

## This Week's News!

**Friday 23rd October 2024**

Dear Parents / Carers and Flamstead Families,

We started the week with another successful Parents Evening. It was lovely to see so many of you and I hope you enjoyed seeing your child's class teacher. Thanks also to two of our Governor's, Mandy Evans and Sue Wright, for also attending the Parents Evening and chatting to parents in the hall.

In the three days we have had in school this week we have been doing lots of wonderful learning. The children in Years 2,3,5 and 6 took part in NSPCC workshops on Monday and enjoyed meeting the trained volunteers who came into school to run the sessions.

On Monday we had a local artist working with our children in Year 3 and Year 4. Eve completed some lovely work with the children based on the work of the artist Lowry. Their beautiful work is on the classroom windows to enjoy.

This Tuesday our Year 5 and Year 6 girls took part in a Rugby Festival at Harpenden Rugby Club. They came back covered in mud and full of stories of an exciting and enjoyable afternoon. They have written a short report about their experience., I am sure you will enjoy reading it further on in the newsletter. Well done to Isabella, Lottie, Willow, Marion, Evie and Masie for representing our school so well.

Today we all enjoyed some explosive experiments with the volcanoes Chestnut Class have been making. All classes assembled in the playground to watch the volcanoes erupt, well done to Chestnut Class.

We have ended our short week in school with a crazy 'Break the Rules' Day. All the children have enjoyed coming in with their own clothes, and coloured hair to name but two rules that have been broken. We hope it will be a terrific fundraiser for FOFS.

I would like to let you know that Mrs Nagle will be leaving us at the end of this half term. Although Mrs Nagle has only been with us for a short time and settled in so well she has had the opportunity to start her dream job, helping children with their hearing in an audiology department. We wish her well for her future career. We are very lucky to announce that Ms Castree will be working full time after the break with Bonsai class and has already been in class meeting all of the children.

Finally I would like to thank Christy Lee for working hard to plant some new hedging outside the Year 5 and Year 6 classroom, you will have noticed it on your way into school today and, once established, it will be a lovely enhancement to our school.

During the first week back in school after the half term break we have some wonderful experiences for the children. The whole school will be experiencing 'Samba Bamba' Music Workshops and Indian Dance Workshops. Payments for these are now on Arbor.

Please have an lovely half term, look after each other and keep safe. look forward to seeing you back in school on Monday 4th November.

Best wishes

Mrs Walton-Jones

Headteacher

### November Reminders

**4th—Back to school**

**5th—Samba Bamba workshops**

**6th—Maple Class to Ashridge**

**8th—Christmas cards forms back**

**8th —Bring a gift -North Pole Shop**

**9th—FOFS Fireworks Display**

**11th—Anti-Bullying week**

**11th—Remembrance Day**

**12th—School Photos**

**13th—Indian Dance workshop**

**15th Children In Need Day**

## Girls Rugby Festival



On Tuesday, our year 5 and 6 girls competed in the Saracens Foundation Rugby 4 Life Festival. Rugby 4 Life aims to provide primary school children across Hertfordshire and North London with a positive introduction to rugby.

It was an enjoyable afternoon for all, with fun skills based activities to begin with, then five friendly matches.

While the other schools had up to 10 players, we had just six, so no time for anyone to rest and despite not playing tag rugby for some time, the girls did exceptionally well, passing well, scoring a number of tries, preventing the opposing teams from scoring and playing well as a team throughout. They certainly displayed what is promoted by the Saracens Foundation: not who wins or loses, rather those who show their Saracens core values; Honesty, Discipline, Humility and Work Rate.

## Chestnut Class and their erupting volcanoes!



## IMPORTANT REMINDERS

### SECONDARY ADMISSIONS—September 2024

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](http://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>

### PRIMARY ADMISSIONS—September 2024

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 that they **still have to apply for a Reception place at Flamstead Village School via the Herts County Council Schools Admission Process.**

## School Clubs

Please follow the link below if you would like your child to register for next half term's Spatchcooks Cookery Club which runs on Wednesdays after school

<https://bookwhen.com/spatchcooks/e/ev-s684-20241106151500>

For full information and booking details about next half term's Art Club which runs on Tuesdays, please follow the link to our website below.

Remember we have a new Club starting after Half term on Thursday's. Wandering Wild is a nature club packed with fun activities. To Book on please contact [changingleavesnature@outlook.com](mailto:changingleavesnature@outlook.com)

All club information can be found on our website at:

<https://www.flamsteadjmi.herts.sch.uk/page/?title=School+Clubs&pid=27>



**Flamstead**  
VILLAGE SCHOOL

# FLAMSTEAD VILLAGE FIREWORKS DISPLAY

Flamstead Village School

**Saturday 9th November**

gates open 5.30pm, fireworks start at 6.30pm

**BBQ BAR TOYS CAKES**

Tickets available from The Village Store, on the door, or online

**flamsteadfireworks.uk**



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your tickets



Adults: £7.50  
Children Under 16: £4.50  
Children Under 3: FREE  
Family Ticket: £22.00

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