



# This Week's News!

Friday 5th May 2023



## The Coronation

We hope that the rain stops long enough for some celebration this weekend for the King's Coronation! It will be lovely to hear about what the children have been up to and I'm sure that they will learn a lot from seeing any coverage on the TV!

At our school next Tuesday, each class will be spending some time looking at the Coronation and learning about it in more depth. Cherry and Maple Classes will be walking to the church to take part in their very own coronation! To help pupils get into the mood for this, they are able to come to school wearing their own clothes in the colours of red, white and blue on Tuesday. As Year 6 have their SATs test first thing, they should come in normal uniform and will be able to change afterwards.

In doing this after the event, teachers will be able to build upon what the children already know and have seen. We hope it will be a fun day!

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## Parent Survey

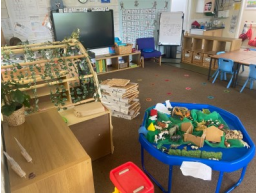
Thank you to those parents who were able to take the time to complete our parent survey. There were lots of interesting points raised, which will be addressed in the coming weeks. It was so nice to see the agreement that being such a small, village school makes Flamstead so friendly and community focused.

We are already working to ensure that all members of our community know and understand our safeguarding procedures and that the children know who to keep themselves safe both inside and out of school. We will share more information about this with you soon!

## **Bright Stars!**

Nursery	<b>Reece</b>	<i>For trying very hard this week to sit quietly on the carpet during lesson time and remembering to put his hand up instead of shouting out. Well done!</i>
Reception	<b>Elsie</b>	<i>For using her independent learning time to challenge her mathematical understanding and knowledge. She has been creating part-part whole models and using Numicon to help her find the whole. She has also begun to add two-digit numbers together!</i>
Year 1	<b>Nicole</b>	<i>For working very hard to make good choices and complete her work all week.</i>
Year 2	<b>Sasha</b>	<i>For trying very hard when reading in phonics lessons and to participate in group discussions.</i>
Year 3	<b>Marion</b>	<i>For persevering in maths even when it has been tricky.</i>
Year 4	<b>Eddie</b>	<i>For showing fantastic improvement in reading fluency and writing.</i>
Year 5	<b>Daniel</b>	<i>For his consistent hard work in all lessons and subjects. Daniel consistently displays a</i>
Year 6	<b>George</b>	<i>For being such a happy, confident member of the class. George has shown great resilience this week, particularly in maths and English.</i>

## Early Years Update



This week we have enjoyed exploring our new furniture and environment, we have a vet and a cafe role play now! Thank you again to FOFS for their support with this and to the parents who have donated some new toys. We are still looking for some small cuddly animals for our vet role-play corner if you have anything to spare!

The children have been continuing to find the missing part in maths using the "how many more" method. We have also been understanding our emotions by recognising the zone of regulation we are in and talking about how we can self-regulate this.

**Next week:** We will be talking all about what happened over the weekend and exploring the importance and historical importance of the Kings Coronation. As well as a new focus book!

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## Books we are reading this week

### **Giraffes Can't Dance by Giles Andrea and Guy Parker-Rees**

In Nursery and Reception our focus book for the last three weeks has been 'Giraffes Can't Dance'. Giraffes Can't Dance is a touching tale of Gerald the giraffe, who wants nothing more than to dance. With crooked knees and thin legs, it's harder for a giraffe than you would think. Gerald is finally able to dance to his own tune when he gets some encouraging words from a new friend.

I chose this story for our class as I think it is an important story for teaching children about accepting that everyone is different, embracing their own differences, and building confidence and self-belief.



Miss Stout

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## Fundraising

### Bag 2 School - reminder collection day Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2023

It's time to start clearing out your wardrobes again to support the school in this fundraising event. Children will be sent home with bags this week for you to fill with the items listed below.

If you fill your bag, black sacks will also be accepted. Bags are to be left under the eaves of the Methodist Church between 8am and 9am on collection day - **not before please!**

These bags are weighed and the school receives money per kilo - **the more bags we fill, the more money we raise!**

Items which can be collected are:

Good quality men's, ladies and children's clothing, paired shoes, handbags belts and accessories. No uniforms, work wear, pillows, duvets or pieces of fabric please.

