



# Flamstead Village School

**HAPPY  
NEW YEAR**

## Message from Mrs. Geoghegan

Dear Parents,

I hope you had a lovely Christmas with your family and are looking forward to 2023. . On behalf of all the staff may I extend our thanks for all the lovely Christmas cards and gifts received at the end of last term, they are hugely appreciated.

The teachers and I have been planning the Spring Term and I would like to share with you some of the plans we have, both big and small! Later in the term we will be having Maths and Reading meetings for parents and I would like to invite you into school on **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2023** (time tbc) when I hope I will be able to give you an opportunity to understand the context for our plans and changes.

Please don't miss the item later on in the newsletter regarding our partnership with Everyone Active presenting opportunities for Flamstead families.

## Allergies

Please can we remind parents when sending snacks/packed lunches into school to check that ingredients do not contain any kind of nuts. This would include pine nuts (in pesto) and, as a precaution, can we request you also avoid sending in foods containing coconut. Thank you.

## Safeguarding

Following our recent Safeguarding Audit, we have been advised to lock the main gates to the school for added security. We would like to encourage parents not to return to school after drop off unless they have received a call from us or if they need to collect their child for an appointment. With this in mind, please can we ask that parents ensure children come into school with **everything they need for the day** (water bottles, packed lunch, PE kit, coat, etc). Thank you.

## Smart watches

It has come to our attention that some children are coming into school wearing a 'smart' watch. Please can you encourage your child to leave their watch at home on school days. Thank you.

## Parent Council Meeting

The first Parent Council meeting of this term will be taking place in school on tomorrow, Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January at 9.00 am. If you have any whole school issues, please raise them with your class representative (as listed below) who will take them to the meeting.

Nursery	Catherine Levick
Reception	Michelle Harris
Year 1	Rebecca Gibson
Year 2	Katie Sanders
Year 3	Rebecca Were
Year 4	Sam Carter (Mrs)
Year 5	-
Year 6	Jen Carson

## UKS2 Girls Football Tournament

Next Thursday **19<sup>th</sup> January 2023** our UKS2 girls will be taking part in a 6-a-side football tournament. Please can parents respond to the form sent via ParentMail today.

### KS2 Plastozote Workshop

On Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January the children in KS2 will be taking part in a Design and Technology workshop investigating the material 'Plastozote'. Further information about the workshop will be sent to parents later this week.

### DSWF Visit

Yesterday, Mark from the David Shepherd Wildlife Fund visited the school. He delivered a whole school assembly, telling us all about the work the charity is doing with animals in India and Africa.

### Before School Club

Our Before School Club runs daily from 7.50 - 8.50 am for pupils in KS1 & KS2 at a price of £3.50 per session (£3.15 for a sibling). At the moment, numbers are small and unless we have more children attend, we have to consider closing the club. However, before we take that decision, we wanted to find out whether there were more children who needed this service. Please let the school office know if this is of interest to you.

### Nursery Admissions September 2023

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>

### Request

We are looking for some cushions (preferably medium to large) for use in our classroom book corners. If you have any you would like to donate to school, please bring them to the school office. Thank you.

### HCC Winter Health information

We have uploaded to our website the latest leaflet we have received from the Hertfordshire County Council Public Health Team which contains some useful information for parents.

To help us through this term, this leaflet has five simple steps we can take to protect children, minimise the spread of illness in schools and childcare settings and protect others:

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

### Photos

Prêt-a-Portrait have decided to reinstate a 25% off discount until **31<sup>st</sup> January** for any parents whom may have missed/forgotten to purchase the photographs from their individual/sibling session they had with us in November.

### Everyone Active

We are excited to announce that Everyone Active have teamed up with Flamstead Village school to offer financial support to the school for every family member who signs up via the new partnership!

Everyone Active runs over 200 Leisure Centres across the UK, the closest being Harpenden Leisure Centre, Westminster Lodge Leisure Centre, Redbourn Recreation Centre and Hemel Sports Centre (a full list of all of their centres can be found at [www.everyoneactive.com](http://www.everyoneactive.com)). We are working together to get more families active and raise vital funds for the school. Everyone Active will offer financial support to the school for every family member including but not exclusive to parent, child or sibling from Flamstead Village School that joins an Everyone Active Centre on either a Fitness membership or on Swimming Lessons.

To join please click <https://survey.eacommunications.co.uk/home/index?id=2157&newsession=1> or visit your local Everyone Active Centre and make sure that you mention Flamstead Village school whilst joining. Remember the more people who join the more funds are raised for the school so we encourage you to start getting active asap!

To help celebrate the launch of the partnership which runs until July 2023 Everyone Active have invited all pupils and their families to attend the Open Day of the newly renovated Harpenden Leisure Centre on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> January. It guarantees to be a fantastic day of fun for the whole family with lots of free activities available - full details can be found here [Harpenden Leisure Centre Open Day - Everyone Active](#) .

We are really excited about this partnership and watch this space for more exciting developments...

