



Flamstead Village School

Message from Mrs. Geoghegan

Dear parents,

I so enjoyed working with Flamstead Village School in 2021 and so was very excited to be offered the chance to work with the school again. Flamstead School is a very unique community and I have again found everyone - staff, children, governors and parents - exceptionally welcoming. I hope we can work together over the coming weeks, ensuring we do the best for all the children and that I will get the opportunity to know you better.

School closure

The school will be closed on Monday 19th September 2022 as this is the official date for State Funeral of Queen Elizabeth II. This day will be a National Bank Holiday - a day for showing respect.

Finally, if you would like to offer your condolences then please visit the online book of condolence at the [Royal website](https://royal.gov.uk/condolences).

Hertfordshire County Council have opened a book of condolence at County Hall

<https://lord-lieutenant-herts.org.uk/remembrance> and in libraries across the County.



Art Club

It has been agreed that starting from next week the timing for Tuesday Art Club will be from 3.30pm - 4.30 pm. This gives the teacher sufficient time to set up and clear away resources. (Children can have their drinks and snacks before club starts)

Child Collection - reminder

Please can we remind parents to inform the school office if they are not collecting their child/ren, even if this is a member of your family.

Jeans for Genes

This year, Jeans for Genes dress down day will be on Friday 23rd September. Children are invited to come into school wearing jeans/skirts and trainers with their school t-shirts and sweatshirts. We are asking for a £2 donation towards some very worthy causes:-

- The Ectodermal Dysplasia Society
- The Smith-Magenis Syndrome Foundation
- Fanconi Hope

<https://edsociety.co.uk>

<https://smith-magenis.org>

<https://fanconihope.org>

Bright Stars 09.09.22

Nursery	Daisy	<i>For being brave in the first week of school and settling in well.</i>
Reception	Jasper	<i>For being an excellent role model to the new children.</i>
Year 1	Louie	<i>For doing his best to complete all work independently at his table and being super sensible.</i>
Year 2	Sasha	<i>For doing very well starting in a new school and trying his best.</i>
Year 3	Rupert	<i>For positive attitude to learning and helping others.</i>
Year 4	Jacob	<i>For working hard to settle in and focus even though it was tricky.</i>
Year 5		
Year 6		

Parent Council Meeting

The first Parent Council meeting of this academic year will be taking place in school on Thursday 22nd September 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

Early Years Update

This week we have been using lots of mathematic vocabulary in our independent learning time such as **more**, **less** and **half full**. We have enjoyed learning a Harvest song together about tractors and farmers and even have actions to go with it. Nursery and Reception have been trying very hard in their phonics learning recognising new sounds and blending sounds together to make words.

Next week: our Sound of the Week for Show and Tell will be 'a'. We will continue to look at the Three Little Pigs story and will be using science experiments and group discussions to compare building materials linked to the story.

Reminders

Secondary School Admissions 2023

The application process for Secondary school places (September 2023) is now open and closes on **31st October, 2022**. Information leaflets about the process were sent home in July. A copy of the Moving On leaflet can be found on our website (link below) or collected at the Meet the Teacher/Secondary Transfer meeting tomorrow <https://www.flamstead.jmi.herts.sch.uk/parent-information>

The online application system can be accessed via www.hertsdirect.org/admissions

Year 2 Children - Free School Meals

Children who have now moved up into Year 3 are **no longer entitled** to Universal Free School Meals. If you fit the required criteria you will be entitled to Free School Meals, to find out more and to apply online please go to <https://beta.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/at-school/free-school-meals/free-school-meals.aspx>

If you do not have internet access, please speak to Mrs Smith in the school office.

Renewal of free school meals applications

If your child is currently entitled to free school meals this will be automatically renewed assuming your circumstances have not changed.

Key messages

- parents/carers **do not need to re-apply** for a free school meal for September 2022.
- any child receiving a free meal as well as 100% music remission will be renewed for both.
- letters will only be sent to families whose children are no longer entitled to receive a meal.

If you have any queries please contact howcanwehelp@hertfordshire.gov.uk