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## SATS

Good luck to our Year 6 pupils, who will be sitting their SATS tests next week. We know that it can be a stressful time, but will try to make it as straightforward as possible for them. Hopefully they will all have a relaxing weekend, a few good nights' sleep and be up for the challenge on Tuesday! I always gain the views of the children at the end of the week and most agree that it wasn't nearly as tricky as they thought it would be!

A message was also sent to Year 2 parents this week, as we are close to the period where the Key Stage 1 SATS will be administered. We will keep this even more low-key so as not to worry any of the children. On the days of the tests, they will be told that they will be doing some special challenges. Again, they will be over before we know!

Class	W/b 01/05
Nursery	96%
Reception	100%
Year 1	100%
Year 2	100%
Year 3	96%
Year 4	98%
Year 5	100%
Year 6	98%

Classes above Mr Maher's 96% target

## Attendance

Wow! 4 classes all with 100% attendance this week. What an amazing achievement! It has been great to hear the children talking about needing to be in school to help their class score. Next week, all of those year groups who have had 100% will have an additional playtime as a reward.

I look forward to seeing who can sustain this excellent form!

Parents—Thank you so much for your efforts in making sure that your children are at school, on time each day. I have really enjoyed meeting you all at the school gate!

The latest 'DSPL8 Parent/Carer Newsletter is available to download from the Family Support area of our website or via the following link: <https://dacorumdsp.org.uk/online-resources-for-parents-and-carers-2/>



The newsletter contains a wealth of information, including: Dacorum Parent/Carer courses and support from various local providers, SEND Parent Café, Health Visiting Service and advice on accessing the Educational Psychology Service.

### Final Thought

In school this half term, we are talking about self-belief and how we can show this skill in our learning.

Each class will spend time thinking about what can be done when something feels too tricky or insurmountable.

In assembly today, we looked ahead to this weekend's coronation and discussed how King Charles might be feeling.

**Do you think he has any worries about what kind of King he will be?**

**How might he overcome this?**

**What advice would you give him?**



### Upcoming Dates

Date	Event
8/5	Coronation Bank Holiday
9/5	Key Stage 2 SATS Week
3/5	Full Governing Body Meeting
15/5	Walk to School Week
15/5	Y5/6 Football Match—home vs Markyate
18/5	Bag 2 School Collection Day
23/5	Class Photos
29/5	Half Term Week
12/6	Year 1 Phonics Checks taking place
15/6	Y3-6 Music Performance at St.
26/6	Y3&4 Residential Trip
6/7	Sports Day
13/7	Transition Day—New classes!
21/7	School Closes 1.30pm for the summer holidays

Parents - Please put these into your diaries!

### Key Notices

Please remember that Monday 8th May is a Bank Holiday. We look forward to seeing the children back to school on Tuesday!



**Twitter**—A reminder to check out our new Twitter site for up to date news and pictures showing the exciting things that are happening in school! Just visit 'https://twitter.com/FlamsteadVS' to find us!

**Finance**—Please can we ask that any requests received for outstanding payments are responded to asap. Thank you.

SAVE THE DATE

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**CORONATION**  
PICNIC & WESTENDERS CORONATION CUP

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FLAMSTEAD REC SUNDAY 7TH MAY 10AM - 4PM



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1PM SUNDAY, 14 MAY 2023, GROVEHILL BALLPARK

★FOOD★DRINKS★MUSIC  
★CONTESTS AND★PRIZES FOR★KIDS  
FREE MLB WRISTBAND FOR THE FIRST 100 FANS

  
**A ROYAL OCCASION**

**CORONATION WEEKEND OFFER!**

**GET FREE DELIVERY ON YOUR ORDER!**

You can get free delivery no matter the value of your purchase! But hurry, this offer ends on Monday, May 8th at midnight!



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A special offer from 'My Clothing', our school uniform supplier