



# This Week's News!

Friday 16th June 2023

## Key Stage 2 Chorister Project

This week, pupils from our Key Stage 2 performed at St Albans Cathedral following a project based around developing their singing skills. Led by Rufus Frowde, a singing teacher from the Hertfordshire Music School, we joined forces with another school and the choristers from the cathedral to create a memorable performance. This work enriches the children's music curriculum offer, giving new and valuable experiences to them.

It has been fantastic to see the confidence of some pupils growing throughout the project and those who were a little nervous about performing at the start, particularly some of the boys, being able to stand up in front of a large audience and perform by the end.

Well done everyone!



## Early Years Update

This week Cherry Tree class have been writing some amazing sentences in literacy. They have been discussing how to stop Lanky Len and Hefty Hue from stealing the Queen's crown and describing what they can see using simple adjectives. In maths learning we have continued to look at numbers bigger than 10. Using the sentence "10 and \_\_\_ more".

Next Week: We will be learning to identify equal and unequal groups in maths and innovating our story in literacy sessions!

## Bright Stars!

Nursery	<b>Ada</b>	<i>For her progression in phonics sessions this week. Ada has shown great segmenting and blending skills when listening to and saying CVC words.</i>
Reception	<b>Otto</b>	<i>for his continuing effort in improving the presentation of writing in his book and the development of his handwriting.</i>
Year 1	<b>Harrison</b>	<i>For always trying his best and setting a wonderful example to his peers of how to be a resilient learner.</i>
Year 2	<b>Ava</b>	<i>For putting in a huge effort in her non-fiction writing about penguins when exploring the story <i>And Tango Makes Three</i>.</i>
Year 3	<b>Isabella</b>	<i>For fantastic work in English and guided reading.</i>
Year 4	<b>Eddie</b>	<i>For showing courage and determination in an unfamiliar setting.</i>
Year 5	<b>Charlotte</b>	<i>For her positive attitude towards all activities in school this week! Charlotte has shown resilience and embraced challenges, Well done!</i>
Year 6	<b>Betsy</b>	<i>For consistently displaying an excellent, responsible attitude to all her learning. Betsy is an asset to Bonsai class!</i>

## School meals—Autumn Term 2023—reminder

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a free lunch at school. Children who are currently in Year 2 and are moving up to Year 3 in September will **no longer be entitled to Universal Infant Free School Meals**. You may be entitled to Free School Meals if you fit the required criteria (please see below). The cost of a school lunch for children in KS2 is £3.25. You can find the current menu (which will also run in the Autumn term) on our website under the Parents sign-post / School Dinners.

### 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](mailto: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.

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### Classroom Development



As part of our continued work to update some of our classrooms, today we took delivery of some new carpets for the Cherry, Maple and Chestnut classes. These will be great for group work and really brighten up the rooms. A huge thank you to FOFS for their support with this! It will make a real difference to how our children learn in classes.

Class	W/b 12/06
Nursery	85%
Reception	95%
Year 1	90%
Year 2	100%
Year 3	98%
Year 4	95%
Year 5	96%
Year 6	95%

Classes above Mr Maher's 96% target

Herts Inclusive Theatre has a FREE three-day summer Activityt 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/>

### Local Family Support



There are a number of parenting courses being offered by our local DSPL organisation (see the link in last week's newsletter) and from our Family Services.

On 27th June 6pm-7.30pm, Dacorum Family Services will be running a course on 'boundaries for the summer holidays'. If this would be useful, please [follow this link](#).

### Final Thought

This will in school we have been looking at friendship and what makes a good friend. In assembly on Tuesday, we listened to Andrew Gold's song 'Thank you for being a friend' and thought about all of the qualities our friends have.

**How often you thank your friends for being there for you? What is great about them?**

### 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. Year 3-6 parents; please make sure that you have done this and given permission for next week's trip.

**Term Dates**—We have now confirmed our term dates for the next school year. These can be found on our website: <https://www.flamsteadjmi.herts.sch.uk/term-dates/>.

### Attendance

Year 2 are on a roll and have managed 100% attendance yet again! Who will be able to beat them!?

Following a tricky few weeks, we are hoping for attendance to improve from Monday. Please do get your children to school wherever possible.



Date	Event
21/06	Maple class Djembe Drumming workshop
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	<b>Transition Day—New classes!</b> Please note that this is now on Friday 14th July, <u>except for Y6</u> 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
<b>Parents - Please put these into your diaries!</b>	

# FoFS News!

## **AGM - Come along!**

FoFS is holding its AGM this coming Monday the 19th of June at 7:30pm in the school's hall. We'll be talking about what we've been doing this past year and what we have planned for the coming months.

We'd love to hear your views on what we focus on in the future, so come and join us! Refreshments will be provided.

Drop an email to [friendsofflamsteadschool@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofflamsteadschool@gmail.com) to let us know you're coming.

## **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](mailto:friendsofflamsteadschool@gmail.com).



**FoFS AGM 2023**

**Monday 19th June,  
7:30pm  
Flamstead School Hall**

Come along to hear what we've been up to and our plans for the coming year. Refreshments provided.

RSVP to  
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