



# This Week's News!

Friday 16th February 2024

Dear Parents / Carers and Flamstead Families

I can't quite believe half term is here already and we are half way through this academic year! It has been a busy half term filled with lots of super learning for the children and it has also been good to make progress with enhancing the school environment and the construction of the new roof.

It was lovely to see you all on Monday and Tuesday evening for the Parents Consultations. The feedback from parents has been really positive and I hope you enjoyed seeing what your children have been learning.

Thank you also to the Parents who took some of the 'Buy a Book' pictures. We are very grateful and the children are looking forward to adding the books into their class collections.

This week in school children in the Early Years have been able to meet a fantastic range of animals. On Wednesday 'Teaching Talons' visited them with their beautiful animals. The children were so excited and got to meet a range of animals including Parrots, Giant African Land Snails, Lizards, Hedgehogs and a dog called Chip.

The whole school Pancake Flip Fundraiser on Tuesday was a roaring success! The children all competed together in the hall in their Teams with a minute timer and lots of cheering and encouragement. Thanks for FOFS for arranging the fundraising and we are delighted with the sponsorship received. To find out the total, read on! Well done to the top pancake flippers!

The following children all managed to do the most flips in a minute in their year groups. They were awarded certificates and prizes in our assembly on Friday. Well done to Edie in Nursery (13 flips), Reece in Reception (11 flips), Cobi in Y1 (24 flips), Oscar in Y2 (52 flips), Theo in Y3 (58 flips), Sidni in Y4 (42 flips), Jacob in Y5 (86 flips) and Freddie in Y6 (92 flips)

This week Maple class wrote letters to King Charles III as an end to their monarchy topic in History. They have also completed lots of maths, exploring mass and length as well finding different ways to make 5 with pentominoes and playing subtraction games.

In KS2 Chestnut class have enjoyed finishing off their writing about pirates while Bonsai class have writing biographies about famous people such as David Attenborough and Bukayo Saka.

The whole school had a fun and informative trip to the church to see the bells on Friday. It was a privilege to see the bells before they are placed back up in the church. Thank you to St Leonards and to Mary Jenkin, one of our School Governors for facilitating our visit.

I wish you all a wonderful half term break. I hope you are able to spend some quality time with your children, should you be home or away. Keep safe and be happy.

We look forward to seeing some of you in school on Sunday 25th February between 10am and 4pm. Thank you in advance for your time in enhancing our outdoor areas.

If you are unable to help on Sunday we look forward to welcoming you all back in school on Monday 26th February.

Best wishes

Mrs J Walton-Jones  
Headteacher



Italian word of the week - 'vacanza' - meaning holiday





# Photos of the week

## 'Teaching Talons' in EYFS



## Sponsored Pancake Flip





## Have your say...

Please give your views on how cycling and walking routes can be improved and help to ensure children's journeys to school are even safer, healthier and more enjoyable, by taking part in a consultation which is now open. Hertfordshire County Council, in partnership with Dacorum Borough Council, is putting together the Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) – to have your say, please go to [www.dacorum.gov.uk/walkingandcycling](http://www.dacorum.gov.uk/walkingandcycling).

It is important that parents, along with all residents, businesses, community groups and visitors, provide their comments to help to shape the developing plan.

The LCWIP aims to make walking and cycling the best choices for shorter journeys or part of longer journeys, and preferable to using a car.

The consultation is open until 11.59pm on Monday 26 February.

## FOFS NEWS

The Sponsored Pancake Flip raised a massive **£1033.20** for school! What an amazing achievement. Thank you so much to everyone who sponsored the children and to FOFS for coordinating the event.

FOFS have recently purchased new Arbor seats for play areas in the school playground too. They are beautiful and have already been well used by the children.

In Addition FOFS have also funded brand new globes and atlases for use in every classroom. The classes were delighted to receive these new resources which will help them with their research and learning.



### Outdoor Learning Area



Spring is just around the corner and we have the opportunity to make some improvements to the school's Outdoor Learning Area ahead of the growing season.

These improvements will include: creating an outdoor classroom area with log seating; the planting of willow whips to create a living dome; the addition of four raised flowerbeds (one for each class); creating a large flowerbed by the pool fence; erecting garden arches for growing vegetables; and tidying and maintaining the trees in our orchard area.

## On Sunday the 25th of February FOFS will host a School Work Day, from 10am-4pm.

Families are invited to come along and dig, maintain and prepare our Outdoor Learning Area. Children are welcome but must remain under the supervision of their parent or caregiver. Even coming along for an hour would be great.

Taking part will help make a big change to the school this year and give the children access to a wonderful Outdoor Learning space.

If you'd like to join us on Feb 25th, contact [friendsofflamsteadschool@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofflamsteadschool@gmail.com) or speak to Christy, Ali, Tania, Anna or Sarah Gibson. Thank you.



