



Flamstead Village School

# This Week's News!

Friday 15th September 2023

Dear Parents / Carers and Flamstead Families

I am very happy to share some wonderful news with you all. This week I received the official OFSTED report and I am delighted to say that Flamstead Village School has retained its Good' grading! This is a fantastic achievement and well deserved. Credit is due to all the staff and children at Flamstead for the large part they played in the inspection, and also thank you to the support that all the families give to the school. I have shared the report with Mr Maher and the Governing Board who are equally delighted with the outcome. My favourite parts of the report have to be :

"Pupils are very happy at Flamstead Village School. They love seeing their friends and their teachers."

"Staff have high expectations for all pupils."

"Pupils are well cared for. They know that they have someone to talk to if they need to."

Should you wish to read the whole report it will be published on the Ofsted website on Friday 22nd September. Please see the link below.

<https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk>

The Home learning Books seem to have been well received by lots of the children. I hope that they are enjoying them at home. Please remember to return the books to school on Monday. Equally there have been so many children completing their activities on Numbots and Times Tables Rockstars and it was a pleasure to give out a range of certificates in our Achievement Assembly today.

In other school news I had a meeting with HCC and the Contractors who will be working on the school roof later this year. The scaffolding is due to start going up around the external parts of the building on the 21st October so should be in place after the half term break. We are aiming to keep disruption to a minimum and I will give you more information nearer the time.

I wish you all a very enjoyable weekend.

Best wishes

Mrs Walton-Jones

Headteacher

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## Early Years Update

This week the children have been continuing to learn the story and actions for our focus story "In Every House, On Every Street". We have now changed part of the story and we discussed rhyming words as the story is made up of rhymes. We have also been consolidating our learning of Subitising and counting out objects accurately.

Today all the Reception children will bring home some parent information on the Baseline Assessment that all Reception age children complete in the first 6 weeks of school. These activities are fun and enjoyable for the children to complete on a 1 to 1 basis with Miss Stout and we have started these assessments this week in school.

Next week: Miss Stout is looking forward to our EYFS Parent/Carer coffee morning on Tuesday and the children are planning something exciting for their Literacy learning.

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**Bright Stars!**  
**Friday 15th September**

Nursery	<b>Frankie</b>	For settling in well and making good learning choices. She plays constructively with peers and independently extending her learning.
Reception	<b>Darcy</b>	For settling into school so well and making new friendships, as well as eagerly contributing and participating in all learning. She is a welcome addition to the classroom community.
Year 1	<b>Alfie</b>	Trying his best and being a wonderful role model to Maple class.
Year 2	<b>Olivia</b>	Excellent listening and taking pride in our classroom.
Year 3	<b>Rupert</b>	For fantastic input in his learning and thinking about mathematical language when justifying his answers.
Year 4	<b>Lottie</b>	For superb effort in English this week with handwriting, spelling and input.
Year 5	<b>Tristan</b>	For fantastic effort in art when finishing his still life sketch.
Year 6	<b>Laila</b>	For brilliant effort in English.

**Flamstead Heritage Mouse Competition**

Congratulations to all the children who were awarded prizes in the Flamstead Village Show Heritage Mouse Competition.

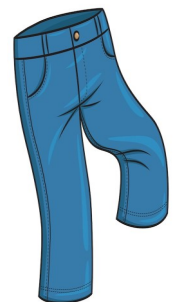
We hope you enjoy your prizes and your vouchers.

We are all very proud of you!



**Jeans for Genes Day**

Next week on **Friday the 22nd September** we will be supporting this fantastic charity. We would ask that all children come into school in their jeans (or trousers if they do not have jeans) and bring a donation of £1 or more to raise money to support families across the UK who are living with a genetic condition. Thank you in advance for your support!



**Parent Council**

We would like to re introduce a Parent School Council.  
If you were a previous parent representative for your child's year group and you would like to continue with this role please send an email to the school Office by Wednesday 20th September.

Class	w/b 11/09
Nursery	100
Reception	97
Year 1	100
Year 2	100
Year 3	100
Year 4	90
Year 5	93
Year 6	100

Classes above our 96% target

## Attendance

The attendance figures for this week are fantastic. Very well done to everyone. Many classes have achieved 100% attendance and been in school everyday.

## New School Sign

We hope you like the new school sign at the front of the school. It is bright and friendly and reflective of the inclusive school we are.



