



This Week's News!

Friday 1st December 2023



Dear Parents / Carers and Flamstead Families

Today sees the arrival of December! The Autumn term has certainly gone quickly!

It is wonderful to be in school, especially at this time of year. The children are singing and practising their Christmas songs and it was lovely to see all the children making their Christingles on Wednesday. They looked super!

This week in school Cherry and Maple Classes have been working hard rehearsing their play 'The Big Little Nativity'. Tickets were sent home with children this week. Please remember to return any spare tickets to the school office. Maple class also enjoyed a superb 'Senses' workshop this Friday.

We now have our beautiful Christmas tree in the hall. The Team Captains helped to decorate the tree and it certainly looks very festive. Thank you to FOFS for purchasing and collecting the tree for us.

I am also delighted to tell you that Flamstead Village School raised £273.59 for the Poppy appeal - an amazing amount and over £100 more than last year. The British Legion were delighted. Thank you everyone.

Massive congratulations to Ben who won the Flamstead 500 Story Competition. A super achievement! You can read his story further on in the newsletter.

Next week the children may start bringing in any Christmas cards they may wish to post to their friends in the school post box. Please remember to write the recipients name and class clearly on the front of the envelope.

I wish you all a very pleasant weekend. Please do also visit the Methodist Church on Saturday for the Christmas Tree Festival and see the tree that Flamstead Village School have decorated. The School Council helped to decorate the tree on Friday and all children have made a decoration for the tree.

Mrs J Walton-Jones



FOFS NEWS

Thank you to Mark and Rachael Coffey on behalf of the school and FOFS for their donation of £500. All donations are very welcome and we thank you for your generosity. Between the school and FOFS we have decided to put this donation towards the repair of the pond lining and regeneration of the general pond area outside the school office. This is an area that everyone enjoys and we hope to make it an even better area for everyone to benefit from over the coming months..

On the 9th of December, the Rose and Crown pub will be holding a Christmas market, with all proceeds being split between Flamstead Preschool and our school. FOFS will be running a stall there and are looking for donations of unwanted gifts or decorative items to sell.

If you have any items you'd like to donate, please bring them to school at drop-off on

Monday 4th December and leave with Tania or Christy (outside Maple Classroom).

Many thanks for your support!

Christmas Decoration Competition winners!

Well done and thank you to all the children who decorated their bauble at home. There were certainly some fantastic designs. All the baubles will be displayed outside of the school building for everyone to see.

Well done to the winners in each year group who all received a delicious chocolate treat as a prize.

Congratulations to Frankie, Xander, Finley, Evie, Theo, Isabella, Laila and Joey for your beautiful creations!



Flamstead 500 Winner!

Congratulations to Ben who won the Flamstead 500 writing competition. Ben now has a £75 voucher from Waterstones to spend. Well done Ben. You can read his winning story below.



The Roses Once upon a time in a beautiful church in Flamstead called St Leonards that was very busy, there was this one person called Sally and there was a group of roses in the church yard that she looked after. Sally watered the roses and picked out all of the weeds and made sure that they looked really pretty. Many people believed if anything tried to hurt or break the church the roses would stop it from happening.

The roses were very special because they'd been there over 2 centuries and have survived in the war, and nothing had ever harmed them. The roses were orangey/pink and very shiny and big. Special people in heaven look over them and give the roses superpowers and people on earth lay roses by the plaque in the flower bed to make them have even more superpowers. Once a couple of bricks were about to fall off the church wall and it would collapse but somebody saw the bricks and then grabbed a rose off the rose bush with super powers in it and he put it down in front of the loose bricks which were just about to fall and a few days later somebody called Ben saw the rose laying next to the brick and Ben knew that's not how the magic rose worked, you have to put it on top of the bricks not in front of the bricks ,so he put it on top of the bricks and he came back a few days later and the bricks were placed back very, very, very tight and now Ben knew that those bricks wont ever fall off again.

Ben asked the vicar if they could cover the whole church with roses, the Vicar Tom said "yes we would have enough to cover the whole church but they would never grow back again in the flower beds " but Ben said " Don't forget we have 2 billion roses growing off that patch of roses and because they are magic roses they will never ever stop growing" Vicar Tom then agreed to cover the whole church with roses. Once the church was covered with roses it smelt really really nice and kept all of the baddies away but even though the church smelt nice and looked very pretty, Vicar Tom was very worried about the church roof. Ben told vicar Tom not to worry as the magical roses would fix the roof with their special powers.

