |
| Year 1 | Henry | <i>For being extremely resilient all week long in both his writing and physical activities</i> |
| Year 2 | Darcy | <i>For having an incredible attitude towards everything that he does. He always puts in his best effort.</i> |
| Year 3 | Louis | <i>For supporting the younger children and showing great team spirit in our sports day</i> |
| Year 4 | Harry | <i>For great teamwork in our production and good sportsmanship on sports day.</i> |
| Year 5 | Daniel | <i>For embracing a challenge! He has a fantastic attitude to all school activities!</i> |
| Year 6 | Tyger | <i>For always being a wonderful role model! She always has a positive attitude in school!</i> |

Sports Day

Thank you to all the parents who were able to join our Sports Day on Thursday. The weather just about held out for us and allowed the children to have a fantastic time competing on the field.

There were a range of different events, including sack races and more traditional races and the children all tried their best to earn points for their house groups.

It was lovely that we were joined by children from Flamstead Pre-school so that they could see what things might be like for them when they come to school.

A huge well done to all of the children for their determination and effort, however a special mention to Blue Unicorns, who won overall!



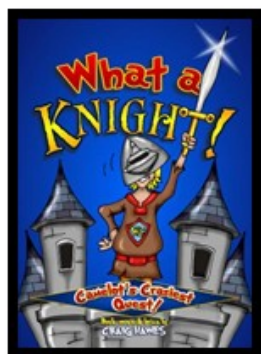
Upcoming Events—Reminders



Music Concert - Thursday 20th July at 2.15pm

Please arrive via the pedestrian gate from 2:00 pm, ready for a prompt start at 2.15pm. At the end of the concert, children will return to their classrooms from where they will be dismissed to you by teachers in the usual way.

KS2 Performances : update



Monday 10th July - dress rehearsal to the school (no parents) in the morning.

Monday 10th July - 3.30 pm - younger siblings are invited to attend this performance.

Tuesday 11th July - 6.30 pm - children will need to be back at school at 6.00pm to get ready.

Please enter via the main Reception door where Mrs. Smith will collect your ticket from you.

If you do not need all your tickets, please return spares to school.

FoFS will be providing refreshments at both performances so don't forget to bring some cash along with you.

School Clubs

Reminder : **Street Dance** : THERE WILL BE NO CLUB on **Monday 10th July**

Please see below proposed timetable for clubs next term. Booking Forms will be placed on our website as they become available. (These will include prices) Please do ensure you complete these and return to school as soon as possible.

Proposed Clubs timetable - Autumn Term 2023

| Club | Day | Dates/Time | Key Stage | Organiser | Charge |
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| Street Dance | Monday | 3.20 – 4.20 pm | Reception – Year 5 | Dancing Stars | £tbc |
| Art | Tuesday | 3.30 – 4.30 pm 12.09.23 – 17.0.23 | Reception – Year 6 | My After School Art Club | 1 st half term (6 weeks) £66.00 |
| Musical Theatre | Wednesday | 3.20 – 4.20 pm | Reception / KS1 / KS2 | Saracens Foundation | £tbc |
| Gymnastics | Thursday | 3.20 – 4.20 pm | Reception/KS1 | Challenge Sport 4 Education | £tbc |
| Football | Friday | 12.30 – 1.00 pm | Reception/KS1 | Challenge Sport 4 Education | £tbc |
| Gymnastics | Friday | 3.20 – 4.20 pm | KS2 | Challenge Sport 4 Education | £tbc |

| Class | W/b 03/07 |
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| Nursery | 90% |
| Reception | 94% |
| Year 1 | 97% |
| Year 2 | 98% |
| Year 3 | 91% |
| Year 4 | 90% |
| Year 5 | 94% |
| Year 6 | 97% |

Classes above our 96% target

Attendance

Well done to Year 2, who had the best attendance this week, closely followed by Years 1 and 6. I wonder who will have the best attendance for the year?

We have noticed at more and more families are planning holidays during term time, which does have a real impact on children's learning and progress in class. The school governors have recently discussed this and will be monitoring the issue very closely in the new school year. We would like to remind you not to plan for holidays during term time as it may open the risk of fines being issued by the local authority.



