



Flamstead Village School

# This Week's News!

Friday 13th October 2023



Dear Parents / Carers and Flamstead Families

It was so lovely to see so many of you at the Autumn Fair on Saturday. Thank you and well done to FOFS for organising such a fantastic event for the school and the local community. Congratulations to all the children who entered their Autumn masterpieces into the Art Competition. Everyone's work was proudly displayed in our Flamstead Gallery and prizes and certificates were awarded to the winners. This week our Italian lessons started across the school and they have been a wonderful addition to our school curriculum. In the EYFS all the children have moved onto reading books with words in and Miss Stout has been so impressed with the effort the children have been putting into their reading and phonics. In KS1 the children have been learning about herbivores, carnivores and omnivores and sorting them into groups.

In KS2 Chestnut class have been enjoying maths games to help with their mental addition and subtraction. In science they looked at how muscles support their skeleton and had fun testing how strong their muscles were with timed experiments. All the hard work Bonsai class have been putting into maths has paid off and Miss Pike has been impressed with their fractions and decimals.

After an initial glitch the booking system for Parent Consultations via the Arbor portal worked well, thank you all for your patience and we look forward to welcoming you into school on either the 16th or 18th of October.

This week we have also focused on World Mental Health day in school. Keeping a healthy mind is vital for us all. Please look after your own wellbeing and the wellbeing of those around you. Should you need any help or support please do not hesitate to contact us in school and we can help to signpost you to the appropriate organisations. The following websites may be of interest to you.

[www.youngminds.org.uk](http://www.youngminds.org.uk)

[www.mind.org.uk](http://www.mind.org.uk)

Best wishes to you all and have an enjoyable weekend.

Mrs J Walton-Jones

Headteacher



## FOFS News

A huge **thank you** to all those who came along to the School Fair last Saturday, but in particular, to all the volunteers who helped run the afternoon.

They included: Eve M, Sarah G, Claire S, Catherine L, Sam and Sam C, Kris C, Rebecca W, Sam H, Mabel M, Carlos G, Karen B, Dave Carter and Will F.

We couldn't have done it without you!

Thank you also to Mrs Walton-Jones and Mrs Drake for their support in organising the event.

## FIREWORKS - We need you!

The planning for the annual village fireworks display is well underway and we are now looking for volunteers to help with this event, which is our biggest of the year.

In particular, we're looking for **marshals** to ensure the event runs smoothly and safely. If you're available from 4:30pm - 7:30pm on the evening of November 4th we'd love to hear from you. Please speak to Christy or Ali in the school playground or email [friendsofflamsteadschool@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofflamsteadschool@gmail.com).

Thank you!

## Bright Stars! Friday 13th October

Nursery	<b>Reggie</b>	for his wonderful independent drawings. Reggie has been trying hard to use his pinchy finger grip while holding a pencil and has put in lots of effort into writing his name on his pictures!
Reception	<b>Phoebe</b>	For her amazing segmenting, building and writing of words independently. Phoebe has been practising her writing at home and has shown wonderful progress in her building of words using sounds she knows. She has also made big steps in her reading progression!
Year 1	<b>Rosie</b>	For joining in really well with our new Italian lessons.
Year 2	<b>Rafe</b>	For trying his best in Maths lessons and for being a kind classmate.
Year 3	<b>Alice</b>	For persevering in her learning and always trying to improve.
Year 4	<b>Rupert</b>	Rupert for excelling in maths and using his skills to help others.
Year 5	<b>Rossi</b>	For great sharing and work in Science.
Year 6	<b>Charlotte</b>	For great teamwork in Science when creating her team's poster.

### Times Tables Rockstars—Keep up with your home learning online!

Our champions this week are:

Numbots— Xander and Finley

Times Tables Rockstars—Isla, Ava, Louis, Tristan and Charlotte

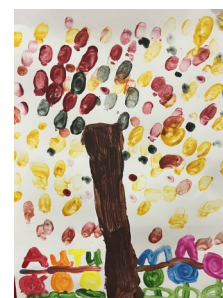
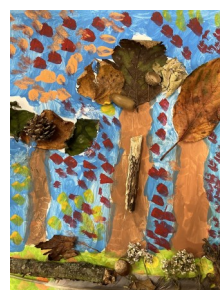


## AUTUMN ART WINNERS



Well done to Reggie, Phoebe, Leo, Isla, Alice, Marion, Harry and Maisie. Enjoy your prizes

and your certificates. You are fantastic artists!



## Attendance this week

Year Group	w/b 13/10
Nursery	75%
Reception	100%
Year 1	100%
Year 2	98%
Year 3	100%
Year 4	94%
Year 5	92%
Year 6	100%

## Please remember!

The weather has certainly turned this week. Please make sure your child brings a **named** coat in everyday.

We are also finding lots of jumpers that are unnamed. **Please name all items your child brings into school.**

Thank you!



### Bag 2 School

Each child has brought home a Bag for Schools bag today. Please fill it with good quality clothing, shoes, hats, belts, handbags, soft toys, bedding, curtains and towels and return to school on **Wednesday 15th November 2023**. **On this date please leave the bags on the grass verge outside the school gates. Please note the date on the bags is incorrect—they have asked us to change the date on the bag to fit in with their other collections.**

## Flamstead Parent Council

**We still need Rep's for Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5.**

It is not a huge responsibility, more of a line of communication between each year group and school and a friendly face for any families new to the year group.

