



This Week's News!

Friday 17th November 2023

Dear Parents / Carers and Flamstead Families

The weather has been quite changeable this week but the children have been delightful! This week was Anti-Bullying week. We started the week with an assembly introducing the theme of 'Make some noise'. We talked about the fact that we won't like everyone we meet in life and we don't always agree, but we can choose respect and unity. We also talked about Kindness Day which was on Monday and how we can show everyone kindness in and out of school.

This week has also been Maths Week England. A email was sent home at the beginning of the week with information about what we have been doing and how you can support your child at home.

Thank you for all your contributions for our Children in Need collection. If you haven't contributed please do so on Arbor. See www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk for more information or challenge yourself to be SPOTacular by completing a quiz to find your challenge with this QR code.



We also had a real treat on Thursday when we welcomed Bart Gee into our assembly. Bart spoke to the children in an assembly and also facilitated workshops on this half terms theme of resilience for all children in KS1 and KS2. Bart was born with Arthrogyriposis. He was truly inspirational and spoke to the children about challenge. Even when things are difficult, hard or challenging, they are still possible! For more information please see his website. <https://www.breakinglimits.co.uk>

We ended our week with a FANTASTIC assembly from Year 5 and Year 6. All the children were amazing. The News reports and videos from the Sky Studios were great and we certainly have some budding rock stars, journalists and presenters in the making!

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs J Walton-Jones

Headteacher



Supporting your child with maths at home.

The Maths Mascots and book are coming home today. They will go home with one child in each class each week. We look forward to following their maths adventures!

Cherry Class—Colin the Counting Chameleon

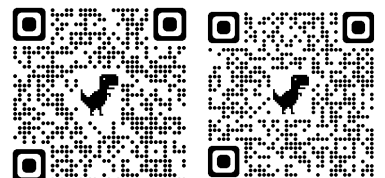
Maple Class —Diggory the Digit Dragon

Chestnut Class—Freddy the Fact Family / Fraction Fairy

Bonsai Class—Nibbles the Numerical Niffler



Scan the codes for links to support on the BBC website and Times Tables Rockstars



Prefer to learn through song whilst keeping active? You can find timetables songs here; <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/supermovers/times-table-collection/z4vv6v4>

Bright Stars! Friday 17th November

Nursery	Frankie	For Participating in all learning this week and being a positive member of the classroom community.
Reception	Arabella	For her amazing attitude to learning this week. Arabella has challenged herself in all learning, especially in Literacy. She has shown great resilience this week while pushing her learning forwards!
Year 1	Ferne	For brilliant phonics and always trying her best.
Year 2	Henry	For wonderful performance of our poetry reading of 'Heartwood'.
Year 3	George	George for great participation and enthusiasm with our class text, the Lost Spells.
Year 4	Rupert	For fantastic improvement in his artwork and presentation.
Year 5	Max	For fantastic singing and being a budding rock star!
Year 6	Millie	For beautiful artwork and illustrations on British wildlife.



Anti Bullying week and Kindness Day



For more information visit

www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk

This Anti-Bullying Week let's come together to have discussions about what bullying means to us, how banter can turn into something more hurtful, and what we can do to stop bullying. Together, we can make a difference and take a stand against bullying.

From the playground to Parliament, and from our phones to our homes, let's make a noise about bullying.

Bonsai's class poem

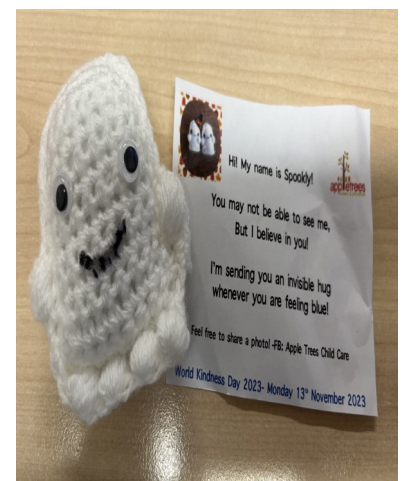
A kind friend helps everyone,
Never a situation that should happen,
The time has come to stop,
I don't agree with bullying.

