



# This Week's News!

Friday 8th September 2023

Dear Parents / Carers and Flamstead Families

It has been an absolute delight to have had my first full week as Headteacher at Flamstead Village School. As a community you have been so welcoming and I can honestly say that every child in the school and every member of staff has been wonderful to work with.

The children have settled very well into their classes and new routines. We have enjoyed assemblies together and talked about what it means to be a 'Flamstead Pupil'. My aim is that the children will become even prouder of who they are and what wearing a Flamstead uniform means.

I would like to say thank you to everyone who came to the Headteacher's Tea on Wednesday. It was lovely to see you, to talk to you about my vision and plans for the future and to hear your ideas too. For those of you who were unable to attend plans and projects for the near future include the new school roof, a new fire alarm system throughout the school and the continued painting of the classrooms. I would also like to begin to develop a Forest School to give all the children even greater learning opportunities. I also plan to enhance the outdoor area for Maple class. As a school this week we have been looking at the Positive Behaviour Policy and how we reward children in school. We will also be looking at how we can further develop curriculum areas such as Geography and History. In the next few weeks we will be establishing a School Council, a Parent Council and Peer Mediators. There are exciting times ahead! I wish you all a relaxing weekend in the sunshine and I look forward to seeing you all on Monday.



Mrs Walton-Jones—Headteacher

## Home Learning

More information will be sent home next week with regard to the format home learning will take, but for now please continue with daily reading and Times Tables Rockstars.

## Reading

All children should now have their reading diaries at home. Please make sure your child reads, preferably with an adult, on a daily basis and this is recorded in their reading diary.

## Times Tables Rockstars and Numbots



Children in Year 3,4,5 and 6 have had their Times Tables Rockstar logins stuck in their reading logs today. Children in Reception, Y1 and Y2 have their Numbots login in their reading diary. Please make sure your child is accessing the website at least once a week. There will be certificates in assembly next Friday for the child in each year group who shows superb performance so let's have a big effort this week from everyone in KS2 to learn our times tables and for everyone in EYFS and KS1 to enjoy exploring with Numbots!

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## Early Years Update

This week the children have settled back into the school routines fabulously well. Many adults around the school have come out of their way to come and tell Miss Stout or Ms Carta just how well behaved and well-mannered the class are! The children have been exploring their environment this week, started Phonic lessons and even done some Literacy and Maths! Both Ms Carta and I would like to say a big well done to all the children for making us proud every day. Enjoy your weekend!

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**Bright Stars!**  
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Nursery	<b>Caleb</b>	For showing kindness and encouragement towards his new classmates and showing great classroom community spirit.
Reception	<b>Cordelia</b>	Settling into school life so well. She has made new friendships easily and has shown great kindness to all children in the classroom. Cordelia has thrown herself into learning and has been enthusiastic about school as a whole.
Year 1	<b>Otto</b>	For settling so well into his new classroom.
Year 2	<b>Joey</b>	For fantastic phonics and reading in class this week.
Year 3	<b>Darcey</b>	For showing great courage dealing with his worries and settling in fantastically.
Year 4	<b>Sidni</b>	For returning to school with a positive attitude to learning and always giving her best.
Year 5	<b>Aiden</b>	For a great work ethic and quickly settling into Bonsai class.
Year 6	<b>Dylan</b>	For a fantastic effort in Maths and then offering to support his peers.

### **Secondary School Transfer for children in Year 6**

The applications for secondary/upper school places to start in September 2024 opened on Friday 1 September 2023, for children in Year 6. Year 6 children have been sent home with 'Moving On' Secondary Transfer 2024 information today. Please make sure that you read through the information as it contains details about the application process for 2024 and actions that you will need to undertake over the next few weeks.

**The closing date for is 31st October 2023. You need to apply online at [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions).**

### **NHS checks for Height and Weight for Year Six**

Year Six pupils have been given a form today about health checks taking place on Friday 3rd November. If you wish to opt out you can do this online. Please see the information letter for more details.

