



This Week's News!

Friday 10th November 2023

Dear Parents / Carers and Flamstead Families

We had a very successful Fireworks Event last weekend. The sky lit up with the beautiful fireworks arranged by FOFS. I am sure the whole community joins me in thanking FOFS for their ongoing hard work and support in organising wonderful events for the school and wider community.

This week has been UK Parliament Week. The children have had assemblies to talk about what Parliament is, how the School Council is similar to Parliament and what Democracy means. The children in Nursery and Reception enjoyed watching the State Opening of Parliament live and recognised King Charles III. Throughout the school this week all the children in KS1 and KS2 have been exploring a book called 'The Lost Spells' as part of the HfL English unit, explore and engage. Year One and Two loved learning about Parliament. It has been a busy week in KS2. Children in Year 3 and Year 4 have been making a field of poppies and learning about the story of Rama and Sita in Hinduism. whilst Year 5 and Year Six have been exploring Diwali and Remembrance poems.

The Class Curriculum Overviews are now on the School Website under the class pages. Please take a look to see what the children will be learning about this half term.

I am awaiting the official start date for the main roof work to begin and I will keep you updated as to the progress of the work once it begins. The children have all been very mindful and sensible regarding the scaffolding.

You may also notice a familiar friendly face in the school office on Thursday's and Friday's. Mrs Smith will be back in school over the next few weeks and we are delighted to see her back in school!



Thank you for supporting The Royal British Legion through the purchase of poppies fundraising merchandise this week and I hope you enjoy any Remembrance Day Services or events you may be attending his weekend. Leo will be laying a laying a wreath on behalf of Village School at the memorial in the Village on Sunday in thanks for the service and lives given in times of conflict.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs J Walton-Jones
Headteacher



FOFS NEWS!

On Saturday the 4th of November FOFS held its biggest fundraiser of the year, the Flamstead Village Fireworks.

It was an event that took a huge amount of planning and effort, with over twenty volunteers helping out on the day. But all that effort paid off. The Fireworks display was absolutely brilliant and FOFS was able to raise **£2600** for the school. We are delighted.

FOFS would like to thank Mark McGreavy, Will Franklin, Dave Carter and Chris Goor for their incredible support in making the event happen as well as all the volunteers who stepped in to marshal, run the bbq, the bar, the hot drinks stall and the glo-toys stall. We couldn't have done it without you.

Many thanks also to Mrs Walton-Jones for all her support in the lead-up to and during this event. All money raised will go towards the school and enhancing our children's educational experience.

Bright Stars!
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Nursery	Cayleb	For his wonderful writing and reading this week. Cayleb has begun learning phonics and is showing great pride in all his learning.
Reception	George	For his wonderful independent writing this week. George segmented and built words to label story sequences and create descriptions of characters independently.
Year 1	Finley	For wonderful participation in Mrs. Golfetto's Remembrance Show and Tell.
Year 2	Isla	For writing a great acrostic poem based on our Lost Spells book.
Year 3	Rafael	For settling into a new school so well and working hard to improve in all areas.
Year 4	Max	For using great tone and clear expression performing a poem in English.
Year 5	Harry	For impressing Miss Russell with his motivation and engagement.
Year 6	Archie	For answering lots of questions and supporting class discussions.

We give thanks and Remember...



**Poppy poppy what do you say?
Wear me on Remembrance Day.**

**Poppy poppy what do you tell?
Many soldiers in battle fell.**

**Poppy poppy what should we
know?**

**That peace on earth should
grow, grow, grow.**



Attendance this week

Year Group	w/b 6/11
Nursery	100 %
Reception	78 %
Year 1	96 %
Year 2	96 %
Year 3	100 %
Year 4	93 %
Year 5	94 %
Year 6	100 %

Keeping Safe Updates

How can my child be seen more easily?

ON DULL DAYS...

- Children can wear bright or fluorescent colours
- High-visibility tabards and other clothing can be purchased from many retailers
- Fluorescent armbands can worn over coats and other clothes
- Use bags in bright colours or with high-visibility strips

AT NIGHT...

