



Flamstead Village School

Message from Mrs. Geoghegan

I have so enjoyed the opportunity of getting to know the staff and children of Flamstead School. I am very fortunate to have the opportunity to come back in the New Year. We have already had conversations about opportunities for parents to come into school and discover more about what their children are learning.

Can I direct you to reading the letter which has been sent out earlier today via ParentMail from Chris Carson, Chair of Governors.

Other Staffing Update

Miss Webb will continue with us next term as Mrs. Cowan remain unwell.

IMPORTANT REMINDER - Primary Admissions - Applying for a Reception School Place September 2023 - The deadline for applications is 15th January 2023.

Remember: your child will still need to make an application even if they are currently in the Nursery here at Flamstead School.

If your child is due to start in Reception in September 2023 (their date of birth is between 1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019) the online application system opened on Tuesday 1st November 2022. Full information about how to apply, important dates and about the application process itself can be found at:-

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/school-admissions/primary-junior-and-middle-schools/important-dates-primary-junior-and-middle-school-admissions.aspx#>

Bright Stars 16.12.22

Nursery	Arabella	<i>For learning her lines for the show and trying hard.</i>
Reception	Jasper	<i>For being a wonderful star leading the way to Bethlehem!</i>
Year 1	Joey	<i>For putting in a huge effort during nativity performances and being a huge help with the younger children.</i>
Year 2	Ava	<i>For maturing a lot over the Autumn term and becoming a great learner in all areas.</i>
Year 3	Fletcher	<i>For attention to detail in DT and being a team player</i>
Year 4	Maisie	<i>For a consistent positive attitude and always helping others.</i>
Year 5	Nicholas	<i>For his positive approach to learning tasks this week. Keep it up Nicholas!</i>
Year 6	Harri	<i>For always being a great member of the class! She always has a positive attitude to all her learning!</i>

Carol Concert

It was so nice to see so many of you at the church sharing our Christmas celebrations.

Year 5&6 Theatre Trip

When Miss Webb returned from the trip she said that not only had all the children enjoyed their trip to the theatre but also how proud she was on how well they all behaved. A credit to the school.

EYFS/KS1 Nativity

A very big thank you to Mr. Goor for recording our Nativity production this year. It looks absolutely lovely!

Free Christmas Tree



Our beautiful Christmas tree which has been situated in the school hall will be put outside the school gates at the end of the day. If anyone would like it, please do come and collect it but please do bring back the stand in the New Year.

Early Years Update

We have had such a fun filled week with Christmas PJ day, movie watching and had some super dancing from all the children! All the children are definitely ready for Christmas. We want to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas from all the staff in Early Years!



School clubs

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 th Jan	3.20 - 4.20 pm	Reception - Year 5	Dancing Stars	£60.00 Whole term
Art	Tues 10 th Jan	3.30 - 4.30 pm	Reception - Year 6	My After School Art Club	1st half term £50.00
Musical Theatre	Weds 11 th Jan	3.20 - 4.20 pm	Reception / KS1 / KS2	Saracens Foundation	£33.00 Whole term
Gymnastics	Thurs 12 th Jan	3.20 - 4.20 pm	Reception/KS1	Challenge Sport 4 Education	£33.00 Whole term
Gymnastics	Friday 13 th Jan	3.20 - 4.20 pm	KS2	Challenge Sport 4 Education	£30.00 Whole term
Football	Friday 13 th Jan	12.30 - 1.00 pm	Reception/KS1	Challenge Sport 4 Education	£27.50 Whole term

Message from Friends of Flamstead School

FoFS would like us to pass on their thanks to the following people for their support this month:

A massive thanks to Sarah Gibson and Emilie Griffin for their help serving refreshments at the Nativity's performances. Thank you to all parents for their donations which totalled **£50.00**.

Many, many thanks to the Santa Sleigh team (Shaw recovery, Mr. Trevor, Sarah Percy and FoFS team) for organising this wonderful Christmas event around of the Flamstead Village. We raised a fantastic **£173.25** profit which will be split equally between Flamstead Village School and Flamstead Pre-School.

And finally, a **very big thank you** to Mrs. Golfetto for doing a fantastic job organising the children's Christmas parties again and to those parents who gave their support on that day serving the food and drink to the children.

Safety News

Lithium-Ion batteries

Hertfordshire Fire and Rescue Service have sent out the following information for us to share with parents:-

Most modern UK households now have many items that contain Lithium-Ion batteries such as mobile phones, e-bikes/scooters, vacuum cleaners and even children's toys and any of these items can be a potential risk if not treated correctly.

Research has identified a lack of knowledge in the public surrounding these issues so **Hertfordshire Fire and Rescue Service have created a video awareness campaign called 'Simple Changes Save Lives'**.

Smoke detectors are proven to protect life, however lithium-Ion battery fires can start and develop so quickly. Lithium-Ion is one of the most common forms of battery because it can store the most energy in the smallest space.

This video gives some simple advice that means even if a fire does start from a battery, the occupants of the home should be able to escape and this video is worth watching:

[Lithium Battery Safety Awareness video in conjunction with Hertfordshire Fire & Rescue Service - YouTube](#)

Because of their potential to catch fire, Lithium-Ion batteries must be looked after:

- Only buy batteries from a reputable manufacturer.
- Unplug devices when they are fully charged to avoid overheating.
- Store batteries in a cool dry place.
- Do not charge items such as mobile phones or tablets under pillows or on beds.
- Avoid charging devices overnight when anyone is asleep.
- Do not charge anything in a corridor or room that provides your only way out of your home.
- Ensure there is a working smoke alarm in every room where charging takes place and charge in a location where you can close a door to prevent smoke spread.
- In the event of a fire, leave immediately and do not attempt to extinguish the fire yourself.

For further information relating to Lithium-Ion batteries, visit www.batterysafety.co.uk

And Finally

The staff would like to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and we look forward to seeing the children back in school on Monday 9th January 2023.