



Flamstead Village School

A note from Mrs. Geoghegan

I am very much enjoying getting to know everyone at Flamstead School.

As you know, I am only working part-time until Ms Jones returns. Unfortunately, what this means is that I have a less amount of time to manage the same tasks that Ms Jones does so capably. For this reason I am suggesting that, rather than emailing to the Head's email address with concerns, you send emails via the admin@flamsteadjmi.herts.sch.uk address so that they can be dealt with sooner. Can I also say that I am always happy to see parents but please do make an appointment first as I am not always available as mentioned above.

Half Term Reminder

School finishes at **normal time** this Friday for the half term break. Monday 31st October 2022 is an Inset Day.

We hope you all have a lovely break and look forward to seeing the pupils back on **Tuesday 1st November, 2022**

Parent Consultations

Reminder - Session 2 - tomorrow 20th October from 4.00 pm in the school hall.

After School Club tomorrow

There will be no R/KS1 after school gymnastics club tomorrow due to Parent Consultations taking place in the school hall.

Secondary Admissions reminder

The application process for Secondary school places (September 2023) closes on **31st October, 2022**. The online application system can be accessed via www.hertsdirect.org/admissions

We would advise parents who have not yet put their application in not to leave it until the last minute.

Bright Stars 14.10.22

Nursery	Kylo	<i>For constant enthusiasm in all areas of learning.</i>
Reception	Elsie	<i>For her progression in Phonics and word writing.</i>
Year 1	Evie	<i>For doing so well transitioning in the mornings and moving directly into her learning.</i>
Year 2	Lewis	<i>For always being sensible and making the right choices.</i>
Year 3	Maisie	<i>For challenging herself and improving her presentation.</i>
Year 4	Dillon	<i>For working hard and being a good team player.</i>
Year 5	Freddie	<i>For being enthusiastic and always putting effort into his learning.</i>
Year 6	Betsy	<i>For a positive attitude to learning and creating a positive environment within the classroom.</i>

FoFS Halloween Dress Down Day

This **Friday, 21st October**, children are invited to come into school wearing their favourite Halloween costume in return for bringing in a Tombola Prize for the school fireworks event. We are after alcohol or chocolates only please, and your contributions can be handed to our FOFS volunteers at morning drop off.

Year 1&2 Bring your Pet to school - reminder

In Science, Year 1&2 have been exploring animals including house pets. This Friday the 21st October (from 2.00 pm) adults will be bringing pets onto the playground.

Mini Marathon

Last week's mini marathon was a great success. It was lovely to see lots of parents supporting the runners - we were so impressed with how fit the children are. We raised an amazing **£200.00**. Half of this money will go to Cancer Research which was the children's chosen charity and the other half will go to the school. Thank you to everyone who took part in any way and for your generous donations. (If you forgot to send your money in - it isn't too late!)

Request

We are always extremely delighted at the generosity shown at our fund raising events, or otherwise. Please could we ask, when sending cash into school, that it has been checked to ensure it is British currency and also that it has not been withdrawn from circulation. Thank you.

Assemblies

We are keen for the children to have more opportunities to understand about a range of faiths. If you would like to talk to either in a class or whole school assembly about your faith and its traditions do let the office know.

Year 3&4 Workshop

Today, year 3 & 4 had a visit from a Palaeontologist, Vicky to round up their learning on Rocks and Prehistory (Stone Age to Iron Age). They enjoyed investigating replica dinosaur skulls and a megalodon tooth and even identifying real dinosaur poo - yes really! The children impressed Vicky with their knowledge of Mary Anning and the first fossils that she discovered in the early 1800s - a Plesiosaurus and an Ichthyosaur as well as identifying ammonites and shark teeth. They finished their workshop making their own dinosaur fossil. It was a great afternoon and we thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. We have some lovely photos from the session which we will be uploading to our website's Gallery.

Year 6 Online Health Assessment - Reminder

This will be taking place in school on **Wednesday 2nd November 2022**. A letter was sent out via ParentMail in July with details.