### School clubs - Reminder

Please can forms be sent to school and payment made for next term's clubs as soon as possible. Please see the timetable below to remind you what we have on offer next term:

#### Clubs timetable including start dates - Spring Term 2023

Club	Start Date	Time	Key Stage	Organiser	Cost
Street Dance	Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> Jan	3.20 - 4.20 pm	Reception - Year 5	Dancing Stars	£60.00 Whole term
Art	Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> Jan	3.30 - 4.30 pm	Reception - Year 6	My After School Art Club	1 <sup>st</sup> half term £50.00
Musical Theatre	Weds 11 <sup>th</sup> Jan	3.20 - 4.20 pm	Reception / KS1 / KS2	Saracens Foundation	£33.00 Whole term
Gymnastics	Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup> Jan	3.20 - 4.20 pm	Reception/KS1	Challenge Sport 4 Education	£33.00 Whole term
Gymnastics	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> Jan	3.20 - 4.20 pm	KS2	Challenge Sport 4 Education	£30.00 Whole term
Football	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> Jan	12.30 - 1.00 pm	Reception/KS1	Challenge Sport 4 Education	£27.50 Whole term

### Early Years Update

This week the children have come back to school after the break full of excitement and enthusiasm. We have begun our new topic of 'Superheroes' and began looking at ourselves as superheroes. Today we talked about what humans need to grow. There were 3 main points so ask the children! Reception have also been making treasure maps to use their directional language in a context.

Next week: We will carry on our learning about superheroes in their lives and begin a new unit in maths lessons.

### Message from Friends of Flamstead School

On behalf of The Friends of Flamstead School would like to say thank you to all those that donated for their Christmas Tree collection. We have raised a whopping **£680.00** which is absolutely amazing!

We would like to say a **HUGE** thank you to Nick Wild & Chris Drake for taking time out of their free time to help collect the trees and Majestic trees for use of their truck. Without them this annual event would not be possible.

### Community

We have been informed that Hertfordshire Constabulary are holding crime prevention stalls in the Hemel Hempstead town centre (possibly the Marlowes Shopping Centre) on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> 10am - 4pm and Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023 10am - 4pm. The main theme will be preventing distraction theft, however there will be other advice available. Feel free to go along, there will also be free crime prevention items and leaflets being handed out.

### Girls Cricket

Redbourn Cricket Club are holding some free trial cricket sessions for girls. If you would like more information please see their flyer which has been uploaded to our website at:

**End of Term Certificates - Autumn 2022**

**Achievement Certificates:**

Class	Name	Reason
N	Ella	<i>For her consistent progression in phonics learning and for learning to independently write her name.</i>
R	Elsie	<i>For her steady progression in all learning, especially in phonics where she can sound out words to read and write independently.</i>
Yr 1	Darcy E	<i>For working hard to learn her phonic sounds and being able to recognise them around the classroom. For trying her best and becoming a much more independent learner with some of her work. For helping in class without needing to be asked.</i>
Yr 2	Darcy S	<i>For becoming an independent learner in all subjects. For trying to challenge himself by taking on advice from the adults to improve his work. For becoming more outgoing on the playground and in the classroom and involving himself in games.</i>
Yr 3	Louis R	<i>For achievement in maths especially times tables and fractions For a real improvement in cursive handwriting.</i>
Yr 4	Joey	<i>For improvement in presentation and handwriting For giving explanations for answers using reasoning and justification in Maths For making the right choices with behaviour.</i>
Yr 5	Freddie	<i>For achievement in enthusiasm towards his learning For taking on new roles and responsibilities in class For giving activities a try and not giving up when faced with a challenge.</i>
Yr 6	Marcie	<i>For trying her best to complete all learning tasks For making great progress with her learning For growing confidence this term.</i>

**Always Certificates:**

Class	Name	Reason
N	Joni	<i>For always coming into to school with a positive attitude For being ready to learn For always being kind and polite to friends and teachers.</i>
R	Leo	<i>For always coming into school with a smile on his face For having bundles of enthusiasm for all of his learning.</i>
Yr 1	Harrison	<i>For doing his best to make the correct choice and helping others to remember the school rules and also make good choices. For coming leaps and bounds with his learning in Maths and being always willing to participate in discussions. For trying his best to be an independent learner in writing.</i>
Yr 2	George	<i>For always having a positive attitude towards his learning, trying his best and improving learning with adult advice For always being a wonderful friend For always making the right choices and helping around class without be asked For always coming into school smiling.</i>
Yr 3	Sofia	<i>For always having a positive attitude For always wanting to do her best For always taking care of her presentation.</i>
Yr 4	Leo	<i>For always accepting a challenge, For always being a good friend For always wanting to achieve more.</i>
Yr 5	Charlotte	<i>For always having an enthusiastic attitude towards her learning For always being a kind friend For always showing resilience.</i>

<b>Yr 6</b>	<b>George C</b>	<i>For always being a good role model For always having a positive attitude and a smile on his face For always completing tasks to a high standard.</i>
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**Cup Winners - Autumn 2022**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Cup</b>	<b>Reason</b>
<b>Tyger</b>	<b>Sports Cup</b>	<i>Having a more positive attitude towards sport Playing well as part of a team. Having a go at new things Learning new skills and building on them in lessons.</i>
<b>Evie</b>	<b>KS1 Cup</b>	<i>For being an incredible learning role model to her peers in all subject areas. For her kindness and desire to always be a good friend and positive influence to her classmates. For overcoming her transition in the morning and coming into school with a smile on her face. For being an independent learner and always wanting to try harder, do better.</i>
<b>Charlie</b>	<b>KS2 Cup</b>	<i>For always having exceptional behaviour For being polite and thoughtful For being a good friend and learning partner For making good choices For giving 100% to all learning in class.</i>