



This Week's News!

Friday 23rd June 2023

Sports Day

Sports Day has once again come around which means Summer Holidays are on the horizon!

This year, Sports Day will be taking place on Thursday 6th July 2023. Similar to last year, children will be meeting in the Hall at 9:00am to sort themselves into teams. We kindly ask that parents wait on the playground or field during this time. Children will come out once in their teams for a rotation of 8 activities lasting for 5 minutes each. All activities will be taking place on the playground or on the field.

Children will then go inside to have a 10-15 minute break in their classrooms. In this time you may set yourselves up along the lanes for the races. Children will come out with team banners and sit in their teams. There will be a variety of fun and mixed races followed by toddler, mum and dad races!

Once all races are complete, we welcome you to stay for a family lunch on the field. Children will enter the school to retrieve their lunch from the kitchen and then come out to sit with their families. A form will be sent out next week for children to choose their fillings for their cold lunch option. This will take place from approximately 12:00-12:40 pm so that the children can have a playtime before afternoon learning. Feel free to bring blankets or chairs to sit on.

Early Years Update

This week the children have innovated our focus story. The children chose to change the Ladybird into a Pterodactyl and instead of Monkey Jo, the baddies now ask Gerald the Giraffe to steal the Queen's crown. Reception wrote some great sentences to explain what had changed in the story. In Maths Reception have also been exploring doubles and halves using mirrors and maths equipment to aid their understanding.

Next Week: We will begin our new focus story called 'Someone Swallowed Stanley'.

Bright Stars!

Nursery	Phoebe	<i>For progression in Fine Motor Skills. Phoebe has been producing more detailed drawings and has begun to add initial sound captions!</i>
Reception	Finley	<i>For his consistent use of finger spaces when writing sentences. Finley has worked hard to remember to use finger spaces to ensure his writing is easier for adults to read.</i>
Year 1	Henry	<i>For getting stuck in, catching up with his writing and being a focussed learner.</i>
Year 2	Rupert	<i>For challenging himself in Maths by finding appropriate benchmarks when planning a number line.</i>
Year 3	Fletcher	<i>For showing perseverance in learning time to the nearest minute.</i>
Year 4	Leo	<i>For excellent vocabulary choices and explanations when justifying his opinion.</i>
Year 5	Nicholas	<i>For showing resilience and embracing a challenge! Nicholas has made good progress in Year 5.</i>
Year 6	Dexter	<i>For working brilliantly both independently and as part of a team. Dexter has a wonderful sense of humour and always has a smile!</i>

Staff Update

After recent positive news regarding the school's staffing arrangements for next year, sadly this week Mrs Smith shared that she will be leaving Flamstead after 24 years at the school. Mrs Smith will be retiring; spending time with her grandchildren (and hopefully taking a holiday or two!). This is obviously really sad news, however we shall be spending time thanking her for all she has done for Flamstead in the coming weeks.

This does mean that we are going to be looking for someone to fill Mrs Smith's very big shoes! An advert has been placed on the Hertfordshire recruitment website, Teach in Herts. If you know of anyone who may be interested in the role, please let them know and ask them to get in touch. We would be willing to consider sharing the role between two people, with the right candidates. For more information, please see: https://www.teachinherts.com/find-a-job/view,office-manager_85742.htm

Renewal of free school meals applications (for September 2023)

If your child is currently entitled to free school meals this will be automatically renewed assuming your circumstances have not changed. They remain eligible until March 2025, or until they finish their current phase of schooling (primary or secondary) if that's after March 2025.

Key messages

parents/carers **do not need to re-apply** for a free school meal for September 2023. any child receiving a free meal as well as 100% music remission will be renewed for both. letters will only be sent to families whose children are no longer entitled to receive a meal. If you have any queries please contact howcanwehelp@hertfordshire.gov.uk

Free School Meals

If your circumstances have changed you may be able to receive Free School Meals for your child/ren if you are in receipt of any of the following:

Income Support

Income-based Jobseekers Allowance

Income-related Employment and Support Allowance

Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit

Child Tax Credit (as long as you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and you don't get more than **£16,190** a year)

Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)

Universal Credit (with annual earned income of no more than **£7,400** after tax and not including any benefits you get).

