



Flamstead Village School

Bright Stars 10.03.23

Nursery	Phoebe	<i>For her improving sharing skills with friends and always participating with learning.</i>
Reception	Finley	<i>For his developing independent writing and spelling. And for always trying to make his learning presentable in his book.</i>
Year 1	Oscar	<i>For being resilient and independent when writing his non-fiction blog post about Orangutans.</i>
Year 2	Alice	<i>For working extremely hard all week to further her learning and get herself out of the learning pit when she found something tricky.</i>
Year 3	Max E	<i>For working hard to improve his presentation and being helpful to others.</i>
Year 4	Joey	<i>For trying hard to focus and improve his presentation and content.</i>
Year 5	Freddie	<i>For having a positive attitude to learning this week and has completed some fantastic writing.</i>
Year 6	Charlie	<i>He always applies himself to the best of his ability and demonstrates a good understanding of his learning.</i>

Water Bottles

In line with other schools in the area we are kindly asking parents to ensure pupils only bring in regular refillable water bottles. They are not allowed empty Prime bottles or expensive Air Up or flavoured bottles.

Nursery Admissions September 2023 - reminder

The Nursery application process for children born between 1st September 2019 and 31st August, 2020 closes on **Friday 24th March 2023**. Nursery applications have to be made directly to the school, admissions@flamsteadjmi.herts.sch.uk

More information about the application process can be found on our website: <https://flamstead-village-school.secure-primariesite.net/nursery-admissions>

School Meals - Summer Term Menu

The Summer menu from Herts Catering is now available to view on our website at: <https://www.flamsteadjmi.herts.sch.uk/school-dinners>

Phonics

As you are aware, we have recently changed to a new way of learning phonics. We have uploaded various information sheets to our website (link below) to support you in consolidating, at home, the learning taking place in school.

<https://www.flamsteadjmi.herts.sch.uk/phonics/>

Absence Reporting

If your child is absent due to illness please can we ask you to inform the school as early as possible either by ParentMail, or by telephoning the school on 01582 840385, Option 1 and leaving a message. Please can we ask you are as specific about the reason as possible eg vomiting, tonsillitis etc as opposed to a generic 'unwell' as we require this for our records. Thank you.

Easter

We are all looking forward to Easter. To celebrate the end of term, we are holding an Easter Bonnet Parade at 9.00 am on Friday 31st March 2023. We would therefore would like the children to make their own Easter bonnets/hats to wear at our parade. We are hoping that this will take place on the playground (weather permitting) and invite parents to come along to enjoy the occasion. Bonnets/hats should be brought into school on the morning of the 31st - **NOT BEFORE**.

Early Years Update

This week the children have been regrouping the whole into different parts using Numicon and part-part whole models. We have also started reading our new focus story 'Tadpoles Promise' - please ask the children what happens in the story. We also found a frog hiding behind some cabinets this week which started great discussions about life cycles and how animals evolve and adapt! What other life cycles could you talk about at home?

Next Week: We will be continuing to learn the story and story actions for Tadpoles Promise.

Request: We hope all our mums receive some lovely flowers this Sunday. When you have finished with them, please don't through them away - we would love them for our mud kitchen.

Reception Screening re-tests and absentees

This will take place on Monday 20th March for those pupils who need re-testing or were absent at the first session.

School Clubs

Last sessions this term:

Street Dance - 27th March

Art club - 28th March

Musical Theatre - 29th March

Reception/ KS1 Gymnastics - 30th March

Reception / KS1 Football - 24th March

KS2 Gymnastics - 24th March

Forms for next term's clubs will be available to download from our website (link below) or from the school office later this week. Payment items will also be available in the ParentMail shop or we will accept cash /cheques (payable to Flamstead Village School). If you would like your child to participate in these clubs, please return completed forms to school and make payment asap. Envelopes can be placed in the black post box by the front door. Thank you.