- Reflective clothing reflects light from car and bike headlamps
- Reflective armbands, clothes and accessories should be placed on bags and clothing, or over it
- Remember that fluorescent colours don't show up in the dark

HOW TO STAY COOL...

- For older children who may see fluorescent and reflective items as 'uncool', stickers for bags or coats can be purchased

UK Parliament Week.

We talked about what Parliament is and what is the difference between the House of Commons and the House of Lords. We discussed what a debate was and how it was ok to disagree with one another as long as we listened with respect to someone else's views. We learnt about the work that happens in the Houses of Parliament and how it effects us and our families. We then had a chance to show each other what we thought were important issues to discuss and debate. Finally we watched today's opening of Parliament and saw how the King was not allowed in the House of Commons and how the MPs shut the door on Black Rod before everyone went into the House of Lords to listen to the King's speech.

From Miss Murray and all of Maple Class.



Here are Reception watching the State Opening of Parliament.



An announcement from the Governing Board

A message from the Chair Of Governors, Chris Carson.

After 9 "fun packed" years I wanted to announce I will be stepping down as chair of the governors. After leading / being part of 3 (successful) Ofsteds, supporting 2 Heads and surviving 1 pandemic I'm happy to be able to hand over the reins to Louise Russell with a bright future ahead.

I want to thank all teachers, parents and pupils for their unwavering support to the school. It's an amazing asset to the village, and with Louise and Mrs Walton-Jones at the helm it will continue to grow from strength to strength.

I am sure the whole school Community will join us in thanking Chris for his dedication and support over the past 9 years. Thank you Chris.

Upcoming dates for your diaries!

Date	Time	Event
06.11.23	All week	UK Parliament Week
10.11.23	All day	World Science Day
13.11.23	All week	Anti Bullying Week
13.11.23	3.30	Y5 and Y6 meeting for the School Residential trip 2024.
15.11.23	All day	Individual School Photos
15.11.23	8.50	Bags to School Day—Please leave on grass outside school
17.11.23	9.00	Bonsai Class Assembly—Parents welcome
17.11.23	All day	Children in Need—Non School Uniform—£1 fundraiser
20.11.23	All day	Y3 and Y4 Trip to St Albans Cathedral
21.11.23	Afternoon	Flu immunisations for Reception to Year 6
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

Please put these into your diaries!

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

Community News and Events



Dacorum Families SEND Information Fayre

DSPL8 are pleased to announce our forth Dacorum Families SEND Information Fayre!


Thursday 7th December 2023
10am-12pm
at Bennetts End Community Centre
Gatecroft, Hemel Hempstead, HP3 9LZ

The Information Fayre will include local provider information stands, activities for children & refreshments!
Please register your attendance via the booking link below and you are welcome to drop in any time between 10am—12pm.

Booking link: <https://dspl8sendinfofayre071223.eventbrite.co.uk>
(Registration closes on 29th November 2023)







Art classes and workshops for children aged 5 to 11.
Empowering children by teaching drawing and artistic skills.
welcome@myafterschoolartclub.com. Tel 07 581 185 965

Drawing comes naturally to young children. Drawing is fundamental to their learning, to remember concepts, to grow, and understand the world around them. It is a powerful tool that taps into visual, kinesthetic, and linguistic areas of the brain at the same time, and establishes more neural connections than writing or reading alone. Our art club helps children retain and develop their drawing abilities and sustain their enthusiasm for self-expression and creativity.


Dear parents and carers,

Our next art project is inspired by the
The landscapes of British Artist David Hockney

Booking essential: [Booking Flamstead next art project](#)

Flamstead Village School
Tuesdays 3.30 - 4.30
Children from Reception to Year 6 are welcome.

For details about the project and learning objectives please click on the pictures.



November - December 2023
It is Spring in Herts.
Inspiration: The landscapes of British artist David Hockney
Content: Painting a landscape and animals.
Medium: Acrylic paint.

6 weeks £66 October 31, November 7, 14, 21, 28, December 5

For more detailed information about the club, visit the website
www.myafterschoolartclub.com

Do not hesitate to contact me by email at welcome@myafterschoolartclub.com or by phone on 07 581 185 965 should you have any questions. Thank you. *Nathalie*