



# Flamstead Village School

## Bright Stars 20.01.23

Nursery	Xander	<i>For his participation in PE.</i>
Reception	Elsie	<i>For her progression in phonics learning.</i>
Year 1	Darcy	<i>For working hard to improve her writing and getting straight to work when given a task at her table.</i>
Year 2	George	<i>For doing a great job in writing and getting straight to work when given a task.</i>
Year 3	Fletcher	<i>For challenging himself and being a great role model.</i>
Year 4	Harry	<i>For his positive attitude and showing excellent learning behaviours.</i>
Year 5	Archie	<i>For being so positive and always having a smile! He has an enthusiastic attitude to all activities.</i>
Year 6	Libby	<i>For her thoughtful contributions to class discussions. She does her best in all aspects of school work.</i>

### Attendance

In February we are expecting a visit from our Attendance Officer. We are aware that almost a quarter of the children have had more time off than would be expected. We appreciate that, at times, children are unwell and things happen however please be aware that there is an expectation that children will be in school every day.

### Parent Meeting - reminder

Just to remind you that there is a meeting for all parents, tomorrow morning at 8.45 am in the school hall.

### Reception Health Screening

Next Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February, the school nurse will be visiting to carry out height, weight, vision and hearing screening checks on the pupils in Reception. (This is a change of date from Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February). Information about the process was sent out to parents in November. If you do not wish your child to take part in the screening or need more information, please call them directly on 0300 123 7572.

### SATs Meeting

It was lovely to see parents at Monday's Year 6 SATs meeting. We hope you found it useful.

### Before School Club

We would like to confirm that the price increase to £6.00 per session will take effect after the half term break.

### Parent consultations

Consultation slots will be available to book via ParentMail by the end of this week.

### Volunteering - update

We have checked with the Safeguarding Team and all volunteers who would like to come into school will need to be DBS checked and will be required to provide names and contact details of 2 referees. If you were a pre-covid volunteer, we are also required to carry out these checks again. Letters about this process can be sent via email on request or collected from the school office.

## **New Class Names**

It has been decided to change the class names to trees

The children have chosen their preferred names, as below:

EYFS - Cherry

Year 1&2 - Maple

Year 3&4 - Chestnut

Year 5&6 - Bonsai

## **Class Assemblies**

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

## **E-Safety**

We have uploaded to our website a leaflet "Internet Matters Create Environment for Kids to Talk" which parents / carers may find informative:

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

## **KS2 Girls Football Tournament Report**

Last Thursday, some of our girls in KS2 had fun when they took part in a 6-a-side football tournament. They played 4 matches in total. Unfortunately, they were unlucky to lose both of their first two matches by just one goal in each but held their own to draw both of their last two games. They all played well together as a team. Our 'goalie' Libby produced some amazing saves and they were unlucky not to score with Martha hitting the crossbar. Well done to all the players - we are very proud of you. We will upload some photographs to the website over the next couple of days.

## **Reading**



We are always encouraging our children to take every opportunity either in school, at home or when they are 'out and about'. Try and read with your child for at least 15 minutes each day (even when they are in Years 5&6).

## **School Library**

Starting next week, the children will have the opportunity to borrow books from our library to take home for a week. (Please ensure books are returned to school after the week). Time slots will be allocated for each class. Do talk to your child about their book and why they have chosen it.

## **Extreme Reading**

We are bringing back our 'Extreme Reading Challenge'. We are inviting children to find the most unusual places/positions to read a book and take a photograph of themselves to bring into school. The 'most extreme' reader from each group will receive a prize. Examples of extreme reading could be reading in sitting in a tree, in the airing club etc but please do remember to consider safety when choosing your place. You can start now, but we will not want photographs to be brought into school until after half term.

## **Teachers Strike Information**

We can confirm that none of our teachers are intending to strike on the published days.

### **Early Years Update**

This week the children had a special visit from two Air Ambulance volunteers Natasha and Susan. They talked to us about how important the air ambulance is and how expensive it is too! Nursery have learnt all about the different types of coins this week and have traced and labelled pictures! While Reception have been putting the finishing touches on their 'Super Hero Teacher Spotting Guide'.

**Next week:** On Monday next week the children will have a visit from the fire service and a fire engine to begin our weekly learning about the Fire Service!

### **Art Show**

We have a few pieces of the children's artwork which remained unsold. If you would like to buy your child's framed artwork, please contact the office.

### **Community**

**Brilliant Theatre Arts** are holding FREE auditions for their Peter Pan - The musical at the Alban Arena on the 5<sup>th</sup> of March. It is then running a two-week summer intensive rehearsal, again for free, for the children to then take part in a four-part show at the end of it for all those interested to watch and enjoy! This is a great opportunity for children and young adults aged 7-25 to showcase any talent they may have, grow their confidence and of course parents to take advantage of two weeks' childcare activity!

For more information please visit <https://www.brillianttheatrearts.co.uk/> or contact [cerys@brillianttheatrearts.co.uk](mailto:cerys@brillianttheatrearts.co.uk).

### **Holiday Camps**

Active Camps are running multi-activity camps during the February half term and April breaks. Their flyer has been uploaded to our website at <https://www.flamsteadjmi.herts.sch.uk/community-run-school-holiday-events>