



This Week's News!

Friday 19th January 2024

Dear Parents / Carers and Flamstead Families

It has been a lovely week in school. The expected snowfall did not happen and although the children were disappointed it did make keeping our paths clear easier. Many thanks again this week to the parents who are helping with the gritting of the paths. It is very much appreciated.

It has been lovely to hear the wonderful singing from the children in KS2 who are taking part in 'Young Voices' at the O2, The practises are going well and there is not long to go now before the main event and everyone is getting very excited.

This week in class Bonsai class conducted a pair test to observe gravity in action. After dropping different sizes and types of balls they measured the depth of the craters formed. The top layer of poster paint demonstrated how the surface can be impacted. Chestnut class have been researching influential women from history and seeing what strong characters there were! In assembly this week we found out about Martin Luther King and how his peaceful lead to change, especially in the USA.

Maple class have been learning all about life in Elizabethan times and the reign of Queen Elizabeth I in their History lessons and they have been practising letter formation in Handwriting, This week Cherry class have been to the travel agents! It was lovely to talk to them as they completed their passports and discussed where they would like to travel to!

I wish you all a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you all again next week.

Mrs J Walton-Jones

Headteacher



FOFS News

Changes within FOFS

FOFS is beginning 2024 with a few changes to our committee.

Nick Robinson is leaving us as Secretary to focus on his busy professional life - we thank him for his amazing work and support. Sarah Gibson will now be taking on the role of Secretary - welcome Sarah!

Our wonderful Treasurer Tania Budowski-Guinand will be shifting roles to focus on Community Fundraising. We thank her for her time as Treasurer and look forward to all the projects we'll develop together in the future.

FOFS Needs You!

FOFS is now looking for a Treasurer to join our committee. This person will help us with basic book-keeping, watch over our spending and help with financial forecasting. The role will be 'behind-the-scenes' and won't include involvement in running events. If you have some experience in accounting or finances and would like to join our team, we'd love to hear from you. Contact Christy and Ali on friendsofflamsteadschool@gmail.com or see us in the playground.

We have a lot of plans for the coming year to help fund some big changes within the school. We're now on the look-out for volunteers to join the wider FOFS team to help us at our events or within the school. Register your name and you'll be contacted throughout the year to take part in events like our annual Quiz Night, School Fair and Fireworks night. These events are always a lot of fun, mainly due to the brilliant bunch of people who volunteer. So do get in touch at friendsofflamsteadschool@gmail.com. We're excited to hear from you!

Got any ideas?

Finally, whilst we have some projects in the pipeline for this year, we're always open to new ideas of how to spend FOFS money. Is there something you think could benefit your child's class? Can you see a way we could improve the children's experience? If you have any ideas, do get in touch. If the idea is easily achievable, and with Mrs Walton-Jones's blessing, we can make it happen quite quickly. Email us anytime throughout the year on friendsofflamsteadschool@gmail.com.

Bright Stars!
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Nursery	Reggie	For putting in lots of effort to the improvement of his name writing this week. Reggie has been ensuring he's writing his name on all his drawings.
Reception	Phoebe	For her use of independent corrections when writing sentences in Phonics and Literacy. Phoebe has been remembering to use capital letters, finger spaces and full stops!
Year 1	Otto	For sharing his great scientific knowledge in our Everyday Materials topic, such great ideas!
Year 2	Olivia	For persevering with written maths problems. Well done Olivia!
Year 3	Theo	For showing good understanding in Geography learning about the rainforest.
Year 4	William	For fantastic factual writing about Emmeline Pankhurst in English.
Year 5	Rossi	For excellent writing in English whilst publishing his explanation .
Year 6	Charlotte	For sharing her ideas in RE. Good work Charlotte!

