

This Week's News

Thursday 13th February

Dear Parents and Carers

It was so lovely to see you all at our Spring Term parent meetings on Monday and Wednesday. I hope you enjoyed looking at your child's books and speaking to their class teacher.

This week, Cherry Class have had a fantastic time celebrating Safer Internet Day, where they identified six trusted adults they can turn to for help and advice online. They also embraced the spirit of Valentine's Day, with each child creating a special surprise for their adults at home—these can be found inside their reading records. A big congratulations to Reception for receiving their PSHE Jigsaw Footprint awards after working hard to achieve the goals they set for themselves at the start of the term. Alongside these exciting events, the children have been busy painting, drawing, practising their name writing, and exploring in Maths. It's been a wonderful week full of creativity, learning and achievement!

Maple Class have been carrying on collecting Happy Mind tokens when we recognise character strengths in others around school. We also made wishing wands in PSHE encapsulating our hopes and dreams for the future. In RE, the children had a go at making origami lotus flowers to celebrate our learning this half term about Buddhism.

I was lucky enough to take Chestnut Class to Chiltern Open Air Museum on Monday, along with Miss Pike and three super adult helpers. It was certainly a chilly day but it made sitting in the Anglo Saxon hut even more authentic! The children all participated in workshops based around the Anglo Saxons and archaeology. They all made an Anglo Saxon brooch, wrote their names using the runic alphabet on clay tablets, completed some weaving and investigated what it means to be an archaeologist. We even found treasure when completing a mini archaeological dig. It was a super day and if later on in the year you are looking for a fun day out it is certainly an interesting place to visit.

Bonsai have had a great week to finish the half term. In English they have been exploring speech and the features which allow the writer to show character or advance action. In Maths they have been exploring equivalent fractions. The highlight of the week has to be sculpting their vases in Art. You may have seen their wonderful creations as you walk into school. The vases will dry over half term and be ready for decorating the first day back so keep an eye out. Could we politely request that everyone parks considerately when dropping and collecting children. There have been occasions when cars are pulling up and parking on the verges and pavements where children are walking to school and we obviously want to keep everyone safe. Thank you in advance for being thoughtful when parking.

I wish you all a safe and enjoyable half term holiday and look forward to seeing you back in school on Monday the 24th of February. Please remember to bring your extreme reading photos in on this day too.

Kind regards

Jacqui Walton-Jones

Headteacher

Reminders

- 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—World Book Day**
- 7th March—West End Live in to school**
- 7th March—Book Dress Up Day**
- 10th March—Science Week starts**
- 11th March—Space Dome in school**

Photos of the week



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 made for trips/clubs/donations/lunches etc on Arbor

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.

Payment must be made at the same time the booking is placed and is non-refundable.

Bright Stars

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Nursery	Willow	For her perseverance in writing her name independently. Willow has been focused this week in meeting her goal of name writing and more detailed drawings.
Reception	Frankie	For her wonderful independent sentence writing in the Cherry Class café this week. She has also met her personal goal of remembering lots of tricky word spellings and using these words in her writing.
Year 1	Reece	For persevering with recording his learning in English.
Year 2	Finley	For good maths learning and using our concrete resources adding two 2-digit numbers together.
Year 3	Rafe	For being a good and kind friend to everyone in his class.
Year 4	Lilly	For super perseverance in learning her times tables and being able to use them in her maths learning.
Year 5	Lottie	For great listening, focus and independent sculpting in Art when creating her vase.
Year 6	Leo	For fantastic teamwork, focus and a positive attitude to learning.

Attendance this week

Year Group	w/b 10th February
Nursery	87%
Reception	86%
Year 1	91%
Year 2	98%
Year 3	75%
Year 4	97%
Year 5	89%
Year 6	85%
Let's aim for 100% after half term please	

TTRS and Numbots

Year Group	Who impressed us ?	Percentage of Children online
Nursery	-	20%
Reception	Frankie	43%
Year 1	Austin	44%
Year 2	Leo	36%
Year 3	Louie	67%
Year 4	Darcy S	100%
Year 5	Lottie	45%
Year 6	Harry	33%
Well done to Year 4—100% again this week!		

FLAMSTEAD KIDS CLUBHOUSE

Wraparound care
for cool kids

£18 3.15 til 6pm

£12 4.15 til 6pm

Pickup from
Flamstead School



www.flamsteadpreschool.co.uk/wraparound



Half Term Holiday Club

£30

Mon 17th Feb 9-3

Wed 19th Feb 9-3

Flamstead Preschool

pool table, air hockey &
table football, escape
room, crafts and cooking

children from 6 months to year 6
bring a packed lunch (snack provided)

book your space by Friday 7th Feb

www.flamsteadpreschool.co.uk info@flamsteadpreschool.co.uk