

Flamstead

VILLAGE SCHOOL

This Week's News!

Friday 6th December 2024

Dear Parents / Carers and Flamstead Families,

We have had our lovely Buddy bench delivered from the Young Minds Competition and this is now in the playground for children to go to when they would like a friend to play with. We are also very grateful to David Carter for coming into school to make our new playground equipment boxes which are now also being well used in the playground. This week FOFS and the school would like to thank Mark and Rachel Coffey for their amazing donation of £500 to the school. It will be well used, thank you very much. We also had our half termly Parent Council Meeting today, thank you to all our Reps for sharing your ideas with me.

This week, Cherry Class have been rehearsing their Nativity play alongside Maple Class, and their performances are coming along wonderfully. We can't wait to see it all come together. In Maths, Reception have been working on classifying objects, while Nursery have been focusing on the number 4. Reception have also been continuing their exploration of the festive poem 'Twas The Night Before Christmas. They are all looking forward to their class trip to St Albans Cathedral on Monday. Maple Class have been 'Super Scientists' this week, exploring why it matters what objects are made of. During their investigations they have been looking at plastic, wood and metal. In Computing, they have been using iPads to take digital photographs of our school environment and discussing what difference composition can make to a photo. In KS2, Chestnut Class have been finishing their explanation text on their invention - the Waketron. They had some fantastic ideas on how a machine could help wake us up. In Maths they have begun looking at comparison models which will lead into fractions. In Music they got into the Christmas spirit and learned to play Jingle Bells and in Science they have been testing different materials to investigate which would be more soundproof.

In Bonsai Class this week they explored reflection and refraction with mirrors and torches in Science and finished the lesson making their periscopes in pairs. In History they explored crime and punishment in the Victorian period where theft remained the most common crime. In English they have begun to consider their 'pet peeves' to enter into Room 101. In Maths they have recapped formal methods for addition and subtraction including problem solving.

The School Council and other children have worked hard making decorations and decorating our tree for the Christmas Tree Festival in the Methodist Church this Saturday. Please do pop in and see our Stick Man tree from 2.00—4.30pm. The Rose and Crown also have a Christmas Fair this weekend so there are lovely events in our local community for you to attend with your families.

Have a lovely weekend

Jacqui Walton-Jones

Headteacher

Nov / Dec Reminders

6th—Santa at St Leonards

7th—Christmas Tree Festival

9th—Cherry Class Cathedral trip

10th—Panto in school

12th—Christmas Jumper / Dinner

12th—North Pole shop

13th—School Disco

16th—EYFS/KS1 Dress Rehearsal

17th - EYFS / KS1 performance AM

17th—Service at St Leonard's

18th—EYFS / KS1 performance PM

19th—Party Afternoon

20th—Term ends at 1.30pm

Bright Stars

Friday 6th December 2024

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| Nursery | Willow | For her superb singing in our nativity rehearsals. Willow has been making sure to join in with the actions too. Well done Willow. |
| Reception | Axel | For his wonderful writing about our class book "T'was The Night Before Christmas" in literacy lessons this week. Axel has tried hard to use finger spaces and full stops. |
| Year 1 | Darcy | For being a kind and helpful member of Maple Class. |
| Year 2 | George | For sharing some great ideas in our science lessons, exploring different everyday materials. |
| Year 3 | Henry | For his continued effort to improve his reading, spelling and maths skills. |
| Year 4 | Theo | For being a team player during group work, helping others and great participation in class discussion. |
| Year 5 | Louis | For his positive attitude to learning and engagement in all lessons. |
| Year 6 | Aiden | For being a role model to his peers and working hard across the curriculum. |

Attendance this week

| Year Group | w/b 2nd December |
|------------------------------------|------------------|
| Nursery | 95% |
| Reception | 84% |
| Year 1 | 94% |
| Year 2 | 96% |
| Year 3 | 95% |
| Year 4 | 99% |
| Year 5 | 100% |
| Year 6 | 96% |
| Well done to Year 5 again ! | |

TTRS and Numbots

| Year Group | Who impressed us ? | Percentage of Children online |
|---|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Nursery | Jessica, Millie & Amelia | 25% |
| Reception | - | 0% |
| Year 1 | Cordelia | 27% |
| Year 2 | - | 9% |
| Year 3 | Isla | 53% |
| Year 4 | Ava | 55% |
| Year 5 | - | 18% |
| Year 6 | - | 27% |
| Every child needs to log on each week please as part of their home learning. | | |

This Week's Photos

Thank you for FOFS for our lovely Christmas display. Our School Bench and Our Festival Tree.



Maple Class investigating different materials



Chestnut Class learning to play the Cornet



Bonsai Class and their light investigations



Rudolph Trail

If you are looking for a fun activity this weekend try Hemel's Reindeer Trail, a festive and fun activity for the whole community.

This year, 9 incredible reindeer, decorated by students from 9 local primary schools, will be displayed in shops across the town centre. The trail is a wonderful opportunity for families to celebrate creativity, explore the town, and get into the holiday spirit.

Details of the Reindeer Trail:

Start Date: 23rd November

Finish Date: 21st December

Location: Hemel Town Centre

Trail Sheets: Available for pickup at Riverside Shopping Centre (Car Park Entrance)

Prize: Participants who complete the trail will be entered to win an iPad!

Bottle tops and Lids

Eco Club are collecting plastic lids and bottle tops. Any size and any colour.

If you could send as many as you can into school they would be very grateful!



Pupil absences—reminder

If you need to report your child absent on the day, please remember that this can be done via the Arbor app messages. Alternatively email the school office.

If you wish to request a leave of absence, please use the Absence Form which can be downloaded from our website at <https://www.flamsteadjmi.herts.sch.uk/>

Hard copies are also available from the school office.

Christmas Party

Entrance
£2

13/12/
2024



Drinks

Live DJ

Food

Guest
apperance

Each child
receives a gift

Flamstead School

KS1 4pm - 5.30pm

KS2 5.45pm - 7.15pm

Please give £2 to the school office by Monday 4th December.

Forms will be coming home to return please.

****Adults must accompany children from Nursery please****

Kindly supported by Friends of Flamstead School.

Family Carols

with

Hertfordshire Chorus

David Temple conductor

Rufus Frowde piano & organ



Sunday 8 December 2024

5:30pm

St Leonard's Church
Flamstead



In support of **Herts Musical Memories** - delivering singing sessions for people living with dementia

Email tickets@musicatstleonards.co.uk
Or call Anne Françoise - 07577 530825

Tickets £20 Children & Students £5

Reindeer Trail

23RD NOVEMBER-21ST DECEMBER



**FREE
EVENT**

**Chance
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