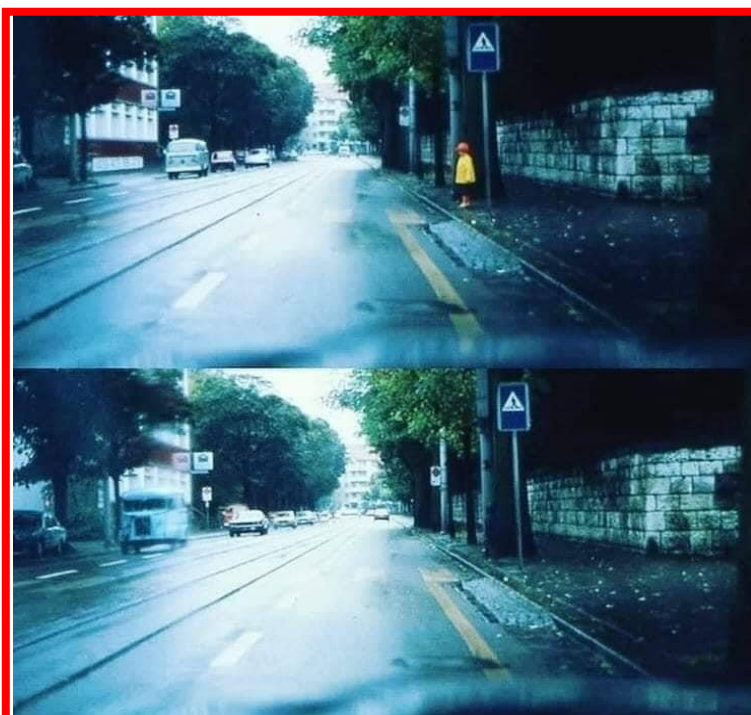
Attendance this week

Year Group	w/b 12/1/24
Nursery	83%
Reception	99%
Year 1	93%
Year 2	98%
Year 3	98%
Year 4	89%
Year 5	87%
Year 6	93%

Keep trying to get those figures over 96% everyone!

Please try to ensure your child is in school everyday!

Keeping Safe Updates



There is a child in each photo in the same place. Look what a difference bright coloured clothing makes in the dark.

Upcoming dates for your diaries!

Date	Time	Event
25.01.24		Y3 and Y4 visit to Milton Keynes Theatre—'Great Women Production'
30.01.24	All day/ evening	Young Voices at the O2 Arena
08.02.24	10.00	Electric Umbrella visit
05.02.24	-	Start of Children's Mental Health Week—'My Voice Matters'
08.02.24	AM	Electric Umbrella visit for the whole school
12.02.24	3.30—5.30	Parents Evening
13.02.24	5.00—7.30	Parents Evening
13.02.24	-	FOFS Pancake Flip
15.02.24		Book Fair Delivered. Until 28.02.24
15.02.24	9.00	Chestnut Class Assembly
19.02.24	-	Half term
26.02.24	-	Back to school
07.03.24	-	World Book Day— Dress up as your favourite book character
11.03.24	-	British Science Week begins
12.03.24	-	Space Dome in school for all children.
22.03.24	9.00	Maple Class Assembly
26.03.24	AM	Easter Bonnet Parade at the Methodist Church
28.03.24	-	End of Spring Term. School finishes at 1.30pm
15.04.24	-	Start of the Summer Term - Back to school
19.04.24	All day	Y1 and Y2 visit to paradise Wildlife Park
22.04.24	-	Arrival of our chick eggs
06.05.24	-	Bank Holiday—School Closed
07.05.24	-	INSET Day—School closed to children
13.05.24	-	SATS week for Y6 pupils
27.05.24	-	May Half Term holiday
03.06.24	-	Back to school
03.06.24	-	Y4 Multiplication Times Tables checks from today (National)
10.06.24	-	Year 1 Phonics Check week (National)
25.06.24	All day	Y1 and Y2 'History off the Page' workshops at Markyate School
27.06.24	AM	Sports Day and Picnic
28.06.24	9.00	Cherry Class Assembly
01.07.23	All week	Y5/6 Residential to Grittleton House
10.07.23	3.30—5.30	Open Evening and Arts Fest
11.07.23	9.00	Hertfordshire Secondary Transition Day
17.07.24	3.30—4.30	KS2 Production to parents/carers—afternoon
18.07.24	6.30—7.30	KS2 Production to parents/carers—evening (children back 6pm)
22.07.24	9.00	Y6 Leavers Assembly
23.07.24	1.30	End of the Summer Term. School finishes at 1.30pm

Please put these into your diaries! All these dates and term dates for 2024—2025 are also on the school website.