

This Week's News!

Friday 4th October 2024

Dear Parents / Carers and Flamstead Families

This week in school we have been finding out about Black History Month in assembly. We have some books displayed in school so the children can find out about inspirational people. It was lovely to meet with the Parent Council this week and share ideas and suggestions. Thank you to the Class Rep's who support their classes so well. The weather on Tuesday unfortunately meant Bonsai class could not enjoy their planned trip to the Tag Rugby Festival, we hope this will be re-scheduled later on in this academic year.

This week Cherry class have been exploring some important figures in Black History, both past and present as well as exploring the South African language of Zulu and learning a song in the language. In Maths, Nursery have been on number hunts searching for the right numeral and showing that many on their fingers as well as building towers. Reception have been rehearsing using the correct number names to count a set of objects.

Maple Class have been impressing everyone with their poetry skills this week. They wrote their own poems inspired by autumn treasures and a list poem about all the exciting things they like doing outside of school. In Maths, they have been busy playing games to build their confidence in tens and ones. And in French, the children pretended they were walking on a French boulevard listening to accordion music, and when the music stopped, they had to practise their French greetings to their friends.

Chestnut have been wondering why people may choose to live near a volcano this week in Geography. In Science they designed a poster to teach everyone how to keep their teeth healthy. In Maths they have started to look at formal written methods and in English they are writing a poem inspired by 'The Small Dragon' by Brian Patten.

Bonsai have been exploring a new book in English this week as they moved onto their narrative unit. In Geography they compared Flamstead's minimum and maximum temperatures and rainfall statistics against the average UK statistics. In Art they created their own propaganda posters in the style of WWI while in Maths have revisited numbers with 3 decimal places.

To those of you who signed up for the Asda Cash pot, thank you. It would be amazing if every family could also sign up for www.easyfundraising.co.uk This is a simple and easy way for our school to receive funds every time you shop online. Please support FOFS in their continued efforts to raise money.

Next week we will be celebrating 'Space Week' and we will be starting the week with our Space VR workshops. We will be ending the week supporting 'World Mental Health Day' so please remember to wear yellow on Thursday and make a donation to 'Young Minds' on Arbor to this important charity.

Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Mrs Walton-Jones

Headteacher



October Reminders

- 7th—VR Space workshops
- 10th—Mental Health Day
- 11th—Chestnut Class trip
- 15th—NSPCC Assembly
- 17th—Pumpkin Farm trip
- 17th—Parents Evening
- 21st—Parents Evening
- 21st—NSPCC workshops Y2,5,6
- 22nd —Y5/6 girls Tag Rugby
- 23rd—Break The Rules Day
- 24th—INSET

Bright Stars



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Nursery	Roman	For his marvellous manners, amazing attitude to learning and for being a fabulous friend to all children in Cherry Class.
Reception	Axel	For his perseverance and positive attitude in Phonics learning. Axel has been making himself and Miss Stout proud with the beautiful writing he has produced this week!
Year 1	Tami	For showing creativity and concentration when making her clay model in our Andy Goldsworthy Art lesson.
Year 2	Otto	For consistently using clear neat handwriting in his learning and
Year 3	Jerry	For working hard to improve his times tables and handwriting.
Year 4	Theo	For beautiful descriptive sentences and vocabulary choices in English.
Year 5	Sidni	For great effort and perseverance in Maths.
Year 6	Leo	For his non-chronological report in English.

Attendance this week

TTRS and Numbots

Year Group	w/b 30th September
Nursery	87%
Reception	98%
Year 1	98%
Year 2	99%
Year 3	99%
Year 4	100%
Year 5	100%
Year 6	96%
Well done to Years 4 & 5 this week!	

Year Group	Who impressed us ?	Percentage of Children online
Nursery	Robin	33%
Reception	Aubrey	29%
Year 1	Austin	40%
Year 2	Jude	27%
Year 3	Olivia	87%
Year 4		82%
Year 5		45%
Year 6	Joey	47%
 		



SECONDARY ADMISSIONS—September 2025

Please be aware that the deadline for applications to secondary and upper schools is fast approaching. Parents will need to make an application online or on paper by the closing date of

Thursday 31st October 2024. *As this date falls in the October half term,* we would recommend that parents complete it by **Wednesday 23rd October**, so that if there are any queries, they can be dealt with by the Admissions Team before the break.

