



# Flamstead Village School

Welcome Back! We hope you all had a lovely half term break.

## Bright Stars 10.02.23

<b>Nursery</b>	<b>Kylo</b>	<i>For being kind to his friends and for sharing well during Child Initiated Learning.</i>
<b>Reception</b>	<b>Jude</b>	<i>For trying to improve his listening and learning attitudes.</i>
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Conor</b>	<i>For working hard to complete some work independently and very sensibly.</i>
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Rupert</b>	<i>For challenging himself to further his Maths when doing subtraction with 2-digit numbers.</i>
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Isabella</b>	<i>For working hard on her spellings and presentation in English.</i>
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Tristan</b>	<i>For excellent work on his information text in English.</i>
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Millie</b>	<i>For her fantastic attitude towards learning. She embraces a challenge and goes above and beyond.</i>
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>Betsy</b>	<i>For showing resilience when approaching challenges and for her sensible mature approach towards learning.</i>

## School Grounds

We would like to say a very big thank you to **all the volunteers** who came into school during the half term break to help clear and tidy up the school grounds. Many thanks to Nancy Wild for organising this.

## Sponsored Pancake Flip

Yesterday's Sponsored Pancake Flip was enjoyed by all. Thank you to everyone who has supported this event. If you haven't sent your sponsorship money in, please can you do this as soon as possible. Money should be in a sealed envelope with the child's name/class written on the front. We will be able to let you know the final amount raised in next week's Newsletter.

## Change to Year 1&2 Parent Consultations today - **reminder**

If you had a Parent Consultation appointment with Miss Tourney today, this will now take place next Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March - your appointment will be the same time that was booked for today.

## Class Assemblies - **reminder**

Please see below dates for class assemblies this term:-

Maple Class - Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March

Bonsai Class - Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March

Chestnut - Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March

Cherry - Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March

## World Book Day - **reminder**

This year World Book Day is **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March**. We have already started the ball rolling to raise enthusiasm around books with our extreme reading challenge and our new phonics scheme. This year for World Book Day we would love to see the children at Flamstead dress up as their favourite book character, however, with a slight twist. We would like the focus to be on **reduce, reuse, recycle** and would encourage the children to make their costumes from things already

owned by themselves or friends and family or by making things from recycled items. We invite the children to be imaginative, and inventive.

Staff are also accepting the challenge so let's see who can be the most creative, staff or children!!

### **Remote Book Fair**

We are pleased to let you know that we will be running a 'remote Book Fair' next week, from Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February to Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2023.

- Pupils will each be given a Wish List.
- They will visit the Book Fair and write the books they want to buy on their Wish List. (These books will be put aside)
- Pupils take their Wish List home.
- Parents can make payment by following the link on the Wish List (please ensure to write the payment reference on the Wish List)
- Pupils bring the Wish List back into school and they will be given the book/s they have chosen and been paid for.

We will be sending **World Book Day Tokens** home with the Wish List. These are valid until 26<sup>th</sup> March and can be used in book shops or for your Book Fair purchases of £2.99 and over.

### **Parent Workshop - Phonics**

We are now using Supersonic Phonic Friends as our phonics scheme. We would love to introduce you to this new scheme and how we will be using it in the classroom. We have arranged a parent workshop for **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March at 9.00 am**. This is particularly aimed at Nursery - Year 1 pupils however all parents are welcome if they are interested.

### **Reception/KS1 Gymnastics Club tomorrow**

Tomorrow's after school club will still be going ahead however, as the hall cannot be used, the coach has agreed to do something slightly different with the children outside instead (weather permitting).

### **Whole School Trip**

We are planning a whole school trip to Westminster Lodge Sports Centre in St. Albans. The timetable of activities looks really exciting. We should be able to keep the cost of this day to around £2.00 if parents can arrange for their child/ren to be dropped off at Westminster Lodge by 9.30 the morning. The cost to parents will be considerably more should we need to hire coaches to transport them. Please email the school office to let us know if your personal circumstances are such that this would be a challenge.

### **Early Years Update**

This week the children have had a lovely week being back at school. We have begun reading our new book 'The Very Helpful Hedgehog' and have written a list of all the different ways people in our lives help us. In Maths we have carried on our learning and we are now spotting number patterns within ten frames.

**Next week:** We will begin to identify that a whole can be split into multiple parts in Maths lessons.

### Extreme Reading

Amazing 'extreme reading' photographs have been coming into school this week. If you haven't sent yours in yet, do remember these need to be in school by Friday morning at the latest so that they can be judged at lunchtime.

### Nursery Admissions September 2023 - reminder

The Nursery application process is now open for children born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2019 and 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2020. The closing date for applications is **24<sup>th</sup> March 2023**. Nursery applications have to be made directly to the school, [admissions@flamsteadjmi.herts.sch.uk](mailto: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>

### Community

**St Albans Gymnastics Club** are offering a free trial class for boys and girls age 5 years and over. Classes are held at STAGS School For more information email: [info@stalbangymclub.com](mailto:info@stalbangymclub.com) or text: 07806 483820 or visit their website [www.stalbangymclub.com](http://www.stalbangymclub.com)

## Friends of Friends School News!

Last week FoFS voted in two new Co-Chairs, Christy Lee and Ali Coulter, as Anna Macleod Franklin stepped down. Anna will remain part of the team but we want to take this opportunity to thank her for her amazing dedication and hard work. Thank you Anna!

### School Working Day - 11th of March

For the last few weeks we have been gathering information from parents and staff about improvements that could be made around the school. Thank you to all those who offered their thoughts and suggestions! We are now creating a list of jobs that can be done on our **School Working Day**, which is happening on **Saturday the 11th of March from 10am**.

We would love for as many people to volunteer as possible - this is a great way to make a tangible difference to our school. Even popping by for a few hours would be amazing! The jobs will range from tidying things, to digging, DIY, planting and painting. Children are able to attend but will be limited to the school field area and remain the responsibility of their parent(s). FoFS will be putting on a small BBQ at the end of the day to say thank you for all your help! **Please register your attendance by speaking to Christy or emailing [friendsofflamsteadschool@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofflamsteadschool@gmail.com)**

### Fish and Chips Quiz Night

Finally, our **Fish and Chips Quiz Night** will be happening on the **30th of March** in the school hall. (See poster below). It's a really fun evening and a great chance to get some friends together and remind each other just how little information our brains have retained since becoming parents! There's a lovely Godfreys Fish and Chip supper to enjoy too. So register your team now and come join us!

### Puppet Theatre - Message

Last year our 5&6 pupils performed their Puppet Theatre Show. The video of the Flamstead Puppet Project is now available to view on YouTube - type YPPT Flamstead in the search bar.

Unfortunately, the sound quality isn't great, the result of the fact that at the time of the performances, the church's sound system had not yet fully been commissioned.

We have received the following message from the organiser, Jeremy Duschenes .....

*"To me the video brings back memories of a very happy experience in a very special place, the result of permission from and collaboration with a remarkably large number of people in the community and at the school. I hope that you will have similarly fond memories. I am also indebted to my colleagues Louise Lahive and Jacqui Golding for their huge efforts in working with the children to pull off this project."*