



Flamstead Village School



This Week's News!

Friday 22nd September 2023

Dear Parents / Carers and Flamstead Families

We find ourselves at the end of our third week of the Autumn Term and the weather has certainly turned Autumnal this week. Please make sure your child brings a waterproof coat to school each day so they can access all the outside areas in school please.

It has been a busy week again with the children being focused and engaged in all classes. The Teachers have reported that the School Council speeches have been excellent, and a big well done to all the children who put themselves forward as candidates. We will be voting in school next week so watch this space! We also had our Jeans for Genes Day and we thank our families for supporting this worthwhile charity. I had a lovely warm welcome from Jo Burke, the vicar of St Leonards during a visit to the church and had a fascinating tour.. How lucky we are to have the Church as part of the village community.

Thank you to those you who have been in contact offering your time to be on the Parent Council. We now need representatives for Years 2,3,4,5 and 6 so if you think you would like to take on this role please speak to your year group (perhaps via your WhatsApp group) and once a representative has been chosen please let the school office know.

The Reading Helpers Meeting went very well and thank you to all the people who attended the meeting or emailed in to offer their time. We will be putting a timetable together and contacting you all very soon.

Lastly I am sure you have all seen our fantastic new banner outside of the school gates with our recent Ofsted rating proudly displayed! Thank you for FOFs for funding this. The Ofsted report is now available to view on the Ofsted website. www.report.ofsted.gov.uk

I wish you all an enjoyable weekend with your families.

Mrs J Walton-Jones

Headteacher



Thank you FOFs!

A big Thank you to FOFs for buying us a lovely new mud kitchen and accessory bench for our Early years outside area. As you can see the children are loving making delicious concoctions there already!

The playground also has a beautiful new basketball hoop which the children are delighted with.

THANK YOU FOFs!



Early Years Update

This week the children have all been joining in with all our learning! We have been supersonic Phonic Heroes, mathematicians, and even authors and illustrators. The children have also been enjoying our brand-new Mud kitchen and accessory table. Thank you again FOFs.

Next week: Reception will begin to look at their new focus book in Literacy called "*Handa's Surprise*".

Bright Stars!
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Nursery	Edie	For becoming more confident within the classroom environment. Edie is able to go to friends and adults if she needs support. Edie has worked hard on joining in with learning too.
Reception	Ada	Ada for trying hard with phonics learning. Ada has been developing her hand-writing and segmenting and building words this week. She has also been a helpful member of the class this week offering support to friends and teachers during transition and tidy up times.
Year 1	Elsie	Having a brilliant week in maths—subitising and re grouping numbers.
Year 2	Nicole	Making good independent choices in her learning—especially handwriting.
Year 3	Theo	For consistently giving his best and aspiring to do even better.
Year 4	Willow	For fantastic participation in lessons and showing a mature attitude to learning.
Year 5	Maisie	For great perseverance in maths.
Year 6	Freddie	For fantastic effort in all subjects.

Times Tables Rockstars

Our champions this week are: YR -Arabella, Y1—Cobi, Y2—Evie,
Y3—Ben, Y4—Willow, Y5—Leo Y6—Archie
Very well done to all the above children! You are amazing!

Support for Secondary School applications for children in Year 6

The following information is from Dacorum Family Support North & East and is aimed at supporting families with the application process for transfer to Secondary School.

If any families who may find the online application process to secondary school confusing and a bit overwhelming. There is a link below to a vimeo that explains the process of applying for a secondary school place from start to finish.

<https://vimeo.com/731653452>

You can also sign up for a two-hour online session where we can help parents/carers step by step with the application process.

The date and time will be **Thursday 12th October from 9.30am-11.30am**. Parents/carers can join the session online via MS Teams.

If you would like this support please email Jan Nethercoat at jnethercoat@hobbshillwood.herts.sch.uk to request a place by Tuesday 10th October.

They can also offer one to one support with the application process if required.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO APPLY BY THE 31ST OCTOBER 2023

Jeans for Genes Day!

We had a super response today for our Jeans for Genes Day.

On Tuesday the children had an assembly explaining why we are raising money and what the money will be used for. All the children looked great in their Jeans and most importantly raised money to help children, adults and families living with genetic conditions across the UK. Well done Flamstead for raising nearly £100!



Attendance this week—Well done EYFS, Year 1 and Year 6

Class	w/b 18/09
Nursery	100%
Reception	100%
Year 1	100%
Year 2	98%
Year 3	96%
Year 4	93%
Year 5	92%
Year 6	100%

The St Albans Music School

*St Albans School Of Music are looking for young people interested in joining a Wind Ensemble . They are currently offering a **TRIAL** session on **Wednesday 27th September!** Please click on the link to find out more about their Wind ensembles:*

[Woodwind and Brass Opportunities at St Albans Music School \(hertsmusicservice.org.uk\)](http://hertsmusicservice.org.uk)

More information on this great opportunity has been sent out to all parents / carers via email—please check your inbox.



It's Harvest Time!



To celebrate and learn about Harvest Festivals we will be welcoming Jo Burke the Vicar from St Leonards Church into our school for a Harvest Assembly next week. The church support Luton Food Bank and we would like to also show our support by collecting as many donations of non perishable food as we can to support families who may not have enough to eat.

If you can, when you are shopping this weekend, pop a few more things into your trolley and then bring your

donations into school on **Thursday 28th of September and drop them by the school hall door.**

We really appreciate your support.



Please donate these items

- Rice pudding
- Tinned tomatoes
- Long-life milk
- Custard
- Tinned spaghetti
- Dried rice
- Tinned fruit
- Baked beans
- Biscuits

Thank you

Upcoming dates for your diaries!