Parents should apply online at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions

A full list of important dates for Secondary Admissions can be found at :-
<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/school-admissions/secondary-and-upper-schools/important-dates-secondary-school-admissions.aspx>

The flyer is titled 'Help with your Secondary school application form' and is from DACORUM FAMILY SERVICES NORTH & EAST. It provides the following details:

Date	Monday 21 st October 2024
Time	12.30-2.30 pm Online via MS Teams and face to face at Hobbs Hill Wood Primary School HP3 8ER

Are you applying for Secondary school this year?

Let us help with the worries of applying for a secondary school place. We can offer a step-by-step guide to completing the application form along with practical help and advice. A member of the Secondary Admissions Team at County will also be online to answer any questions – this will be an ideal opportunity to gain a greater understanding of the process including any Do's and Don'ts.

For more details and to book, please email: jnethercoat@hobbshillwood.herts.sch.uk

Please include contact details and name of child's school when booking

Please specify whether you would like to join us online or in person

PRIMARY ADMISSIONS—September 2025

The online system for parents to apply for a Reception place opens on **Friday 1st November 2024**. Please follow the link below to see a full list of important dates for the Primary Admissions Process.

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/school-admissions/primary-junior-and-middle-schools/important-dates-primary-junior-and-middle-school-admissions.aspx#>

Please can we remind all parents of Nursery children who will be moving into Reception in September 2025 that they ***still have to apply for a Reception place at Flamstead Village School via the Herts County Council Schools Admission Process.***



FOFS News!



FOFS need 2 minutes of your time!

Please register with Easy Fundraising, choose FOFS as the charity you want to support, and any purchases you make through them will help support the school.

There are a wide range of retailers in partnership with Easy Fundraising, including M & S, Tesco, Ocado, H & M, Wickes, Booking.com to mention a few.

When you shop online just remember to go through

Easy Fundraising

Use their Donation Reminder tool on your laptop or phone.

The EF tool will pop up to ask if I want to purchase through them, it's as simple as clicking on 'yes' and then ordering as normal.

With Christmas not too far anyway and so many people ordering online it is the perfect time to help us to raise money with no effort!

Here is the link to the website:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/>

New for 2024 FREE booking for our Sleepout!

If you would like an action-packed evening of team games, live entertainment and community spirit. Then, it's time to bed down and experience just a small glimpse of what rough sleepers face during the harsh winter months.



DENS would love to welcome as many people as possible from across our community, It's a truly unique experience whilst making a real difference to a local charity.

Book your FREE places now at www.dens.org.uk/sleepout



Young Minds are an essential charity that support young people with their mental health. We are raising money on Thursday next week by wearing something yellow with your own clothes.

Please support them with as much as you can. They also have Parents Helpline for free on [0808 802 5544](tel:08088025544). . We're open Monday - Friday 9:30am - 4:00pm. Find out more on their website

www.youngminds.org.uk

Upcoming Dates—Autumn Term 2024

Autumn Term 2024		
World Space Week	4 th October	
Sapce VR workshops - whole school	7th October	
World Mental Health Day—Wear yellow	10 th October	
Chestnut Class Trip to Hazzard Alley	11th October	
NSPCC Assembly	15 th October	
Whole School Trip to the Pumpkin Farm	17th October	
Parents Evening	17 th October	5.00 – 7.30pm
Parents Evening	21 st October	3.30 – 5.30pm
NSPCC workshops for Y2, Y5, Y6	21 st October	
Y5 and Y6 tag Rugby festival (girls only)	22nd October	11.30am—3.00pm
Break The Rules Day—FOFS fundraiser	23 rd October	
INSET Day (staff only in school)	24 th October	
INSET Day (staff only in school)	25 th October	
Beginning of Half Term week	28 th October	
Last date to apply for secondary school place	31st October	
Applications for Primary School September 2025	1 st November	
Back to school	4 th November	
Samba Bamba Music Workshops (whole school)	5 th November	
Non Uniform —Bring gifts for the North Pole Shop	8th November	
FOFS Firework display	9th November	
Anti-Bullying Week ‘Choose Respect’	11 th November	
Remembrance Day	11th November	
Individual school photos	12 th November	
World Kindness Day	13 th November	
Children in Need Day	15 th November	
UK Parliament Week	18 th November	
Y6 height and weight checks	20th November	
Christmas visit with Santa at St Leonard’s —FOFS	7th December	
Autumn Term Assessment Week	9 th December	-
Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner Day	12 th December	
North Pole Shop	12th December	
FOFS Christmas Disco	13th December	
EYFS / KS1 Dress Rehearsal (Pre-schools to watch)	16 th December	9.30am
EYFS / KS1 Performance (parents)	17 th December	9.30am
Christmas Service At St Leonard’s Church (parents)	17 th December	2.30pm
EYFS / KS1 Performance (parents)	18 th December	4.00pm
Party Day	19 th December	PM
Autumn term ends at 1.30pm	20 th December	1.30pm