**Bright Stars!**  
**Friday 16th February**

Nursery	<b>Cayleb</b>	For being a brilliant mathematician and participating so well in our maths lessons in class. Well done Cayleb.
Reception	<b>Ada</b>	Making good behaviour and learning choices this week. Ada has been making an effort to listen first time and independently writing in English and Phonics as well as participating in maths lessons.
Year 1	<b>Jude</b>	For trying hard with his recount writing in English. Well done!
Year 2	<b>Joey</b>	For trying to write longer and more descriptive sentences in his English lessons .
Year 3	<b>Rafael</b>	For great enthusiasm in his learning and working hard to keep focused.
Year 4	<b>Marion</b>	For perseverance with her learning and showing great understanding in Science.
Year 5	<b>Daniel</b>	For great effort in English and Maths and his desire to constantly improve and better himself.
Year 6	<b>Millie</b>	For brilliant note taking in English whilst planning her biography.

## TTRS and Numbots

Year Group	Who impressed us most?
Reception	Ada
Year 1	Leo
Year 2	Darcy
Year 3	Ava
Year 4	William
Year 5	Jacob
Year 6	Laila

**Well done to all the above children for being so dedicated to their online Maths learning!**

## Attendance this week

Year Group	w/b 12/2/24
Nursery	100%
Reception	100%
Year 1	100%
Year 2	98%
Year 3	100%
Year 4	100%
Year 5	93%
Year 6	100%

**Well done to all the classes this week!**  
**FANTASTIC EFFORT EVERYONE!**

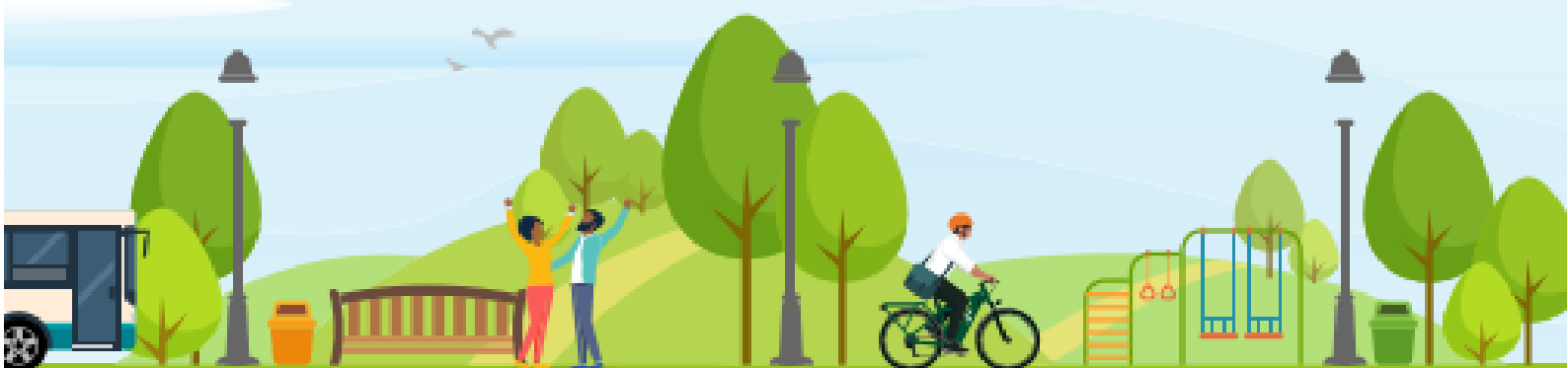
## Upcoming dates for your diaries!

Date	Time	Event
15.02.24		Book Fair until 28.02.24
19.02.24	-	Half term
25.02.24		School work day to enhance the outdoor learning area
26.02.24	-	Back to school
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.
15.03.24		Red Nose Day for Comic Relief
18.03.24		Bikeability Week for Y5 and Y6
22.03.24	9.00	Maple Class Assembly
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
22.04.24	-	Arrival of our chick eggs
02.05.2024	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.



# Have your say to make cycling and walking in Dacorum better for all...



An initial consultation on the Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan is now open until 11.59pm on Monday 26 February 2024.

To take part in the consultation online, and for more information, please go to:

[www.dacorum.gov.uk/walkingandcycling](http://www.dacorum.gov.uk/walkingandcycling)

Email: [Dacorum.LCWIP@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:Dacorum.LCWIP@hertfordshire.gov.uk)



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## Parent & Carer Wellbeing

**Date**

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2024

**Time**

09:30 to 11:00 am

Session will be held face to face at Hobbs Hill Wood  
Primary School in the Myatt Room

**Would you like some ideas of how to improve  
your general wellbeing?**

A **free** workshop for parents/carers:

- Learn about mindfulness and positivity and how it can improve your wellbeing
- Discuss gratitude and how it can improve wellbeing
- Learn some strategies that are easy to implement into busy lives



**For more details and to book, please email:**

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Please include contact details and  
name of child's school when booking

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