Help your children to read this summer

At Flamstead we encourage children to a love of reading and the joy of reading doesn't end in the classroom! We want children to become lifelong readers so the 'Summer Reading Challenge' is a perfect opportunity to continue your child's reading journey.

All you need to do is to be a member of the local library and read six books. Library memberships are completely free!

After you have read the books you can go back to the library and tell a member of the library staff about the books you read. You will get a medal and a certificate and also be entered into a prize draw to meet illustrator Loretta Schauer.

The challenge starts July 8th and ends September 2nd so you will have plenty of time. We can't wait to see all your medals and hear about the fantastic books you read over the summer! Anyone who completes this will also get a merit!

BorrowBox—Another way to read at home is through the BorrowBox app. It is free, and will give you access to either eBooks or eAudioBooks. There are several search options such as children, young adult, genres and then sub sections where you can find chart toppers, new releases or just search for a book you want. All you need to do is the following:

1. Join you local public library, which you can also do on line
2. Download the BorrowBox app
3. Select your library service - Hertfordshire
4. Activate your membership
5. Borrow free eBooks and eAudiobooks.

<https://www.borrowbox.com/>



Key Notices

School Reports— School Reports will be sent home to you on Tuesday 11th July. These will include the results of pupils' End of Key Stage assessments, phonics checks and multiplication checks.

Upcoming Dates

| Date | Event |
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| 10 and 11/07 | KS2 Summer Production |
| 13/7 | Year 6 Transition visits to new schools |
| 14/7 | Year 6 Leavers Trip |
| 14/7 | Transition Day (new classes) |
| 20/7 | Music Concert |
| 21/7 | Year 6 Leavers Assembly School Closes 1.30pm for the Summer holidays |

Parents - Please put these into your diaries!

FoFS News!

School Work Day—Reminder

FoFS is holding a School Work Day on **Saturday the 15th of July** to make some improvements around the school before the summer holidays.

We tend to see the same faces volunteering so would love some new parents to get in touch. All our kids benefit when we make these changes and it can take as little as an hour or two of your time. Plus you get to meet a bunch of lovely people from the school who you may not know yet.

You're welcome to bring your children with you and a BBQ lunch will be provided.

Email friendsofflamsteadschool@gmail.com to let us know you're coming.



Flamstead 500
2023

Spelling is NOT IMPORTANT
It's about Imagination...

Stuck for ideas?
Visit the Church!

Two Categories:
Age 7+
Age 11+

A story telling competition
about local history and the things that may **or may not** have happened at **St Leonards Church...**

Visit www.flamsteadheritage.org.com to find out about the real characters from local history or make up your own!
No rules.

WIN £75 WATERSTONES VOUCHER
PLUS YOUR STORY WILL BE FEATURED
ON BBC THREE COUNTIES RADIO!!

Closes 13/10/23
email entries to :
flamstead500@gmail.com

Heritage Fund



HIT is a registered charity 1180955

Herts Inclusive Theatre

Summer Activity
For ages 5 - 12 years

**Dragons, Ogres
& Mystical Tales**

A PLAY IN THREE DAYS!

Step into a world of mystical monsters with HIT, creating a play for family and friends!

1st - 3rd August, 10:00 - 3:00pm
The Pump House, Watford

MORE DETAILS & BOOKING: hit-theatre.org.uk
admin@hit-theatre.org.uk / 01727 22 14 14

Herts Inclusive Theatre has a FREE three-day Summer Activity happening in Watford 1st - 3rd August for ages 5 - 12, inclusive to all and particularly welcoming to those with a disability or special need. Bookings can be made via our website:
<https://hit-theatre.org.uk/events/dragons-ogres-and-mystical-tales-play-in-3-days/>

Hemel Hempstead BID Street - Emergency Services Day 9th July 2023 from 11:00 am—3:00 pm

The event will take place on the Marlowes Rainbow Stage, Hemel Hempstead Town Centre.

Our Emergency Services Day is back due to popular demand. Join us to celebrate our fantastic services that keep us safe every day.

Look around the vehicles, and chat to the service men/women from the Police, Fire and Ambulance services and take part in some emergency services themed colouring in.

Our normal monthly Beat Surgery stall will be there too, where you can meet your local officer, get essential crime prevention information, and discuss any issues you may want to share with the Police about crime or anti-social behaviours.

We look forward to seeing you there.