## Upcoming Autumn Term Dates

Date	Time	Event
19.09.23	9.00–9.30	Cherry Class EYFS coffee morning
19.09.23	6.30–8.30	FOFS welcome / uniform sale at The Three Blackbirds Pub
21.09.23	9.30–10.00	Tour for prospective new families
22.09.23	All day	Jeans for Genes Day
07.10.23	12.00- 5.00	Flamstead Village School Fair
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
31.10.23	All day	Last day for Secondary Applications
03.11.23	9.15	Y6 Height and weight checks by school nurses
04.11.23	Evening	Flamstead Village School Fireworks
17.11.23	9.00	Bonsai Class Assembly—Parents welcome
14.12.23	AM	North Pole Shop - FOFS

Please put these into your diaries!



## UNIFORM and PE KIT

In response to parent queries regarding PE kit and additional uniform requests we can confirm the following.

We have contacted our school uniform suppliers at [www.myclothing.com](http://www.myclothing.com) and you can now purchase red polo tops with the logo on as well as white polo tops.

For PE the school uniform is a red t shirt and black shorts or black tracksuit bottoms.

As the weather gets cooler your child may wish to wear a hoodie or sweatshirt on PE days. We are in discussion with the uniform suppliers regarding a red hoodie being available for future purchases to reflect the school colours.

For this year children may wear plain red, black or blue hoodies as we are aware that these may have already been purchased.

Any further queries please speak to the school office.



## FoFS News!

Thank you to everyone who donated second-hand uniform for our upcoming sale. There are jumpers, cardigans, winter skirts and tunics, long trousers, polo t-shirts and logo school bags. Many items are brand new with tags on!

FOFS will be selling these items for **£1 each** (cash only please).

So join us at **The Three Blackbirds** this **Tuesday 19th** from **6:30-8:30pm** to pick up a bargain and welcome in the new school year with your fellow parents.

The poster features a vibrant orange background decorated with various autumn leaves in shades of yellow, orange, and brown. At the top left, the text 'Friends of Flamstead School' is written in white, with 'PRESENTS' in smaller letters below it. The main title 'Flamstead School Fair' is prominently displayed in a large, bold, black font with a pink outline, set within a white, cloud-like shape. Below the title, the date and time 'SAT 7th OCT 12-5pm' are written in a similar bold, black font. A smaller line of text reads 'Join us to raise funds for the school whilst having a great time. EVERYONE WELCOME'. A black circular badge with white text says 'FREE entry'. At the bottom, a list of activities is provided: 'Food & Drink', 'Craft Area - Art Competition', 'Bouncy Castle & Soft Play', and 'Westenders Football Skills Comp'. The Facebook link 'facebook.com/FriendsOfFlamstead' is at the very bottom.

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# Community News

Heritage Fund

Flamstead Heritage

**St Leonard's Church, Flamstead**  
15th & 16th Sept 2023 7.30pm

Adult tickets £8  
Child tickets (aged 10+) £4

Tickets available at:  
[www.ticketsource.co.uk/the-flamstead-files/e-vmkdgg](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/the-flamstead-files/e-vmkdgg)

REDBOURN PLAYERS

presents ...

**The Flamstead Files**

... a Fascinating Journey through its Living History, Hidden Secrets and Lasting Legacy.

**Now just on Friday!**

Cash bar available

Heritage Fund

**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](mailto:flamstead500@gmail.com)

Flamstead Preschool

Grow. Explore. Discover. Imagine.

**AFTER SCHOOL CLUB**

**NOW UNTIL 6PM**  
**MON THU FRI**

includes pickup from Flamstead School

from 18th Oct

**£20**

contact [info@flamsteadpreschool.co.uk](mailto:info@flamsteadpreschool.co.uk) to book a place

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**Music at St Leonards**

7th October - 7.30pm

An evening of soaring melodies and sumptuous accompaniments!

MUSIC AT ST LEONARDS

Jacqueline Varsey - Soprano

Claire Hayward - Piano

'Varsey's beautiful and astonishingly natural....lovely colourful flexible voice' Evening Standard

'A fantastic performance....the pianist was brilliant' Josef Weinberger Ltd

Songs and arias by Mozart, Schumann, Strauss, Rachmaninov, Dvořák and Verdi

Email tickets@musicatstleonards.co.uk Or call Anne Françoise -07577 530825