Ben was right and along with the angels on the walls of the church the magical roses fixed the church roof. Once the church roof was fixed Ben decided to help Sally look after the roses.

Together they trimmed them to look really nice and they picked out every single weed out of the roses and nicely pressed down the soil and cleaned the plaque making sure everyone in heaven would always be able to see the roses looking pretty for ever.

Congratulations also to Leo who won placed 2nd for his brilliantly gory story - The Beast of St Leonard's.

There were a really good number of entrants from Flamstead Village School and the judges were so impressed with all the stories.

We have been asked to give a special mention to the following children , for entering and writing really brilliant stories. The judges had a tough time!!



Well done and congratulations to:



**Max
Lewis
Charlotte
Dillon
Nicole
Archie
Harry**

Attendance this week

Year Group	w/b 27/11/23
Nursery	100%
Reception	96%
Year 1	86%
Year 2	97%
Year 3	99%
Year 4	92%
Year 5	84%
Year 6	100%
Congratulations to Nursery and Year 6!	

Keeping Safe Information

ChildLine
0800 1111

however you feel, ChildLine is here for you.
Call free, day or night on 0800 1111. Or if you're deaf, hard of hearing or speech impaired, textphone 0800 400 222. ChildLine is a service provided by the NSPCC.

Bright Stars! Friday 1st December

Nursery	Frankie	For fabulous drawing and maths learning this week! Frankie has been joining in and deepening her learning, both independently and within lessons all week!
Reception	Cordelia	For fantastic work ethic this week! Cordelia has been taking pride in her Phonics learning and impressing Miss Stout with her sentences!
Year 1	Jude	For being responsible and trying his best.
Year 2	Winter	For making positive choices for her learning and being a superstar at play rehearsals
Year 3	Darcy	For showing fantastic improvement in confidence performing in class and during singing this week. We are very proud of him.
Year 4	Max	For excellent explanations in maths this week using base facts to solve problems (thinking about what he already knows and how he can use this to find answers)
Year 5	Dillon	For great enthusiasm in Dance.
Year 6	Laila	For brilliant effort in English.

Numbots and TTRS Certificates

Well done to the following children who had AMAZING scores this week.

Well done to Xander, Henry, Lewis, William,

Dillon and Charlotte and all of Year 6 for the highest percentage of users.



Upcoming dates for your diaries!

Date	Time	Event
02.12.23	Afternoon	Tree Festival at the Methodist Church
04.12.23	9.00–12.00	Y6 Health questionnaires
06.12.23	-	Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day
08.12.23	4.00–5.30	KS1 School Disco
08.12.23	5.45–7.15	KS2 School Disco
12.12.23	9.30	EYFS / KS1 Christmas Production
13.12.23	4.00	EYFS / KS1 Christmas Production
14.12.23	AM	North Pole Shop - FOFS
14.12.23	PM	Santa's Sleigh visits the village at 5pm
15.12.23	2.30	Christmas service at St Leonards Church
19.12.23	-	Panto in school and Party Day
20.12.23	1.30	End Of Term
04.01.24	-	Occasional Day—school closed
05.01.24	-	INSET Day—School Closed to pupils
08.01.24	-	Spring terms begins - Welcome back everyone
09.01.24	-	Reception height and weight checks
30.01.24	All day/ evening	Young Voices at the O2 arena
08.02,24	10,00	Electric Umbrella visit
12.02.24	3.30–5.30	Parents Evening
13.02.24	5.00–7.30	Parents Evening
13.02.24	-	FOFS Pancake Flip
16.02,24	-	Half term begins

Please put these into your diaries!

Additional dates for the rest of the academic year are on the school website.

Requests Please

If any families have any of the following they no longer need we would be grateful if they could be donated to school next week.

Monopoly board game and Cluedo board game. Lego of any description, white Christmas lights , gold and silver tinsel and crackers.

Please bring them to the school office.

Look at the fabulous range of events and achievements this week in school.

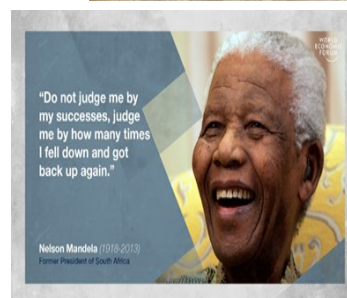
Christmas tree decorating, Competition winners, 'Senses' workshop for Maple Class, a live lesson for Bonsai class



The first Lego club saw our block builders challenged to create their amazing models using just 20 bricks. Careful picking and planning was essential as any extra bricks had to be negotiated for half way through the session.



