



Flamstead Village School

Welcome back

Please can you take the time to read all of the items on today's newsletter - thank you.

Message from Chris Carson - Chair of Governors

Welcome back after what we hope was a peaceful and restful Summer break.

We are sure that your child/ren are enjoying the first week back at school and are excited by the learning they can look forward to this term.

From Monday 12th September, we are welcoming back Mrs Charis Geoghegan as Interim Head Teacher. This is because Ms Jones is sadly unwell and will be taking some time away from school. We all send Ms Jones our best wishes for a speedy recovery.

ParentMail

We are currently experiencing difficulty in registering our new parents for the ParentMail service. We hope to get this rectified asap. In the meanwhile, please be assured that you will be contacted directly with anything of relevance. Parents who have been registered in the past should still be able to receive communications but if you are having problems, please let the school office know. Thank you for your patience whilst we try to get this sorted.

Meet the teacher meetings

This morning, the EYFS held their 'Meet the Teacher' meeting. Please see below the timetable for the rest of the school:

Thursday 8th September - Year 5&6 - will include Secondary Transfer information

Friday 9th September - Year 3&4

Tuesday 13th September - Year 1&2

All meetings will be at 3.00 pm in the school hall.

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.flamsteadjmi.herts.sch.uk/parent-information>

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

Team Captains

Nominations and voting took place at the end of the summer term. Our Team Captains from September 2022 are:

| Red Phoenix | Green Griffins | Blue Unicorns | Yellow Dragons |
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| Henry | Betsy | Teddy | George D |

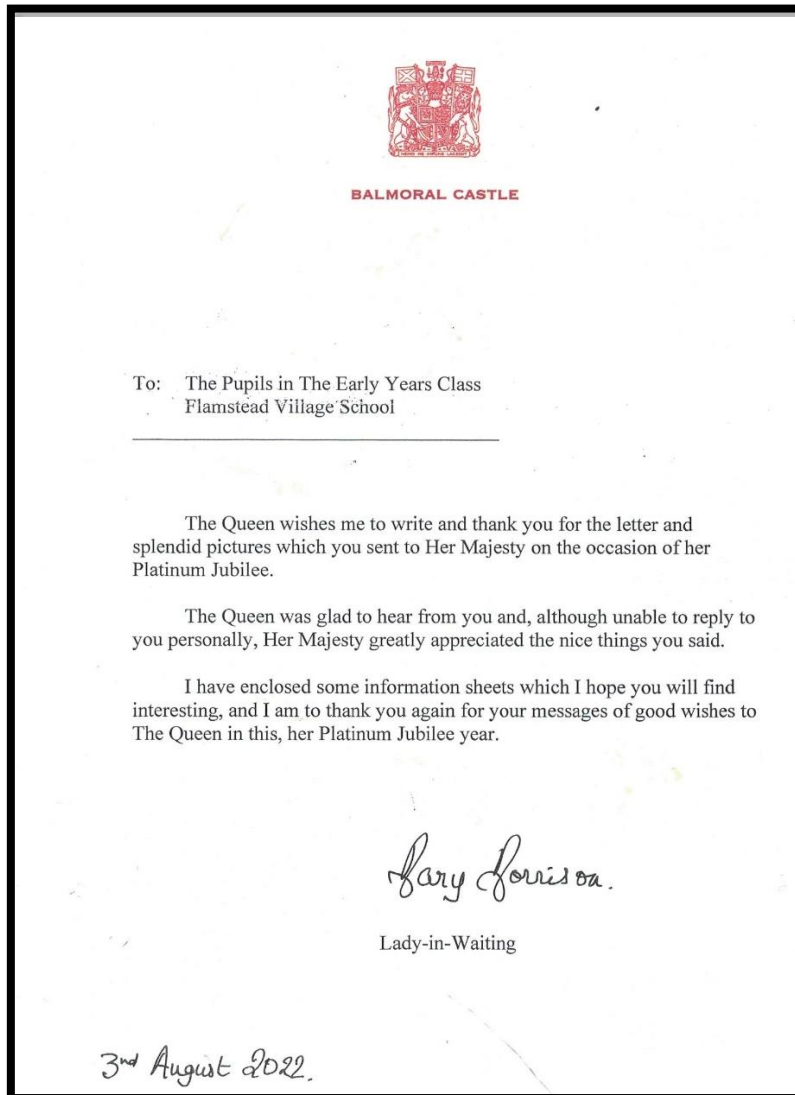
Early Years Update

This week it has been very busy in Early Years, we have been settling into school and our routines, finding out everyone's names and doing lots of learning! We started to think about the story of The Three Little Pigs, looking at characters, story mapping and creating actions to help tell the story. Nursery have been using their phonics time to sing songs, read stories together and try to match rhyming words. Reception have started learning their letter sounds using the Read Write Inc. scheme and have been trying really hard to write the letters and spot them! Next week we will be comparing different houses and homes that people live in and thinking of an alternative version of the Three Little Pigs.



A Royal Response

Last term we wrote a class letter to the Queen asking her how many hats she has and how many rooms there are in Buckingham Palace. We sent her self-portraits we had painted. We are so excited to have received a letter of response which you can see below.



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

School Clubs

Below is the timetable for all clubs. Gymnastics and Football clubs start this week, all other clubs start next week. There are still spaces available for these clubs - forms can be downloaded from our website at <https://www.flamsteadjmi.herts.sch.uk/school-clubs-1>

Clubs timetable - Autumn Term 2022

| Club | Day | Time | Key Stage | Organiser | Charge - whole term |
|-----------------|--------|-----------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|---|
| Street Dance | Mon | 3.20 - 4.20 pm | Reception - Year 5 | Dancing Stars | £72.00 |
| Art | Tues | 3.30 - 4.30 pm | Years 1 - Year 6 | My After School Art Club | 1st half term £60.00 |
| Musical Theatre | Weds | 3.20 - 4.20 pm | Reception / KS1 / LKS2 | Saracens Foundation | £39.00 |
| Gymnastics | Thurs | 3.20 - 4.20 pm | Reception/KS1 | Challenge Sport 4 Education | £42.00 |
| Gymnastics | Friday | 3.20 - 4.20 pm | KS2 | Challenge Sport 4 Education | £39.00 |
| Football | Friday | 12.30 - 1.00 pm | Reception/KS1 | Challenge Sport 4 Education | £35.00 |

Friends of Flamstead School News

Please help to raise funds for FoFS and our Flamstead Pre-School by coming along this Saturday to our exciting live music event - Flamstead Fiesta - featuring the Swanvesta Social Club band who will be performing their highly entertaining style of music. For full information about the event, including how to get your tickets, is available on our website at :-

<https://www.flamsteadjmi.herts.sch.uk/friends-of-flamstead-school-fofs>

Community Information

Public Transport / Bus Service Information

We have received the following from the Active and Safer Travel / Highways / Environment and Transport department at Hertfordshire County Council:-

With the start of a new academic year, some helpful bus travel information in Hertfordshire is available at <https://www.intalink.org.uk/>

Diary Dates

10th September - FoFS Flamstead Fiesta

22nd September - Parent Council Meeting

30th September - Harvest

Full information about weekly events will appear in our newsletters.