Upcoming Dates—Spring Term 2025

Spring Term 2025		
Back to school	6 th January	
Y6 SATs meeting	13 th January	2.50pm
Y4 MTC meeting	14 th January	2.50pm
Y1 Phonic Check meeting	15 th January	2.50pm
Reception Profile Meeting	16 th January	2.50pm
Young Voices to O2	23 rd January	
Chinese New Year	29th January	
Children’s Mental Health Week	3 rd February	
Electric Umbrella	3rd February	
Pancake Flip (FOFS)	4th February	
Parents Evening	10 th February	3.30 – 5.30pm
Safer Internet Day	11th February	
Parents Evening	12 th February	5.00 -7.30pm
INSET Day (staff only in school)	14 th February	
February Half Term	17 th February	
Back to school	24 th February	
Book Fair	28 th February–5 th March	
Ramadan Begins	28th February	
Secondary Allocation Day	3 rd March	
World Book Day—Dress as your favourite book character	6 th March	
British Science Week begins	7th March	
KS2 Graffiti workshops at ST Leonard's Church	10th March	
KS2 Graffiti workshops at ST Leonard's Church	11th March	
Space Dome in school	12th March	
Red Nose Day	21 st March	
Spring Term Assessment Week	24 th March	
National Skipping Day – workshops for all pupils	28 th March	
Easter Bonnet Parade	1 st April	
Fish and Chip Quiz Night (FOFS)	3rd April	
Break for Easter holidays at 1.30pm	4th April	1.30pm

**These dates are open to changes and will be added
to as the term progresses.**

Upcoming Dates—Summer Term 2025

Summer Term		
Easter Monday (Bank Holiday—school closed)	21st April	
Summer Term starts	22nd April	
Earth Day	22 nd April	
Bank Holiday (school closed)	5 th May	
Occasional day (school closed)	6 th May	
Scavenger Hunt (FOFS)	11th May	
Year Six SATs week	12 th May	
Y5 / Y6 Residential	21 st – 23 rd May	
May Half Term	26 ^h May	
Back to School	2 nd June	
MTC checks for Y4 (2 weeks)	2 nd June	
Class Photo Day	4th June	
Y1 Phonics Check week	9 th June	
Sky Arts Week and National School Sports Week	16 th June	
ActivkidsUK assembly and fundraiser	17 th June	
Flamstead's Got Talent	19 th June	
Sports Day and picnic	20 th June	
Swimming lessons for all pupils (3 weeks)	30 th June	
Summer Term Assessment Week	30 th June	
Nursery / Reception Home visits	1 st July	
Nursery / Reception Home visits	2nd July	
New Nursery and Reception Stay and Play	3rd July	9.00 – 9.45am
Open Evening and Arts Fest Display	9 th July	3.15 – 5.00pm
Herts Secondary Transition Day	10 th July	
Class Swap day (New Reception children to stay for lunch)	10 th July	
Reports Home	11 th July	
KS2 Dress Rehearsal (school to watch)	14 th July	9.30
KS2 Afternoon Performance (Parents)	15 th July	3.30
KS2 Evening Dress Performance (Parents)	16 th July	6.30pm
Y6 Leavers Assembly (Parents)	23rd July	9.00am
Summer Holidays being at 1.30pm	24th July	1.30pm

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Friday 25 October 2024

7:30pm

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