Date	Time	Event
28.09.23	9.00	Harvest donations in to school please
29.08.23	9.00	Non Uniform day - Bring a bottle for the Tombola for FOFS
04.10.23	9.00	Artwork into school for FOFS competition
07.10.23	12.00- 5.00	Flamstead Village School Fair—HELPERS PLEASE
16.10.23	3.30—5.30	Parent's Evening—more information to come
18.10.23	5.00—7.30	Parent's Evening—more information to come
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
17.11.23	9.00	Bonsai Class Assembly—Parents welcome
14.12.23	AM	North Pole Shop - FOFS

Please put these into your diaries!

FOFS News!

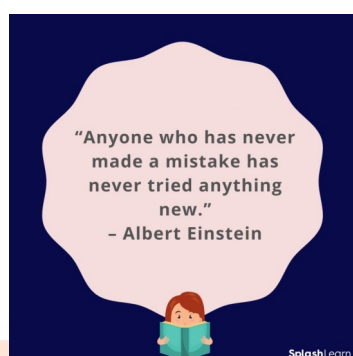
FOFS are looking for volunteers for our upcoming School Fair and Fireworks night!

The **School Fair** is on **October 7th from 12-5pm**, volunteers can help with the BBQ, Bar, Craft area or Tombola stall. The **Fireworks** will be on **November 4th**, we will need stewards that evening to help supervise the crowds coming into the school.

If you can help with either of these events, please contact FOFS on friendsofflamsteadschool@gmail.com or speak to Christy, Ali, Tania or Anna.

Any amount of help you can offer would be really welcome. Thank you!

Please also see the email from school regarding the Art Competition we would like all children to enter if possible. Please send entries into school on Wednesday 4th October.



Community News and Events

[DSPL8 Parent/Carer Newsletter; Dacorum SEND courses, support & information for families](#)

The latest 'DSPL8 Parent/Carer Newsletter: Autumn Term' & 'Dacorum Parent/Carers courses and support' newsletters are available to download from our website via the following link:

<https://dacorumdspl.org.uk/online-resources-for-parents-and-carers-2/>

This fortnights newsletter includes:

- [Dacorum Families SEND Information Fayre: Autumn 2023 & Summer 2024](#)
- [ADD-vance Mini consultations: October 2023](#)
- [Raise Resilience: Six-session course for Parents - Starting 02.10.2023](#)
- [Autumn Term DSPL8 Parent/Carer Support](#)

Dacorum Parent/Carer courses and support from various local providers:

- [Angels New Autumn Programme of Workshops and Support Groups](#)
- [Family Lives Autumn Term Groups](#)
- [SEND Drop-in sessions](#)
- [Parenting Courses and Support in Dacorum Autumn Term 2023](#)

Please also follow our social media pages for the most recent updates:

Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/dspl_dacorum/



Expert Lecture

Matt Champion

The Medieval Graffiti in St Leonard's Church

12th October 2023 @ 7:30 pm followed by Q&A.

www.flamsteadheritage.org/event/expert-lecture-matt-champion/

[St Leonard's Church](#), Flamstead, Hertfordshire.

Tickets sold online or at the door.

Refreshments available.

In association with The Flamstead Society




OCTOBER HALF TERM TECH CAMP

AT

BEECHWOOD PARK SCHOOL, AL3 8AW

23RD - 27TH OCTOBER

CHILDCARE
VOUCHERS
ACCEPTED



AGES 5-11 | £46 PER DAY
9AM - 4PM DAILY

www.nextthing.education

OCTOBER HALF TERM 2023

What's on?



Revoluting
Robotics



Vampiric
Virtual Reality



Creepy
Coding



Thrilling
Tech Fun



Spell-binding
Inventions

Different activity theme each day, please check website for your camp activities

23RD OCT - 27TH OCT LIMITED SPACES

A great environment!

"My kids loved it and we've rebooked for the next camps in October. The staff were also super helpful. Would 10/10 recommend!"
St Bernadette Primary School



AGES 5-11 | £46 PER DAY
9AM - 4PM DAILY

What to bring to camp



Packed Lunch
and Snacks
(NOT FREE)



Water
Bottle



Medication
If Required



Halloween Costume
(Friday Optional)

www.nextthing.education

E: info@nextthing.education
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FREE Workshops For all parents/carers*

Sessions will be held either online via MS Teams or face to face at Hobbs Hill Wood Primary School NP3 8ER

Lite Bite	Date	Time & Location
Family Life on a Budget	Wed 18th October 2023	10:30 to 12:00 pm Online
Helping your Child to Manage Anger	Wed 15th November 2023	9:30 to 11:00 am Hobbs Hill Wood
Anxiety & Attendance	Tues 9th January 2024	10:00 to 11:30 am Online
Parent & Carer Wellbeing	Wed 28th February 2024	9:30 to 11:00 am Hobbs Hill Wood
Managing Worries & Anxiety	Wed 15th May 2024	10:00 to 11:30 am Online
Moving onto Secondary School	Thurs 20th June 2024	10:00 to 11:30 am Online

To book your place, please contact

Jan Nethercoat on:

jnethercoat@hobbshillwood.herts.sch.uk

Tel: 01442 401222 Ext: 5 (Term time only)

Please include contact details and name of child's school when booking

*at present sessions can only be offered to parents/carers of those children/YP who attend a DPS North & East Partnership School



Family Life on a Budget

Date	Wednesday 18 th October 2023
Time	10:30 to 12:00 pm Session will be held virtually via Microsoft Teams

Join us for some money saving tips!

A **free** workshop for parents covering ideas to keep within your budgets including...Supermarket spending, Eating for less, Food banks and local charities, days out, energy saving, tax free childcare and more!



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