To find out more and to apply online please go to :

<https://beta.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/at-school/free-schoolmeals/free-school-meals.aspx>

If you do not have internet access, please speak to Mrs Smith in the school office.

Class	W/b 19/06
Nursery	80%
Reception	90%
Year 1	93%
Year 2	97%
Year 3	98%
Year 4	96%
Year 5	95%
Year 6	98%

Classes above Mr Maher's 96% target

Attendance

Oh no! Year 2 have not been able to keep up their amazing run and, this week are pipped to the post by Years 3 and 6, who each achieve 98% attendance. Well done!

As we come towards the end of term, we'd like to ask EYFS parents to do their best to ensure their children are in each day. We'd like to build really good routines and expectations for after the holidays, when most of the children are in school full-time.

FoFS News!

Reminder—School Work Day - Saturday 15th July

FoFS is running another School Work Day, to spruce up the school ahead of the Summer break. In particular, we'd like to paint the fences, so if you have an hour or two to spare and are a dab hand with a paintbrush, we'd love to hear from you.

FoFS will put on a BBQ lunch and children are able to attend, if they remain on the field away from work areas.

Last Work Day we achieved so much and saw a real difference around the school - it was actually a lot of fun! So do let us know if you can help by emailing friendsofflamsteadschool@gmail.com.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHY - EXTENDED DISCOUNT!

Pret-a-Portrait's EarlyBird discount (**25% off!**) for the recent photos is due to expire today, they have extended this until **Thursday 6th July** so you can take advantage of the discount for longer!

Head to their website <https://www.pret-a-portrait.net/> and enter your sitting ID, the discount will automatically be applied.

If you've misplaced your sitting ID, please contact **Pret-a-Portrait** directly on 0800 021 7626 or customerservice@pret-a-portrait.net

Final Thought

This week, we have spent some time thinking about the 75th anniversary of Windrush and how some people found that when they moved to the UK to help after World War 2, they weren't made to feel welcome due to the colour of their skin. Pupils were surprised by this and reflected that they hoped we would be more welcoming in today's society.

**Would things be different today?
Are we always welcoming to those around us?**

Key Notices

Arbor—A reminder that we would like all parents to have signed up to the Arbor App. An email was sent a few weeks ago about this.

Chicken Pox—We would like to make you aware of a case on Chicken Pox in Year 6. Please be vigilant for any symptoms.

Date	Event
26/6	Chestnut Class Residential Trip
26/6	Year 5&6 Bikeability week
28/6	Maple Class Graffiti Workshop
5/7	Bonsai Class Graffiti Workshop
6/7	Sports Day
10 and 11/07	KS2 Summer Production
14/7	Transition Day—New classes! Please note that this is now on Friday 14th July, except for Y6 who will still be visiting their new schools on Thurs 13th.
21/7	Year 6 Leavers Assembly School Closes 1.30pm for the Summer holidays
Parents - Please put these into your diaries!	

School Uniform Weekend Offer

MyClothing are offering free delivery for any orders placed by midnight this Sunday 25th June, regardless of the value of the order. To take advantage of this promotion please use the code:

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Reception/KS1 Gymnastics Club

There will be no Reception/KS1 gymnastic club on Thursday 29th June or Thursday 6th July.

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/>

Netball for Reception aged pupils

In preparation for the new start in September, we are looking to offer reception aged children the opportunity to try netball out for **FREE** on **Sunday 2nd July** at JFK school in Hemel Hempstead. We want to give an introduction to team sport and fun netball themed activities in a safe welcoming environment.

I have attached a flyer, and I would be most grateful if you could share it with parents. Parents can also sign up directly through this link:- <https://mighty-netball.class4kids.co.uk/info/741>



Calling all Reception children!

Are you looking for a team sport for September for your child?

Do you want them to enjoy all the benefits of team sport whilst making friends, having fun and being active?

Our kind and engaging coaches would love to welcome your child along to try out Mighty Netball in a safe, supportive and super fun environment

COME TO A FREE NETBALL TASTER SESSION



Taster sessions will run on 1st & 2nd July

across all Mighty Netball locations

To find out more and book your free place click on www.mighty-netball.co.uk/sessions/