Year 3&4 Residential Trip

By the end of this week, an item will be available in the ParentMail shop - Caldecotte Xperience -for parents to make their payments for next Summer's Year 3&4 Residential Trip. Letters with payment details etc are being given to parents at our consultation evenings this week.

Pond

Our pond party of Mr & Mrs Goor, Becky Gisborne and Jordana Robinson were in school over the weekend working hard to get our pond looking it's best. Thank you one and all for giving your time to help improve our school environment.

School Lunches

KS2 Lunch Bills are being given out this week at the Parent Consultation evenings.

The new lunch menu which commences after the half term break is now available to view on our website at <https://www.flamsteadjmi.herts.sch.uk/school-dinners>

School Photographer Visit

We have booked Prêt-a-Portrait to come into school on **Wednesday 16th November 2022** to take photographs of individual and siblings in school only.

Bag2School

Thank you to everyone who donated bags for the recent Bag2School collection. We can confirm that a total of **£68.00** was raised for the school. Thank you once again to Mrs. Wild for organising the collection.

Early Years Update

FoFS Dress Down Day - this Friday - children can come into school in the morning wearing their PE kit with their Halloween costume on top.

This week we have been comparing weights in Maths using balance scales and maths vocabulary such as 'lighter' and 'heavier'. We went on a winter walk this week and created winter tree collages too. After Half term: We will start our new topic 'Celebrations' where we will learn about various festivals.

My Art Club

Message from Nathalie:-

"This half term the Art Club project inspired by Pablo Picasso has come to an end. There was a lot of drawing and a lot of opportunities to explore paint.

Please find the on-line Art Gallery of the children's artworks. [Flamstead Art Gallery](https://www.flamsteadjmi.herts.sch.uk/school-clubs-1)

We will be back on the 1st of November

I wish you a lovely 1/2 term".

Booking details for Art Club next half term are available on our website along with all other after school club forms at:

<https://www.flamsteadjmi.herts.sch.uk/school-clubs-1>

Community

New Children's Emergency Department at Lister Hospital

The new and improved children's emergency department at Lister Hospital is set to open on Wednesday 19 October after refurbishment and extension works.

From Wednesday 19 October, the new children's emergency department will be located at Lister Hospital, Gate 4. You can enter through main emergency department and follow signs to children's emergency department.

For minor injuries and minor illness: - Our urgent treatment centre (UTC) at the New QEII Hospital, in Welwyn Garden City treats children aged 1 year and above. - The UTC treats minor illness, muscle and joint injuries, such as sprains; bites, stings, cuts, bruises and grazes; burns and scalds; objects stuck in ears or noses and minor eye injuries. We can x-ray if your child/young person has an injury to a limb. - The UTC opens at 8am every morning, and closes at 10pm. Patients already in the UTC being treated, or waiting to be treated, at 10pm will continue to be cared for appropriately. No appointment is necessary.

If you think your child urgently needs to see a GP outside of these hours, please call NHS 111.

If your child is feeling unwell and you don't know what to do, phone NHS 111. These phone and web-based services are open all day, every day

Saracens Foundation Community Club Night for Year 6 Girls

Saracens will be hosting a 'Year 6 Girls' only' club night for girls' to come and give rugby a go at

their local community club. These will be hosted on Wednesday 19th October 2022 and Wednesday 26th October 2022 7pm to 8pm. Sessions are free to attend. Below is a poster with more details. Please contact charliewhite@saracens.net for more information or to book.



**CLUB
INVITE**

SEASON 22 / 23

YEAR 6 GIRLS

Thank you for attending
Saracens Rugby4Life festival
at Harpenden RFC
on 11th October 2022.

Saracens Foundation
would like to invite you to a
community club event.

These events are
Year 6 Girls only sessions.

Venue: Harpenden RFC (AL5 2BA)
Date 1: Wed 19th Oct 2022
Date 2: Wed 26th Oct 2022
Time: 19:00 - 20:00

**Please confirm attendance via
email to:
charliewhite@saracens.net**

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