



This Week's News!

Friday 12th January 2024



Dear Parents / Carers and Flamstead Families

Happy New Year to you all and welcome to the start of the Spring Term. It has been lovely to see the children back in school and hear all about their Christmas break. After the first few hours back in school it felt like we had never been away! The new curriculum maps for this half term are now on the school website on the class pages.

We are feeling excited about what the new term will bring. As you will have seen the roof project has started and over the next few weeks more scaffolding will be being erected and work has also started on parts of the lower school roof. So far we have had some noise but no further disruption in school and the building company have been considerate and communicative. We have also had our internal corridor walls enhanced in the lower end of the school and an internal fire wall constructed over Christmas. It's looking bright and fresh and we are really pleased with the results.

We are delighted to welcome new children to the school this week and we wish them and their families well as they settle into Flamstead Village school life. I am sure the rest of the school community will make them feel welcome too.

External Clubs have started this week. We still have spaces in Street Dance on Monday and Art Club on a Tuesday. Please sign up with the provider directly. The links are on our website. Musical Theatre continues on a Wednesday and Gymnastics on a Thursday for KS1 and KS2. These clubs can be signed up for on your Arbor App. **French Club**—please note that this is now taking place on **Fridays** after school.

As the weather gets colder we are putting into place a cold weather plan. As you know, we do not have a site manager so we are creating a rota of helpful parents who have offered to come into school to grit the paths and clear the snow if needed. We still need a few more volunteers so please can you help by contacting either the school office or our Chair of Governors, Louise Russell to add your name to the list. Your help in keeping the school safe for all would be very much appreciated.

Please also make sure your children are suitably dressed for school with warm coats and gloves and hats. We are expecting further low temperatures and the possibility of snow next week!



Mrs J Walton-Jones

FOFS News

On the 6th of January FOFS ran a Christmas Tree collection service around Flamstead, with the kind help of Majestic Trees.

The collection raised £715 for the school, an amazing amount!



Huge thanks go to Carlos Guinand, Iain Heaslip, Tania Budowski-Guinand and Steve McCurdy for facilitating the collection.

FOFS, from everyone at Flamstead Village school, we thank you so very much for the constant effort and dedication you put into raising money for our

wonderful school. You are all superstars!



Bright Stars! Friday 12th January

Nursery	Jessica	For settling into Nursery so well and making lots of new friends. Jessica has participated in all learning activities this week and has shown wonderful listening skills!
Nursery	Delilah	For settling into Nursery so well and making lots of new friends. Delilah is a great asset to her class and is a happy and helpful friend.
Reception	Xander	For Blowing Miss Stout's socks off with his amazing independent writing this week. Xander has been writing longer words using sounds he knows independently in Phonics and Literacy lessons, Well done Xander!
Year 1	Jasper	For applying all his phonics strategies to help him do some brilliant blending in his reading.
Year 2	Conor	Conor for writing a wonderful letter to the 'Mystery Pianist' in our Mr Big English lessons.
Year 3	George	For taking on Mrs Hobbs challenge coming into school and contributing in lessons and applying his learning to solve problems.
Year 4	Willow	For returning to school with determination to improve her handwriting. Well done Willow!
Year 5	Evie	For a fantastic attitude to learning and showing great dedication whilst writing her poem.
Year 6	Jeremiah	For a great poem with detailed illustrations in the style of the book .

Numbots and TTRS Certificates

Well done to the following children this week. Your effort and scores have been amazing!



EYFS—Xander

KS1—Ferne, Evie and Olivia

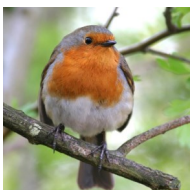
KS2—Darcy, Ava and William



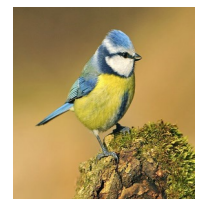
Please make sure your child accesses TTRS or Numbots at least once a week as part of their home learning. We will be giving more certificates out next week.

Big Garden Birdwatch - 26th - 28th January 2024

It would be lovely if as many children as possible could get involved in the Big Garden Birdwatch this month, to either encourage their love of wildlife and the outdoors or perhaps introduce them to the great outdoors and spark an interest in the great wildlife we have in the UK. Here's how to take part...



<https://www.rspb.org.uk/whats-happening/big-garden-birdwatch>



How to take part

- 1 Get your free guide and stock up on supplies, with 15% off and free delivery on food and feeders at the RSPB shop.
- 2 Spend an hour watching the birds in your patch, between 26 and 28 January, and record the birds that land.
- 3 Tell us what you saw (even if that's nothing at all)! You can submit your results online or by post.



Choose an hour between 26 and 28 January



Only record the birds that land in your patch



Record the highest number of each bird species you see at any one time

Attendance this week

Year Group	w/b 8/1/24
Nursery	84%
Reception	98%
Year 1	92%
Year 2	99%
Year 3	88%
Year 4	83%
Year 5	87%
Year 6	80%

Keep trying to get those figures over 96% everyone!

Keeping Safe Updates



Flamstead Beaver Scouts need volunteers to help to run the Beaver Colony this year. Two of our existing Leaders have unfortunately left the group as their children are too old! If scouting is something you wish to consider for your child please do consider volunteering.

It would involve undertaking a DBS check and undertaking Safeguarding and safety training. This is done on-line and takes around 2 hours. Young people gain lots of life skills both inside and outside with lots of fun to be had along the way!

Please email jane.baldry@rocketmail.com or call on 07821184629 if you would like to ask more questions or indeed add your child to our waiting list.

It would be fantastic if we can keep Beavers alive in Flamstead in 2024 and beyond.

Please do get in touch if you think you can help.

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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.