



# This Week's News!

Friday 6th October 2023

Dear Parents / Carers and Flamstead Families

Another lovely week for all staff and children. Across the school we have been celebrating '**Space Week**'. In the EYFS the children made a fantastic rocket, and in KS1 the children have produced some lovely writing about what they would like to take into space. In KS2 Chestnut class have been exploring the solar system and life on Mars and designed buildings suitable for growing plants on Mars, while Bonsai class have discussing how they would survive living on other planets. All the children joined in with Space inspired songs in our singing assembly and the rendition of 'Rocket Man'. The children were also hopefully inspired in assembly through the story of Alyssa Carson who dreamed of becoming an astronaut and has become the worlds youngest astronaut in training. She is now only still 22 years old and is hopefully training for mission to Mars!



This week we also welcomed Claire Smith, for the Flamstead Heritage Project into school to talk to KS2 about the **Flamstead 500 writing competition**. It would be fantastic if all children over 7 years old entered. Leaflets were sent home and are also displayed in school. The prizes are fantastic!

This year we are piloting booking slots for **Parent Consultations** via the Arbor portal. Slots will be available to book from 9.00 am on Saturday 7th October until 4.00 pm on Thursday 12th October. Please make sure you have signed up for Arbor and have the App on your phone. Should you experience any issues with either signing up for the Portal or booking your consultation slot please contact the office.

Exciting news...our new **Italian classes** are starting here at Flamstead! Through links with the Italian Embassy we are fortunate to have secured Corrado Andolina as our new Italian Teacher. He will be teaching all children in the school Italian from next Wednesday. This is a great opportunity for the children to be exposed to a modern foreign language. We will also be offering an Italian Club on Wednesday's from 3.20 until 4.20 pm for children in Reception, Year One and Year Two. Please register for this club through Arbor. The Club will start on Wednesday 11th October. Eccellente!



FOFS first big event for the new school year is the **Flamstead School Fair**, an afternoon of fun for families to enjoy. All the activities for the children are **FREE** and there will be a BBQ, Bar and Tombola. So come along and invite your family and friends. It would be lovely to see you all there on Saturday!



Mrs J Walton-Jones  
Headteacher



**Bright Stars!**  
**Friday 6th October**

Nursery	<b>Frankie</b>	For her independent drawing of a rocket, Frankie used her pinchy fingers to create a triangular rocket with 5 windows! Frankie has also been a great role model for her friends this week by being a speedy and super listener.
Reception	<b>Joni</b>	For her SUPERSTAR segmenting and building of words! Joni has impressed all the teachers with her independent writing of words such as 'sausage' and 'doctor'! Well done Joni!
Year 1	<b>George</b>	For writing and illustrating a fantastic letter about the 5 things he would take into space with him.
Year 2	<b>Evie</b>	For taking pride in her learning and being a great year 2 role model.
Year 3	<b>Lewis</b>	For fantastic joined handwriting in English and always trying his best.
Year 4	<b>Isabella</b>	For creative sentences and identifying verbs and nouns in English.
Year 5	<b>Eddie</b>	For sharing his knowledge enthusiastically during our Science class discussion.
Year 6	<b>Archie</b>	For great participation in class discussions during our Science lesson.

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

Our champions this week are:

Numbots— Caleb, Xander Leo and Mia

Times Tables Rockstars—David, Charlotte, Rafael, Louis

**Attendance this week**

Class	w/b 06/10
Nursery	100%
Reception	97%
Year 1	100%
Year 2	97%
Year 3	98%
Year 4	93%
Year 5	91%
Year 6	88%

**AUTUMN ART WORK**



We have had some fantastic artwork submitted from the children. Well done everyone. All of the work will be displayed at the FOFS Autumn Fair on Saturday. Do come along and see our Masterpieces! Here are some of our entries. Winners and prizes to be announced soon!



## Upcoming dates for your diaries!

Date	Time	Event
07.10.23	12.00- 5.00	Flamstead Village School Fair—HELPERS PLEASE
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
20.10.23	9.00	Bag 2 School return date
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
31.10.23	All day	Last day for Secondary Applications
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
21.11.23	Afternoon	Flu immunisations for Reception to Year 6
17.11.23	9.00	Bonsai Class Assembly—Parents welcome
14.12.23	AM	North Pole Shop - FOFS
14.12.23	PM	Santa's Sleigh visits the village at 5pm

Please put these into your diaries!

## FREE RUGBY SESSION—WHY NOT GIVE IT A GO?

Harpenden Rugby Club will be hosting a FREE Girls Rugby Taster session called **TRY RUGBY** for girls year 6 to year 13 on **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2023**. Please see the attached poster.

Every student that attends will receive a FREE Harpenden RFC jibbitz for their cros.

Students can register their interest here: <https://forms.office.com/r/TgC6CFccHH>



## Flamstead Parent Council




We would really like to get up and running with the Parent Council. We still need a rep for Year 2, 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 as soon as possible. Many thanks.

# Community News and Events



## TRY RUGBY

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 HARPENDEN RUGBY CLUB (AL5 2BA)

## FREE TASTER SESSIONS WOMEN & GIRLS

WEDNESDAY 11TH OCTOBER 2023

U12 GIRLS (YEAR 6 & 7) - 19:00 - 20:00  
 U14 GIRLS (YEAR 8 & 9) - 19:00 - 20:00  
 U16 GIRLS (YEAR 10 & 11) - 19:00 - 20:00  
 U18 GIRLS (YEAR 12 & 13) - 20:00 - 21:00  
 WOMEN (18+ YEARS) - 20:00 - 21:00

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## Flamstead 500 2023

Spelling is NOT IMPORTANT  
It's about Imagination...



Stuck for ideas? Visit the Church!



**A story telling competition** about local history and the things that may **or may not** have happened at St Leonard's Church...

Two Categories:  
Age 7+  
Age 11+


Visit [www.flamsteadheritage.org/Flamstead500](http://www.flamsteadheritage.org/Flamstead500) to find out about the real characters from local history or make up your own!  
No rules.

WIN £75 WATERSTONES VOUCHER  
PLUS YOUR STORY WILL BE FEATURED ON BBC THREE COUNTIES RADIO!!

Closes 13/10/23  
email entries to :  
flamstead500@gmail.com

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## Meet ? the Explorer



This is the explorer mouse of St Leonard's Church.  
Can you give him/her a name?

To register your entry comment @flamheritage/ @flamsteadheritage or via email contact@flamsteadheritage.org

Closes 3/11/23