

This Week's News

Friday 7th February 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

This week we have been giving an extra focus to the mental health and wellbeing of our children during 'Children's Mental Health Week'. We started the week with a wonderfully energetic assembly with 'Electric Umbrella' on the theme of acceptance. The children were all engaged and some children took part in the assembly with our visitors. The assembly was a lot of fun but with an important message and hopefully your children have been sharing all the other activities they have been doing this week with you at home.

All classes also took part in the Big School Bird Watch this week and enjoyed time exploring outside areas in the school and our outdoor areas are being further enhanced with the pond area development. Our KS2 Bob Marley assembly on Thursday was also wonderful. We joined schools from Spain, Italy, USA, Jamaica, United Emirates and many more to celebrate Bob Marley's 80th birthday whilst increasing our dopamine levels for Children's Mental Health Week. Thank you to all the parents that attended. We ended the week with our NSPCC Numbers Day, a busy but fun and memorable week.

This week, Cherry Class have been busy building. From mansion and superhero bases with magnet tiles to LEGO Disney creations, their imaginations have been super. Reception have comparing numbers in Maths this week and looking at which number is bigger and why as well as how much bigger the numbers are compared to others. For example, 3 is 1 bigger than 2 but 8 is 6 bigger than 2. They have enjoyed some days of sunnier weather with children enjoying climbing, building, and exploring the water wall and trays outside.

In KS1 Maple Class have been working together to build their teamwork skills in PSHE this week. They worked in teams, before carefully coming together as a whole class to create a giant paper chain. They had a brilliant visit by local musician Steve Harris who played his guitar and showed them how persevering and practise can really pay off. Outside, they looked to the skies to spot birds as part of the Big School Birdwatch and then they explored the micro-habitats on ground level to discover what they might find living there.

In KS2 Chestnut Class have been super writers this week. Their persuasive writing on why people should come to Flamstead was amazing and the whole class received a Headteacher sticker.

Bonsai Class have had another busy week. Year 6 have shown great focus in their mock SATs whilst I had the pleasure of teaching Year 5 this week. To mark Children's Mental Health Week, they have explored how to know themselves and grow themselves. As a class they enjoyed going outside to look up and bird watch whilst also looking at the flowers around school in their classification lesson.

For more information on Mental health please see the links below.

<https://www.place2be.org.uk/our-services/services-in-schools/mental-health-services-for-parents-and-carers/>

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/>

Next week we have our Spring Term parent meetings. If you have not yet booked an appointment slot please do so on Arbor as soon as possible. Appointments for Chestnut Class will be after the half term.

I wish you all a super weekend and look forward to seeing you on Monday.

Jacqui Walton-Jones

Headteacher

Reminders

10th Feb— Y3/4 to Chiltern Open Air Museum

10th Feb—Parents Evening 5.00 -7.30pm

11th Feb—Safer Internet Day

12th Feb—Parents Evening—3.30—5.30pm

13th Feb- Half Term break. 3.15pm finish

14th Feb —INSET Day

24th Feb—Back to school

24th Feb—Bring in Extreme Reading pictures

25th Feb—KS2 Rapid Fire Cricket (Roundwood)

27th Feb—Book Fair starting

28th Feb—Parent Council Meeting

3rd March—World Book Week starts

3rd March—Author into school

3rd March—Secondary Allocation Day

4th March—FOFS Pancake Flip

4th March—Bring a book to share in school

7th March—West End Live in to school

7th March—Book Dress Up Day

Photos of the week



Eco Club made a bag each using recycled old t-shirts.



Cherry Class



KSI Lego Club - Children's Mental Health Week



POND DEVELOPMENT

The development of the school pond is well underway. We had two days of development this week. The pond has been completely removed and fitted with new liners and base layers. The water feature is installed and the natural barrier around the outside of the pond is in place. We still have planters, plants and surfaces to renew but I am sure you will agree it is all beginning to take shape nicely. It will be a lovely learning space for the children and also a welcoming feature to our school.



FOFS NEWS

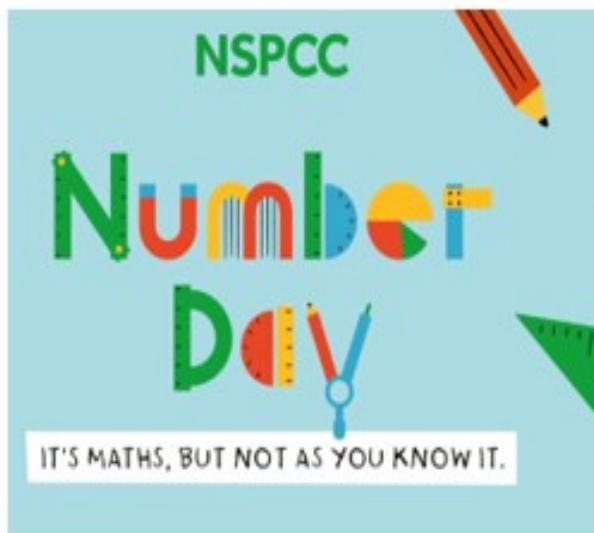
Save the Date!

Thursday 3rd April - FoFS quiz night, Flamstead Village School.