Bullying must stop,
Use your voice,
Look at the change we can make,
Let's stop this together,
You can make a difference,
Inside you there is kindness,
Now is the time to make a noise,
Go and make a change!

Maple Class is kind !!

Monday	Help someone tidy up or clean.	Smile more.
Tuesday	Give someone a compliment.	Use kind words.
Wednesday	Write a thank you note to someone.	Always say 'please' and 'thank you'.
Thursday	Hold the door open for someone else.	Show someone you are listening by looking at them.
Friday	Offer to play with someone who is on their own.	Put things back where they belong.

Anti Bullying Week 2023



We found a lovely Ghost outside school who arrived on World Kindness Day to give us all an invisible hug! Thank you Appletrees!

Attendance this week

Year Group	w/b 13/11
Nursery	95%
Reception	88%
Year 1	93%
Year 2	97%
Year 3	96%
Year 4	94%
Year 5	92%
Year 6	94%
Keep trying to get those figures over 96% everyone!	

Keeping Safe Updates

Statistics show that crime against young children by strangers is rare. Even so, these seven tips can help protect your child:

- Tell your child to avoid talking to people they don't know when you're not around.
- Make sure your child knows never to walk away with strangers.
- Make sure your child understands that they should always tell you if a stranger approaches, and never to keep this secret.
- If your child is travelling alone, tell them to sit near other families on the train or bus.
- If our child has to use a lift – tell them only to use lifts with friends, and not to feel worried about getting out if they are uncomfortable about someone else being in there.
- If your child gets lost, they should ask for help from a police officer, another grown-up with children or someone working at a nearby shop.
- Have your children learn their address and telephone number by heart.

Clothing and uniform reminders

Just a reminder that PE kits consist of either a plain white or red t-shirt, plain black or red hoodie and plain dark coloured tracksuit bottoms. No football shirts please.



Please make sure your child is suitably dressed for school, especially for break times outside. We have had quite a few children in school this week without coats. Please ensure they have a named, warm coat with gloves and hats as appropriate in school every day.

If children wear earrings a reminder that they should be small studs, not hoops please and if possible it would be helpful if they were not worn to school on PE days.

Chicken Pox

We have a few children in school who have contracted chicken pox recently. Please take a look at the guidance in this link. www.nidirect.gov.uk/conditions/chickenpox

Preventing the spread of chickenpox

Chickenpox is caused by the varicella-zoster virus. You catch it by coming into contact with someone who is infected.

The Public Health Agency recommends if your child has chickenpox you should tell their school or nursery and keep them at home while they are infectious. This is until the last blister has crusted over.

This usually takes five or six days after the rash begins.

If you have chickenpox, stay off work and at home until you're no longer infectious.

If either you or your child has chickenpox, it is also a good idea for you, or them, to avoid contact with:

- pregnant women
- newborn babies
- anyone who has a weak immune system, such as people who are having chemotherapy or taking steroids

If someone in your household has chickenpox, you can help stop the virus spreading by wiping any objects or surfaces with a sterilising solution and making sure that any infected clothing or bedding is washed regularly.

Upcoming dates for your diaries!

Date	Time	Event
20.11.23	All day	Y3 and Y4 Trip to St Albans Cathedral
21.11.23	Afternoon	Flu immunisations for Reception to Year 6
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 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.

**TREAT
OTHERS**
the way
you
want to be
TREATED.

Don't let anyone
feel left out....



....be a good friend!

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before you speak
THINK
- - -
T=Is it true?
H=Is it helpful?
I=Is it inspiring?
N=Is it necessary?
K=Is it kind?

Community News and Events



The Rose & Crown Christmas Market

Saturday 9th December

11am - 2pm

Rose & Crown, Trowley Bottom, Flamstead

There will be various stalls both in Christmas theme
and gift ideas, including:

A mohair jumper stall,
Tombola,
Mulled wine & mince pies,
Christmas cards,
Bespoke Christmas gifts,
Handbags
And Much More!

Fundraising profits will be split 50/50 between Flamstead
JMI School and Flamstead Pre-School.

If you would be interested in participating with a stall
of your own

Please contact Kelly on 07581 020589

Fun for all the family and a great way to
Get into the Christmas spirit!

