



# Flamstead Village School

## Message from Mrs. Geoghegan

Dear parents,

I just wanted to take this opportunity to say goodbye and thank you.

I have loved my time at Flamstead School, getting to know your children and feeling a part of your community. Everyone - staff, governors and parents - have been universally encouraging and positive.

I hope I will be able to say goodbye to many of you individually. However, can I reassure you I have had several conversations with Allan Maher, and I have been so impressed with him - so I feel very reassured you will have an excellent Summer Term.

Happy Easter

## End/start of Term Arrangements

School finishes at **1.30 pm** this Friday, 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2023. We look forward to seeing the children back in school on **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April, 2023**.

## Bright Stars 25.03.23

<b>Nursery</b>	<b>Joni</b>	<i>For contributing to group learning during phonics and for her wonderful independent learning attitude in literacy lessons when drawing and labelling her story map.</i>
<b>Reception</b>	<b>Leo</b>	<i>For aiming to be a more independent learner in his lessons and for working hard to improve his pencil control and writing presentation.</i>
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Winter</b>	<i>For having a great learning attitude all week and trying very hard!</i>
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>George</b>	<i>For putting in a massive effort when practising SATS and pushed through even when he found it tricky.</i>
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Marion</b>	<i>For persevering with her learning and always giving her best.</i>
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Buzzy</b>	<i>For being a singing superstar for Electric Umbrella and all round hard worker.</i>
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Archie</b>	<i>For always displaying a positive attitude. Archie is a happy and enthusiastic member of our class who always tries to make his friends smile!</i>
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>Tyger</b>	<i>For showing resilience when faced with a challenge. Tyger is always kind and caring to her friends and peers.</i>

## Change of date for Inset Day

Please make a note in your diaries that the Inset Day planned for 26<sup>th</sup> May 2023 has been moved to **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2023**.

## UKS2 Girls Tag Rugby

Can I congratulate the Year 5&6 girls on representing our school with such skill and confidence. They showed real determination and worked so well together as a team. We received the following message from the event organiser:-

*"I just wanted to say thank you for all attending today and bearing with the grim conditions! There were lots of happy faces and despite the weather they looked like they enjoyed the experience."*

### Whole School Activity Day at Westminster Lodge today

Children and staff had a wonderful day today at Westminster Lodge Sports Centre in St Albans. A range of activities had been organised for us including swimming, table tennis and soft play. We would all like to thank Mrs Ford - Millie and Ben's mum for making it happen.

### Easter Parade

We are looking forward to seeing the children's Easter bonnets and hats on Friday. Please do come along to our Easter Parade at 9.00 am. If the weather is not in our favour, this will take place in the school hall.

### Finance

Outstanding payment requests will be sent home with the children this week. Please can we ask for these payments to be made **asap**. Thank you.

### School Meals

March lunch bills for those KS2 children who have school lunches will be sent home on Friday. Please can we ask that payment is made asap. We would prefer this to be via the ParentMail shop or by cash. However, if you do still need to pay by cheque, please make this payable to Flamstead Village School.

### Reminder:

The daily charge for a KS2 school meal will increase to **£3.25** (this being in line with other local schools) from the start of the Summer Term.

The Summer menu from Herts Catering is available to view on our website at:

<https://www.flamsteadjmi.herts.sch.uk/school-dinners>

### Electric Umbrella Assembly

The children had the most fantastic time last week when we were visited by the Electric Umbrella Charity. There was much singing, fun and laughter had by all!

### Early Years Update

This week the children have finished their unit in literacy of 'Tadpoles Promise'. They have learnt all the actions and story and have produced some lovely captions, labels and descriptive phrases and sentences. Reception also innovated the story on Monday changed a character from a tadpole to a newt.

**After Easter:** We will begin our new unit on 'Animals!'.

### Before School Club

The Summer Term Before School Club form is now available to download from our website at:

<https://www.flamsteadjmi.herts.sch.uk/before-school-club>

Please return forms and make payment as soon as possible please.

### School Clubs

- All forms are now available to download from our website at <https://www.flamsteadjmi.herts.sch.uk/school-clubs-1> or you can collect a copy from the office - timetable and prices below. (Please note that the cost indicated on the ParentMail shop item is incorrect for both of the Friday clubs - correct price is shown in red in the table below)
- There are **no clubs** this Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March.
- If any children who currently attend the KS2 gymnastics club on Fridays would like to come along **tomorrow instead**, please let the office know by tomorrow morning at the latest.

