

Friday 17th January 2025

Dear Parents / Carers and Flamstead Families,

It has been lovely to see so many of you at our parent meetings we had this week for parents of children in Year 6, Year 4, Year 1 and Reception. We hope you found the meetings useful. If any parents who were unable to attend the meetings would like to see the information that was shared you can find the PowerPoint presentations on the school website under the 'Parent' tab and then under 'Test information'. It has been super to see the children engaged in their learning this week. Cherry Class demonstrated incredible creativity and teamwork as they built an array of imaginative structures, including castles, car parks, houses and hospitals using magnet tiles. Their collaborative efforts beautifully reflected this half-term's value of co-operation. During their 'myHappyMind' lesson, the children explored character strengths, focusing on love and kindness. Reception engaged enthusiastically, sharing their thoughts and illustrating moments when they showed kindness to others or experienced kindness themselves. In KS1 Maple Class have been doing some super-sized learning. They have been working together to create extended sentences in English, using conjunctions to join two thoughts together to create some wonderful writing about whales. They also took their learning outside to see just how a blue whale may measure up in our playground. In History they put themselves in the shoes of Florence Nightingale, retelling how she felt and what she saw when she first arrived at the war hospitals in Turkey. In KS2 Chestnut Class have been busy learning how to compare and order fractions and enjoyed learning equivalent fractions with Miss Pike as a guest teacher. In English they have been using adverbs in their sentences and learning how they can help with descriptive sentences. In Science, they continued with their topic of 'States of Matter' looking at gases and carrying out experiments to see if air weighed anything. In PSHE, they have made a class 'Flowerpot of dreams' - each child has listed 6 dreams and goals for their near future and when they grow up. Bonsai Class have had a busy week with 3 different groups working towards their Level 2 and Level 3 Bikeability. The Level 3 group cycled 7 miles in one session to allow them to practise their skills. The children have really enjoyed their sessions, even the tiring ones. Whilst out on the road they have discovered many new skills and shown great perseverance in the colder temperatures. In class they have enjoyed starting their Art unit exploring vases from different civilizations.

An email was sent home this week with details of the 'myHappyMind' parent App that you can download to support your child's wellbeing. Please do pop the App onto your phones and let us know how useful you find it. Applications for Reception places starting in September 2025 have now closed. If you, or anyone you know, is looking for a Nursery place, starting in September 2025 please do come for a visit. Application forms can be found on the school website or obtained from the school office. We are looking forward to Monday and seeing the children dressed in non school uniform to express who they are in support of 'International Day of Acceptance' and in support of our friends at 'Electric Umbrella'.

Have a super weekend everyone.

Jacqui Walton-Jones

Headteacher

Reminders

- 20th—Non Uniform Day (Electric Umbrella)**
- 23rd—Young Voices at the O2**
- 24th—KS2 Cross Country Competition**
- 29th—Chinese New Year**
- 3rd Feb—Children's Mental Health Week**
- 3rd Feb - Electric Umbrella in school**
- 10th Feb— Y3/4 to Chiltern Open Air Museum**
- 10th Feb—Parents Evening 5.00 -7.30pm**
- 11th—Safer Internet Day**
- 12th—Parents Evening—3.30—5.30pm**
- 13th - Half Term break. 3.15pm finish**
- 14th—INSET Day**

Bright Stars

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Nursery	Oliver	For settling into Cherry Class so well, trying so hard with his learning and making new friends.
Reception	Reggie	For progress in his writing. Reggie has been working on letter formation and segmenting. Well done Reggie!
Year 1	Austin	For taking a confident and active role in his phonics lessons - remembering the strategies we can use to help us with our reading.
Year 2	Cobi	For challenging himself and succeeding in becoming more independent in his daily routines at school.
Year 3	Joey	For impressing us with his maths and reading skills this week.
Year 4	Rupert	For explaining his answers clearly and concisely and his willingness to help others.
Year 5	Willow	For showing great perseverance and resilience when challenging herself to leave her comfort zone.
Year 6	Dillon	For extending his learning beyond the classroom and working at home inspired by Bonsai's English text.

Attendance this week

Year Group	w/b 13th January
Nursery	97%
Reception	86%
Year 1	97%
Year 2	100%
Year 3	99%
Year 4	99%
Year 5	92%
Year 6	99%
Well done Year 2!	

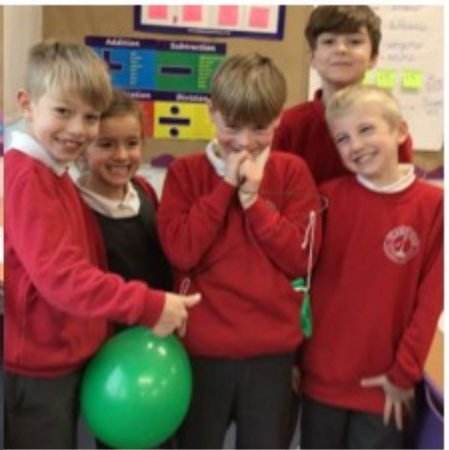
TTRS and Numbots

Year Group	Who impressed us ?	Percentage of Children online
Nursery	Amelia	8%
Reception	Axel, Frankie	43%
Year 1	Austin, Cordelia, Xander, Reece, Joni	47%
Year 2	Leo, Finley, Jasper	45%
Year 3	Evie , Olivia, Oscar, Henry	67%
Year 4	Ava, Theo	64%
Year 5	Lottie	36%
Year 6	Jacob, Harry	40%
Well done—the number of children completing their home learning has been much better this week!		

Photos of the week



Flowerpot of dreams



Investigating if air weighs anything



FOFS NEWS

Got any ideas?



We're always looking for ideas about ways we can support or improve our school. Have you thought of something that could improve your child's learning or classroom space?

Let us know by emailing friendsofflamsteadschool@gmail.com.

All ideas welcome!

Could you provide a loving home for a rescue dog? The Channel 4 series, The Dog House is looking for couples, individuals, friends and families who are seriously considering bringing a rescue dog into their lives and are willing to share their reasons for doing so.

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