If you would like to be the Rep for your year please contact the school office.

Many thanks.

#### HPCI Parent/Carer Survey

Please share this survey with parent/carers, which closes on Sunday 15th October 2023.

If you are a Hertfordshire parent carer of a child or young person with SEND (age 0-25) we want to hear from you.

Last year's survey results influenced Herts Statutory SEND funding, were shared with the Area SEND inspectors and helped HPCI open discussions with new services and teams. We're hoping 2023 will bring us even more data, so we can be even more effective in representing Herts parent carers.

Survey link: [HPCI Annual SEND Survey \(2023\) \(surveymonkey.co.uk\)](https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk)

**Calling all Herts families with SEND!**

**The 2023 HPCI parent carer survey is open. Please share your views via the QR code.**



Herts Parent & Carer Involvement  
www.herts.gov.uk

Dacorum and St Albans

Quarterly Schools Newsletter



### Halloween

Halloween should be a fun time for children, and with just a few simple habits you can keep it that way!

- Check that all Halloween and fancy-dress costumes you buy carry a CE or UKCA mark on the label.
- Be aware that children wearing loose fitting costumes can trip over.
- Candles glowing inside of pumpkins can cause fires.
- Sharp props – think sticks or plastic swords – can cause eye injuries.
- Pumpkin carving can cause finger and hand injuries.
- Children can become ill when they eat sweets containing an ingredient they are allergic to.



## Upcoming dates for your diaries!

Date	Time	Event
16.10.23	3.30–5.30	Parent's Evening
18.10.23	5.00–7.30	Parent's Evening
19.10.23	All day	Bonsai class trip to the Sky Studios
23.10.23	All day	Half Term Holiday begins
30.10.23	All day	INSET Day - School closed to pupils
31.10.23	All day	INSET Day—School closed to pupils
<b>31.10.23</b>	<b>All day</b>	<b>Last day for Secondary Applications</b>
02.11.23	9.00–12.00	African Drumming workshop for all children
03.11.23	9.15	Y6 Height and weight checks by school nurses
04.11.23	Evening	Flamstead Village School Fireworks - HELPERS PLEASE
06.11.23	All week	UK Parliament Week
10.11.23	All day	World Science Day
13.11.23	All week	Anti Bullying Week
15.11.23	All day	Individual School Photos
15.11.23	8.50	Bags to School Day—Please leave on grass outside sc
17.11.23	9.00	Bonsai Class Assembly—Parents welcome
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

Would you like to support your child more with maths?

**STEP 2 SKILLS**  
**Multiply**

**Learn Numeracy Skills to Help in Daily Life**



**Multiply** is a national campaign to help improve people's confidence with numbers. Hertfordshire County Council and Step2Skills offer a variety of interactive courses and workshops. Face to face or online, these courses can help to build your understanding of numbers, from sewing and cooking to budgeting or a better understanding of Excel, **Multiply** has a course for you.

- Do you live in Hertfordshire?
- Are you 19+ years old?
- No GCSE maths?

To book or find out more, please visit:

[www.step2skills.org.uk](http://www.step2skills.org.uk)

or call 01992-556-194

**HALF TERM INFORMATION SESSIONS**

We have 3 online information sessions so you can understand more about the workshops we offer for parents to support their children with numeracy!

Wednesday 25th October - 12pm  
Thursday 26th October - 3pm  
Friday 27th October - 10am

If you are interested, please email [else.hoare@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:else.hoare@hertfordshire.gov.uk)

Sign up to monthly email updates via our website

Follow us on:



**CHALLENGE**  
SPORT & EDUCATION

## Multi Sports Holiday Course

**Bernards Heath Jr (AL3 5HP)**

**Ages 5 - 11 yrs**

**CHILDREN WILL:**

PLAY GAMES  
MAKE FRIENDS  
LEARN NEW SKILLS  
HAVE FUN!

**DAYS FROM JUST**

**£20 / Day**

### Specialist Sports Available

*We are offering two sports run by our specialist coaches:*

**Tennis - 23rd & 24th**

**Football - 26th & 27th**

**Multi Sports - All Week**

**October dates are now available to book**

**23rd - 27th October**

**To book:**

Visit - [www.challengesporteducation.co.uk](http://www.challengesporteducation.co.uk)

For more info - [info@challengesporteducation.co.uk](mailto:info@challengesporteducation.co.uk)

**Would you like some Halloween fun? The preschool have an exciting Halloween themed After School Club on the 19th October. Please email them directly to [book.Email info@flamsteadpreschool.co.uk](mailto:book.Email@flamsteadpreschool.co.uk)**

**ALL TREATS**  
**THU 19TH OCT 3 TIL 6PM**  
**HALLOWEEN THEMED AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB**  
ARTS AND CRAFTS INCLUDING MAGIC BUBBLE POTIONS, SPIDER CRISPY CAKES COBWEBS AND WOODLAND SPELLS  
INCLUDES PICK UP FLAMSTEAD SCHOOL  
**£20**  
**NO TRICKS!**