Bonsai class we're given the opportunity to hear Stevenage local Gary Young talk about his life and career. Gary first taught in Sudan as a teenager before becoming a journalist for The Guardian. He has published many books and worked with many influential figures including Nelson Mandela, Maya Angelou, Desmond Tutu, Lewis Hamilton and Stormzy. Bonsai then listened to Still I Rise by Maya Angelou before learning more about Nelson Mandela and exploring some of his most famous quotes.



Pret a Portrait have extended their Early Bird Discount **until 6th December** to give parents a little extra time to get their discount if they wish to place an order.

YOUR SCHOOL PHOTOS
make great Christmas Gifts

Please be sure to place your order before our Christmas Order Deadlines.

Framed Prints, Canvases & Acrylics
Last order date Thursday 7th December

Unframed Prints
Last order date Sunday 17th December

Digital Downloads
Custom retouch - 22nd December (Available by 24th December)
Fast Track Digital Download - 24th December (Available in minutes)

Full details of products, prices and order deadlines available on our website.

Community News and Events

Dear Flamstead Families.

One of our parents has very generously offered to raise money for Flamstead Village School by completing the MK Winter Half Marathon on the 10th of December. If you would like to support Jess and our school please send any donations into the school office next week.

We are really grateful to Jess for supporting school and wish her the best of luck in her marathon. Below is a message from Jess about why taking part and raising money is so important to her and her family.

My name is Jessica, I am mummy to Charlotte in year 6 and co-owner of Apple Trees Child Care. When my Dad was diagnosed with cancer in 2021 our family and Apple Trees did many fundraising activities to raise money for Cancer Research. One of the fundraising activities was for me to run my first half marathon which was scheduled for 11th December 2022.

Sadly my Dad passed away on 9th December 2022 after an admirable battle just 2 days before the run. Although I was utterly heartbroken, I felt I wanted to complete the run now in his memory and to raise money so that hopefully one day there can be a cure for this horrific disease. I was humbled by the amount of sponsors I got and raised over £2000 just on the run.

This year I decided that I wanted to run the same race again in my Dad's memory but this year I did not ask for sponsorship as times are tough and everyone I know was so generous last year I didn't want to ask them all again. It was just going to be a run for Dad.

However, Dad was a huge supporter of the village school, and as they find themselves in hard times financially I thought it would be nice to try and raise some funds for the school so that our children can benefit from 'extras' those funds will be able to provide.

Dad loved the children in the village and he would be happy to see money raised for them. This will still be a run in memory of my Dad, Eddie Devoti, but if anyone would like to sponsor me with all funds going to Flamstead Village School it would be very much appreciated and will certainly help me round the course. If you would like to sponsor me please send any donations into the school next week.





Navigating parenthood PARENTKIND WEBINARS



How to exercise more without really trying
24-01-2024 | 7.30 - 8.15pm



An introduction to autism
06-03-2024 | 7.30 - 8.30pm



A nutritionist's guide to dealing with fussy eating
26-01-2024 | 12.30 - 1.30pm



Stress management
07-05-2024 | 10.00 - 11.00am



Helping your child achieve in school
30-01-2024 | 7.30 - 8.30pm



Neurodiversity in children matters - behaviour management for SEN children
11-05-2024 | 7.30 - 8.30pm



Building resilience
06-02-2024 | 10.00 - 11.00am



Supporting your child's mental health
20-05-2024 | 7.30 - 8.30pm



Helping your child succeed in KS1 English
09-02-2024 | 12.30 - 1.30pm



Helping your child succeed in KS2 English
22-05-2024 | 12.30 - 1.30pm



Keeping your child safe online
28-02-2024 | 7.30 - 8.30pm

Father Christmas is coming to Flamstead

14/12/23

Hello Flamstead

sleigh bells from 5pm

M = Mulled wine and Mince Pies

Friends of Flamstead School

Christmas Party

Entrance
£1

08/12/
2023



Drinks

Live DJ

Food

Guest appearance

Each child receives a gift

Flamstead School

KS1 4pm - 5.30pm

KS2 5.45pm - 7.15pm

Please give £1 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.



Dacorum Local Plan 2024 to 2040 Revised Strategy for Growth Consultation



The consultation opens at:

Midday on 30 October 2023
and closes at 11.59pm on 11 December 2023

To take part in the consultation online,
and for more information, please go to:
letstalk.dacorum.gov.uk

Email: strategic.planning@dacorum.gov.uk

Phone: 01442 228000 and ask for Strategic Planning



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