	Start Date	Time	Key Stage	Organiser	Cost
Street Dance	Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> April	3.20 - 4.20 pm	Reception - Year 6	Dancing Stars	£60.00 Whole term
Art	Tues 25 <sup>th</sup> April	3.30 - 4.30 pm	Reception - Year 6	My After School Art Club	<b>1<sup>st</sup> half term</b> £50.00
Musical Theatre	Weds 19 <sup>th</sup> April	3.20 - 4.20 pm	Reception / KS1 / KS2	Saracens Foundation	£33.00 Whole term
Gymnastics	Thurs 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	3.20 - 4.20 pm	Reception/KS1	Challenge Sport 4 Education	£33.00 Whole term
Gymnastics	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> April	3.20 - 4.20 pm	KS2	Challenge Sport 4 Education	<b>£33.00</b> Whole term
Football	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> April	12.30 - 1.00 pm	Reception/KS1	Challenge Sport 4 Education	<b>£27.50</b> Whole term

### Fire Safety

We have been asked to share a newsletter from Dacorum & St. Albans District Community Fire Safety Department. Copies of this are in our hall window and on our website at:

<https://www.flamsteadjmi.herts.sch.uk/useful-information>

### Health & Safety

#### Farm/zoo visits:avoiding infection

If you are planning a trip to the farm or zoo over the Easter holiday, we have been sent a link below by the Executive Director for Public Health in Hertfordshire which will take you to information and guidance to keep you and your children safe on these visits.

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/about-the-council/news/news-archive/handwashing-after-petting-animals>

**FoFs News**

**SAVE THE DATE**



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FLAMSTEAD  
**CORONATION**  
PICNIC & WESTENDERS CORONATION CUP

FOOD + DRINK   LIVE MUSIC   FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT

FLAMSTEAD REC   SUNDAY 7TH MAY   10AM - 4PM

### Community News

#### Affordable Housing Survey

The CDA Herts Charity will shortly be undertaking an affordable housing need survey in Flamstead, which runs from 1st April to 12th May. They are working in partnership with the Parish Council (through the Parish Clerk, Caroline Freer and Chairman) to look at the provision of affordable housing in the area.

All households in Flamstead should receive a paper copy of the survey to complete but we have also uploaded a copy to our website as it can be completed online.

<https://www.flamsteadjmi.herts.sch.uk/other-items>

The survey is also open not only to residents but also to people who have work or other connections to the village.

### **Holiday Activities**

#### **Message from Bucks Museum - Aylesbury**

This Easter from 3rd -15th April at Discover Bucks Museum in Aylesbury we have got something for all the family to enjoy. Egg-cellent Easter Craft Activities in the first week of the holidays and Your Amazing Brain themed crafts and activities in the second week. We also have an Easter Egg Trail on every day over the holidays and a special Family Easter Event on Saturday 8th April!

[www.discoverbucksmuseum.org/whats-on/easter-holiday-activities/](http://www.discoverbucksmuseum.org/whats-on/easter-holiday-activities/)

On 1st April, adults and older children (aimed at 11+ plus but all welcome) can come and see the museum as they've never seen it before in our exciting after-hours event called 'A Window on the Brain': an evening of acrobats, jugglers, performances and masterclasses, all with a circus-themed neuroscience twist.

[www.discoverbucksmuseum.org/whats-on/window\\_on\\_the\\_brain/](http://www.discoverbucksmuseum.org/whats-on/window_on_the_brain/)

#### **Message from Dacorum Borough Council about their Easter Egg Hunt**

Dacorum Borough council have partnered with the Loyal Free app to provide a free, family-friendly, interactive trail this half term.

Participants are invited to join our family-friendly augmented reality Easter Egg Hunt with their loved ones. We've hidden 'eggstra-ordinary' virtual eggs around Hemel Old Town High Street. Hop along to each location, find the posters and scan the AR (augmented reality) marker using a smartphone camera to discover an Easter egg which will appear right in front of their eyes!

Participants who complete the trail by finding all of the eggs and scanning each marker by April 16th will be entered into a prize draw for a chance to win a voucher to spend across a number of outlets on Hemel Old Town High Street.

This free trail is a fantastic opportunity to get families out and about to celebrate Easter while keeping active at no cost.

The LoyalFree app can be downloaded for free using this link: [www.loyalfree.co.uk/download](http://www.loyalfree.co.uk/download) or by searching for 'LoyalFree' in your app store. If you have any questions, please feel free to get in touch with the LoyalFree team at [hello@loyalfree.co.uk](mailto:hello@loyalfree.co.uk).

## AND FINALLY

