



Flamstead Village School

Our newsletter is quite long this week, containing some important information. Please ensure you read it through - right to the end!

Bright Stars 27.01.23

Nursery	George	<i>For his use of 'pinchy' fingers while drawing and writing.</i>
Reception	George	<i>For his participation in phonics learning and writing in his book.</i>
Year 1	Jerry	<i>For trying very hard to complete good writing when planning our adventure stories.</i>
Year 2	Lewis	<i>For putting in a huge effort in Maths to use Think 10 when adding 2-digit numbers.</i>
Year 3	Rupert	<i>For excelling in maths this week and challenging himself.</i>
Year 4	Evie	<i>For being a great role model for others - presentation, co-operation.</i>
Year 5	Millie	<i>For her positive attitude every day at school and for always having a smile.</i>
Year 6	Ryder	<i>For making positive choices in the classroom and on the playground. Ryder has been using an excellent attitude towards tasks in class.</i>

Home Reading

We are moving to the reading scheme 'Supersonic Phonic Friends' and whilst this process is taking place, children will not be bringing books home. Please do continue to support your child by reading literature you have at home. We hope to return to sending books home again on Monday.

KS1 Maths Meeting for parents

Next **Wednesday, 8th February** at 08.15 am, Miss Tourney is holding a Maths information session for all parents in KS1. The meeting will take place in Maple Classroom. We will arrange supervision for your child whilst you attend the meeting.

Parent Meeting last week

Thank you to all parents who attended last week's meeting. It was lovely seeing you and 'thank you' for the many good ideas put forward. One of these would be for the school to have an 'open day' which we will arrange for later this year and also for a day when the school community works on improvements to our school environment.

Parent Consultations - **important message**

Slots are being booked for the Parent Consultation sessions taking place after half term. **However, we notice that some slots have been booked for the wrong session on Thursday 23rd.** Please see details below:-

Session 1 - **Wednesday 22nd February:**

All classes from 4.00 - 7.00 pm

Session 2 - **Thursday 23rd February:**

KS2 ONLY from 8.15 - 10.15 am

Session 3 - **Thursday 23rd February:**

EYFS and KS1 ONLY from 2.00 - 4.00 pm

If you have booked incorrectly, please can we ask you to go back into ParentMail re-book. If you experience any problems with this, please contact the school office.

Miss Russell will be available to see parents at the consultation evening on **Wednesday 22nd**. If you would like to make an appointment with her, please email the school office.

Early Years Update

This week has been very exciting as we've had the Fire Brigade visit us on Monday and the children were able to use the hose and look through the thermal camera. We've also been positioning numbers on a number line in Maths learning using positional language such as "in between" and "next to".

Next week: On Monday we are being visited by PC J Onyon to support our learning on community superheroes.

Volunteers - update

We are keen to get 'up and running' with adults coming into school to support our pupils. If you are interested in volunteering, please do contact the school office asap as we will need certain documentation from you.

We have been advised that safeguarding checks should be carried out on all volunteers - this will include **listening to the children read, accompanying classes on trips and workshops** etc.



Our outside school environment is in need of a tidy up and 'make-over'. We are proposing **Saturday 11th March** as a day for work to take place on some areas of the school grounds but will need an 'army' of volunteers for this. Full details will follow.

Request

The outdoor equipment in our Early Years Foundation Stage is now old and needs replacing. If you have any age appropriate outdoor toys/equipment you would like to donate to the EYFS this would be gratefully received.



KS2 Cross Country

Please see below a report from Mrs. Hobbs on last Friday's cross country event:-

On Friday, our 'Flamstead family' competed in a cross country competition at Beechwood Park School. They wore their team shirts with pride and we could not be more proud of them. We had 4 teams, U11 Girls, U11 Boys, U9 Girls and U9 Boys. We were competing against some top private schools in the area, some of which had 3 teams each category! It was a big occasion with some fantastic results. 17 schools took part and we finished mid-table which is amazing. A huge 'well done' to all who took part but the winner was definitely Flamstead Village School. They were so supportive of each other and even went back to run again alongside their teammates to encourage them to the finish line. That's what makes Flamstead unique and every single runner completed the race.

Congratulations to the all team!

KS2 Lunch Bills

KS2 Pupils will be bringing home lunch bills this week. These will be for the month of January and will also include any amounts carried over from last term.

February Diary Dates

Tuesdays and Thursdays - Yr 2 SATs booster sessions

Friday 3rd - Reception class Health Screening

Tuesday 7th - KS2 Plastazote workshop

Wednesday 8th - KS1 Parents Maths Meeting

13th - 17th - Half Term Week

Tuesday 21st - Pancake Day - details to follow

Wednesday 22nd - whole school Parent Consultations evening from 4.00 - 7.00 pm

Thursday 23rd - MORNING - KS2 / AFTERNOON - EYFS and KS1

Monday 27th - Travelling Book Fair opens

Home to school transport consultation

Hertfordshire County Council is consulting on its home-school transport policies and are seeking feedback from schools, parents and other stakeholders.

The proposals include:

- A policy to clarify the role of passenger assistants on contracted transport
- An amended policy for transport for 19-25 year olds
- Amending the charging structure for 16-18 year olds
- Removing the 16+ railcard

We are also seeking views of:

- Personal Travel Budgets
- Transport for those on Part-Time Timetables
- Spare seats on vehicles to special schools in Hertfordshire

Full details and an online response form are available

at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/transportconsultation

The consultation will run between 24th January and 26th March 2023.

Music

St Albans Music School

*Has your child ever wanted to learn an instrument from scratch, or play in a band or orchestra on the instrument they are learning in school? Do they want to take their instrument playing to new heights? The St Albans Music School has a range of ensembles and bands to join for a **FREE TRIAL!** To sign up, visit www.hertsmusicsservice.org.uk/register and select 'St Albans Music School' and 'Ensembles' from the lists. Please be aware that the groups take place at our centre in Townsend School, High Oaks, AL3 6DR.*

Community

Reach Out is looking for people in Hertfordshire who can spare an hour a week to help an elderly person in their local area who is home from hospital, or living with frailty, and feeling lonely and isolated.

Reach Out offers companionship and practical support to people as they recover and rebuild their confidence. Many elderly people really appreciate someone popping in for a cuppa, or helping them by collecting small items of shopping for them. Reach Out links up people who are isolated with volunteers who can offer a friendly face and a chat.

Just giving a small amount of your time can make a huge difference.

Find out more here <https://www.reachout-project.org.uk/>

or contact Reach Out via email at reachout@nhcvs.org.uk or by calling 01462 689403.

Holiday camps

Luton Town FC Community Trust will be running football camps over the February half term break for children in Years 1 - 6.

Wheathampstead at Marford Road 3G, AL4 8AY on
Monday 13th February 2023 and Tuesday 14th February 2023

Harpenden at Manland Primary School, AL5 4QW
Monday 13th February 2023, Tuesday 14th February 2023 and Wednesday 15th February 2023

Please visit their website for full information:

<https://www.lutontowncommunity.co.uk/holidaycamps>