### **Flamstead Heritage Mouse Competition**

In school this week the children have been designing a Heritage Mouse. All the children's mice will be displayed in the Village Hall for judging on Saturday during the **Flamstead Village Show**. Please pop along and see if you can find your mouse.



### Club timetable - Autumn Term 2023

Club	Day	Dates/Time	Key Stage	Organiser	Charge
Street Dance	Monday	3.20 – 4.20 pm	Reception – Year 5	Dancing Stars	£84 per term
Art	Tuesday	3.30 – 4.30 pm	Reception – Year 6	My After School Art Club	£66.00 (6 weeks)
Musical Theatre	Wednesday	3.20 – 4.20 pm	Reception—Year 6	Saracens Foundation	£39 per term
Gymnastics	Thursday	3.20 – 4.20 pm	Reception- Year 6	Challenge Sport 4 Education	£42 per term

**Please note that Gymnastics Club is now open to all children from YR to Y6**  
**Application forms are on the school website for Gymnastics and Musical Theatre.**  
**Payments are via Parentmail.**  
**Please apply directly to the provider for Art and Street Dance.**

## FoFS News!

Do you have a mountain of school uniform at home and kids that grow too fast to wear it all? Us too. That's why FoFS is arranging a Second-hand Uniform sale, so you can clear out the items you no longer need and pick up some useful clothes ahead of the Winter.

Here's what to do:

**Donate your School Uniforms:** bring your school uniform into school on **Monday 11th of September at drop-off** and leave it with a member of the FoFS team. Please only donate clean clothes in good condition with no stains or tears.

**Come along to the Uniform Sale and Welcome Drinks:** This will be held at the **Three Blackbirds on Tuesday 19th of September from 6:30-8:30pm**. There will be a Welcome (or Welcome back) drink for everyone and plenty of bargains to be had on school uniforms. All proceeds will go towards FoFS, which will in turn be spent on our lovely school.

### Save the Dates!

**Flamstead Village School Fair - Saturday 7th October 12 - 5pm, FREE**  
A lovely afternoon for the whole family with plenty of activities for the kids.

**Flamstead Village School Fireworks - Saturday 4th November — details TBC.**



Thank you to everyone who has claimed lost property from the tables in the playground this week.

We also hope the children have enjoyed selecting some of the books from the book table to take home. A selection of the remaining books will be put into a book box for a break time and lunchtime and the rest will be donated to charity.



On Friday we had our first fire alarm practise of the new academic year. The children were exceptional! The whole school evacuated the building silently, without any fuss and within 89 seconds. Well done to everyone!

Class	w/b 04/09
Nursery	95%
Reception	97%
Year 1	100%
Year 2	91%
Year 3	95%
Year 4	100%
Year 5	89%
Year 6	100%

Classes above our 96% target

## Attendance

Well done to all our families for making a good effort with attendance this week, particularly Y1, Y4 and Y6 who managed 100%.

It is always a little tricky to adjust to early mornings and getting back into routines after the summer break and your punctuality at drop off and pick up has been appreciated.

Please remember not to take holidays during term time and to also call or email the School Office if you child is going to be absent from school for any reason.

## Upcoming Dates

Date	Time	Event
11.09.23	3.20–4.20	Street Dance Club starts
12.09.23	3.20–4.20	Art Club starts
13.09.23	3.20–4.20	Musical Theatre Club starts
14.09.23	3.20–4.20	Gymnastic Club continues for Reception to Year 6
12.09.23	2.55–3.10	Maple Class—Meet the Teacher
14.09.23	2.55–3.10	Chestnut Class - Meet the Teacher
15.09.23	2.55–3.10	Bonsai Meet the Teacher
19.09.23	9.00–9.30	Cherry Class EYFS coffee morning
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	Flamstead Village School Fair
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

Please put these into your diaries!

If you have good thoughts, they will shine out of your face like sunbeams and you will always look lovely!

Roald Dahl