**Everyone enjoys the FoFS quiz night - Andy the quiz master is booked in -
Fish and Chip supper
Super popular - SAVE THE DATE**

Sunday 11th May -time tbc (pm) - FoFS Springtime Trail

A fun, wholesome, family event. A quiz as you walk around our beautiful village. Physical and mental exercise. Start/finish at the Recreation Ground - more details to follow.



We have loved seeing all the children dressed for digits and having fun with numbers today. Some of our most creative children came together for a photo. Thank you parents/carers for your support.

Thank you to all who made donations to the NSPCC via Arbor or as cash. Arbor will remain open for donations until half term.



Last week Miss Pike challenged each class to achieve over 50% of the class logging on to Numbots/TTRS before today. Well done to Year 1, Year 3 and Year 4 who all met the target and received a star in their jar. All classrooms have been busy with numbers: Cherry class have created a NumberBlocks window, Year 2 were mathmagicians multiplying by 0, Chestnut and Bonsai both enjoyed the Who wants to be a Mathionaire quiz.

Year 1 were thrilled to be invited to Bonsai class for a fun carousel of activities run by the Year 5 & 6 children.



FINANCE

We now have a specific email to deal with financial matters.

Please direct any queries regarding payment requests etc to:

finance@flamsteadjmi.herts.sch.uk

POLITE REQUEST

Mrs Smith has been busy chasing up outstanding payments this week.

If you have received a reminder for a payment please can we ask you to settle this asap.

Payments can be easily made for trips/clubs/donations/lunches etc on Arbor and

we would like to stress that some of these do not need

to be paid in one big chunk but on a 'top up' basis, i.e. lunches.

In some circumstances we can still accept cash (correct amount only please) however payment via Arbor is our preferred option please.

If you have received a payment request for which you believe you have already dealt with please do email the school office – finance@flamsteadjmi.herts.sch.uk

RISE AND SHINE CLUB—IMPORTANT MESSAGE

We are aware that some children are attending Rise and Shine

Club without having booked a place in advance.

Places for the Rise and Shine Club

must be pre-booked via Arbor to ensure there is the appropriate

level of staff cover – pupils will therefore now

not be admitted if they arrive at school on a 'drop-in' basis.

Bookings can be made in 'block' or, should you need last minute provision, book **by 4pm**

the day before the place is required. If you have a problem when

trying to secure a place on Arbor, please email the school office.

Bright Stars

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Nursery	Millie	For her marvellous Maths! Millie has been using her 'Exploring and Learning' character strength to make up number sentences and find the answers using resources in the classroom.
Reception	Edie	For her wonderful writing this week. Edie has been focusing on her personal writing targets this week and has shown great responsibility for these.
Year 1	Joni	For joining in so respectfully and thoughtfully to class discussion.
Year 2	Jasper	For enthusiastically engaging with all our mental health activities this week.
Year 3	Louie	For some excellent persuasive writing and for focusing on the task so well.
Year 4	Darcy	For using some lovely expanded noun phrases in his persuasive writing.
Year 5	Isabella	For great effort and focus in English writing her non-chronological report.
Year 6	Harry	For his focus and hard work publishing his non-chronological report.

Attendance this week

Year Group	w/b 3rd February
Nursery	91%
Reception	97%
Year 1	94%
Year 2	96%
Year 3	95%
Year 4	94%
Year 5	87%
Year 6	96%
Which class will get 100% next week?	

TTRS and Numbots

Year Group	Who impressed us ?	Percentage of Children online
Nursery	Jessica	20%
Reception	Clyde	43%
Year 1	Austin	50%
Year 2	Leo and Ferne	54%
Year 3	Joey	73%
Year 4	Ben and Darcy	100%
Year 5	Louis	36%
Year 6	David	47%
Well done Y4—All of you were online this week!		

Close Encounters of a Musical Kind!

David Beaman Quartet

Musicians from the BBC Concert Orchestra and City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra



Sunday 9 March 2025
2:30pm AND 4pm
St Leonard's Church
Flamstead

SCAN ME!



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

Tickets: £5 per Child / Parents FREE
Donations welcome
Suitable for Children age 4+

Close Encounters of a Musical Kind!

Looking for something interesting to occupy your children or grandchildren on a Sunday afternoon?

Would you like to introduce your children to classical music in a fun and interactive way?

Musicians from the BBC Concert Orchestra and City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra join us to present an amazing concert introducing primary school aged children to the String section!

A chance to get up close, meet the players and their instruments and embark on an exciting musical journey!

To include children's film music (including Harry Potter and Jurassic Park) TV themes (including Wallace and Gromit) and plenty of other musical surprises.

The bar will be open after each concert to allow you to enjoy some refreshments afterwards. We will have a different seating plan for this concert allowing our children to be on cushions around the musicians.

Tickets £5 per child and parents go free!

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/whats-on/flamstead/flamstead-st-leonards/close-encounters-of-a-musical-kind/e-eymkbv>

Please see the leaflets sent home in book bags today.

Half-term music making days!

Our Half-term music making days are the perfect opportunity for children aged 6 –11 to explore the magic of music in a fun, safe and supportive environment.

Scan the QR code to access the booking link and reserve your spot.



Monday 17 Feb - Friday 21 Feb 2025



9.30am - 3.30pm



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