



# Flamstead Village School

## End of Term arrangements

Please note that school will finish at **1.30 pm on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2022.**

## Message from Chris Carson - Chair of Governors

Unfortunately, last week Mrs Geoghegan suffered a detached retina and so had to have an emergency operation. We're delighted to say she is on the mend, however unfortunately it has meant she hasn't been able to be physically present at the school the last few days, especially as she missed the Nativity play! However, she is hoping to be in next Tuesday and Wednesday, doctor permitting, before we break up for Christmas! In the meantime, we'd like to say how grateful we are to Ms Russell and Ms Tourney who have stepped in as acting Senior Leads in her absence. Thankyou both, and fingers crossed for a speedy recovery for Mrs Geoghegan.

## Bright Stars 09.12.22

Nursery	Joni	<i>For always being kind and helpful to her friends.</i>
Reception	Alfie	<i>For his dedication to all learning.</i>
Year 1	Isla	<i>For becoming an amazing independent learner in Maths.</i>
Year 2	Benji	<i>For being a great role model and amazing engagement on our school trip.</i>
Year 3	Marion	<i>For giving her best in all that she does and showing determination.</i>
Year 4	Tristan	<i>For excellent listening and participation in class.</i>
Year 5	Daniel	<i>For his ability to work co-operatively and respectfully with all members of the class. Well done Daniel.</i>
Year 6	Henry	<i>For his knowledgeable contributions to class discussions and his enthusiastic approach to learning!</i>

## EYFS/KS1 Production

We are very proud of all the children who played their parts beautifully in our production of 'The Angel Who Nearly Missed it All'. Thank you to all the staff involved for their hard work. The rest of the school missed the dress rehearsal on Monday so we are planning to give them a performance this Friday morning (16<sup>th</sup> December). **Please ensure all costumes are returned to school tomorrow.**

## Carol Concert

We are holding our Carol Concert at St. Leonard's church on **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December**. Children will need to arrive at the church at **8.45 am** to be registered. Teachers will be waiting in the church grounds for them - please take your child to their class teacher.

After registration they will go into church with their class. When all the children are seated we will be able to see where parents and others can sit.

## Change to school lunch option

On the last day of term - next **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December** - we will be offering the children the **Friday** options instead ie:-

Red - Crispy coated Salmon

Green - Cheese and tomato pizza

Blue - Jacket Potato with cheese/beans

Yellow - Egg roll

### Year 5&6 Class Trip - reminder

Next Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> December the children in Year 5&6 will be traveling to the Bloomsbury Theatre in London to see a production of David Walliams' 'The Demon Dentist'. **Please can parents let the school office know if their child is being transported to and from the station by another adult.** Thank you.

### Early Years Update

This week we have been consolidating all our learning through games and activities. Children have been working really hard on making Christmas cards for everyone at home. We had lots of fun playing in the snow too!

**Next week:** don't forget **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup>** is our pyjama day. Children to come into school wearing their Christmas or favourite pj's. They can also bring their dressing gown and slippers with them if they wish.

### Finance

Payment requests will be sent out this week. We do appreciate this is an expensive time, but would be grateful, if you have received a letter, that you arrange to settle your bills as soon as possible. If you would like to discuss this, please contact the school office. Thank you.

### 'Thank you'

We would like to say a big thank you to:

FoFS : for buying a living Christmas tree for the front of the school and

Luke Sanders from The Solar Centre : for donating some solar fairy lights for the new tree.

### Christmas Reminders

#### North Pole Christmas Shopping Day

The children will be doing their 'Christmas Shopping' tomorrow **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup>**.

#### Children's Christmas Parties

The children's Christmas parties are being held this **Friday, 16<sup>th</sup>** in the school hall.

EYFS / KS1 : 4.00 - 5.30 pm - **NURSERY** parents need to stay

KS2 : 5.45 - 7.15 pm

#### Santa's Sleigh is coming to Flamstead

Father Christmas and his sleigh will be travelling around Flamstead from 6.00pm tomorrow, **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup>**

#### School clubs

##### **Last session dates:**

Reception/KS1 : Gymnastics - this Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December

Reception/KS1 : Football - this Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December

KS2 : Gymnastics - **Finished**

Musical Theatre : **Finished**

Street Dance : **Finished**

Art Club : **Finished**

#### Message from Nathalie at My Art Club

*Our art project inspired by Leonardo da Vinci's inventions has come to an end. We looked at his visionary drawings of machines and devices like the self-propelled cart, the air screw, his idea of a robot and scuba diving gear and drew the contemporary versions. We also did a little bit of anatomical drawing ♥. Please click on the link for the on-line Art Gallery of the children's artworks. [Flamstead Art Gallery](#)*

### Clubs timetable - Spring Term 2023

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

### Keeping Safe this Winter - Advice received from Hertfordshire County Council

Following the tragic events in Solihull this week, we have uploaded to our website a "Winter Safety" leaflets produced by the Community Fire Safety Team at Hertfordshire Fire & Rescue : <https://www.flamsteadjmi.herts.sch.uk/parent-information>

#### Here for you - Winter Campaign

Hertfordshire County Council have created a campaign called 'here for you this winter' to help inform Hertfordshire residents about the support that is on offer (locally and nationally) to help manage the rising cost-of-living and to stay safe and well this winter. Please follow the link below which will take you to the HCC website page where you will find information and what is available. <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/adult-social-services/news-and-campaigns/here-for-you-this-winter.aspx>

#### Winter Well Being

Wintry conditions are on the way. It is good to take some simple steps to prepare ourselves, and our friends and neighbours who may be vulnerable at this time of year, to help us all stay healthy and safe during the cold weather ahead.

Herts County Council, in partnership with the NHS, have produced a Winter health and wellbeing booklet <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/winterwellbeing>. The guide contains key information on vaccines, support to deal with the rising cost of living, advice on how to access NHS services and much more.

Heat your home to at least 18C/65F to help minimise health risks. If not the whole house, heat the room you are in. Heating is costly, so a network of Warm Spaces have been developed to help people stay warm. The warm spaces directory can be found at <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/warmspaces>. Information on other warm spaces not listed in the directory should be directed to [info@hertshelp.net](mailto:info@hertshelp.net)

Stock up your medicine cabinet and buy basics like tinned food in case you can't get out of your home for a couple of days.

If you have a car, keep it 'winter ready' with an emergency kit in the boot.

Prevent falls: wear shoes with slip resistant soles.

Keep a list of useful contacts handy in case of emergencies.

Eat a balanced diet and keep hydrated. Drink lots of water as well as warm drinks.

Get vaccinated: Find out more at: <https://www.nhs.uk/wintervaccinations>

Please check on your neighbours, particularly those who may be vulnerable, and perhaps offer support or assistance with shopping, etc. If you are worried about a friend, neighbour or relative who might be at risk this Winter, call HertsHelp on 0300 123 4044 for advice about available support, or email [info@hertshelp.net](mailto:info@hertshelp.net)