Club timetable - Summer Term 2023

Club	Day	Time	Key Stage	Organiser	Charge - whole term
Street Dance	Mon	3.20 - 4.20 pm	Reception - Year 5	Dancing Stars	£tbc
Art Club	Tues	3.30 - 4.30 pm	Reception - Year 6	My Art Club	£55.00 - 1 st half term
Musical Theatre	Weds	3.20 - 4.20 pm	Reception - Year 6	Saracens Foundation	£39.00
Gymnastics	Thurs	3.20 - 4.20 pm	Reception/KS1	Challenge Sport 4 Education	£39.00
Gymnastics	Friday	3.20 - 4.20 pm	KS2	Challenge Sport 4 Education	£36.00
Football	Friday	12.30 - 1.00 pm	Reception/KS1	Challenge Sport 4 Education	£30.00

FoFS NEWS!

School Work Day

Thank you to the following people, who joined us at the school on Saturday 11th March!

Ali and Kathryn Coulter, Eve and Blaine McCall, Tania Budowski-Guinand and Carlos Guinand, Dave Carter, Will Franklin, Melissa and Dave Morrissey, Sam and Sam Carter, Jordana and Nick Robinson, Cat and Dan Levick, Emilie Griffin, Becky Gisborne, Sarah Pearcy and Gareth Barrett, Nancy Wild, Sarah Gibson and Claire Smith.

Special thanks also to Mrs Smith, Mrs Geoghegan and Miss Stout for giving up their time to facilitate the day.

Together, we achieved a huge amount including:

- Re-hanging the hall curtains
- Cleaning the shelter outside Cherry Class
- Installing new astro-turf in the Early Years playground
- Re-painting the lines/ letters/ numbers in Early Years
- Assembling two new picnic tables outside Maple Class
- Installing new reed fencing around the pool area
- Digging out and re-turfing the allotment beds and preparing new ones in the Forest School area
- Providing new planting in multiple areas
- Cleaning and tidying across the school

This work could not be done without the support of our amazing parent community, so **thank you** for continuing to support our fundraising events and volunteering for days like this. We will continue to use your money to make our school a wonderful place for our kids to grow and learn.

Fish and Chips Quiz Night

It's your final chance to book a place at our annual Fish and Chips Quiz night, taking place in the school hall on Thursday 30th March at 7:30pm. Email friendsofflamsteadschool@gmail.com for your booking form.

Community

Mother's Day at St.Leonard's Church

Please see below a message from Jo Burke

"Everyone is invited to celebrate Mother's Day at St Leonard's this Sunday, 19th March at 11.15am.

The service is child friendly and there will be posies of fresh flowers for mothers, grandmothers, aunties and all the carers we love!

Hymns and songs are easy and accessible. Do come and join us."

With very best wishes,

Jo

Sports/Music opportunities in Hertfordshire

Music Taster Days

The Purcell School is Britain's oldest specialist school (boarding and day) and is home to around 190 musically gifted young people. Our aim is to provide young musicians from all backgrounds with the best possible teaching and environment in which to fulfil their potential.

On **Sunday 26th March 2023** we will be running a **Purcell Taster Day** for the following departments:

Commercial and Popular Music Department: 2.00-3.30pm

Jazz Department: 3.30-5.00pm

Purcell Taster Days are for players of Grade 3 standard or equivalent and above, in Years 6-11. They are a fantastic opportunity for young musicians to visit The Purcell School, meet our teachers and students, enjoy workshops and masterclasses, all while having a fun day of music making.

These events are free of charge, however it is necessary to book in advance and registration is open on our website <https://www.purcell-school.org/purcell-taster-days>

Please see their flyer which has been uploaded to our website at <https://www.flamsteadjmi.herts.sch.uk/other-items>

Hockey Outdoor Day Camp for **pupils in Year 4 and above**

Please follow the link below to a flyer giving details about a one-day hockey camp taking place at Oaklands College, St. Albans on Wednesday 5th April 2023.

<https://www.flamsteadjmi.herts.sch.uk/community-run-school-holiday-events>