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Flagg News

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Strawberry Fayre

This year our annual Friends of Flagg 'Strawberry Fayre' fundraising and family fun event will be held on **Saturday 18th May** from **12-2pm** in school. There will be games, stalls, crafts, and refreshments. Raffle tickets will be on sale soon at £1 each. You will all be given 5 books of tickets to sell to friends and family: there is no obligation to do this, but all money raised is used to pay for resources and extra activities such as sports coaches, forest schools and school trips. **As always, we will need additional volunteers.** There is a list in school for you to sign up to help if you can. If you know of anyone who may be willing to donate a raffle prize or if you are able to do so yourself that would be great.



We would be very grateful for the following donations:

Week beginning 15th April: **sports toys** (frisbees, footballs, skipping ropes etc)

Week beginning 22nd April: **smellies** (for a pamper hamper)

Week beginning 29th April: **bottles of wine** (for wine and water stall)

Week beginning 8th May: **chocolate** (for a chocolate hamper)

Friday 17th or Saturday 18th May: **baked goods** (scones, cakes, buns, biscuits etc)

Please do get involved with the Strawberry Fayre. In the past we have used the money raised at the fayre to pay for a school trip and leaver's gifts for the children as well supporting the funding for our forest school sessions. This benefits all the children in our care but will only continue to be successful if we get enough volunteers and donations to support us.

Forest Schools

Forest School sessions will be offered to those children who start primary school in September on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons week beginning Monday 22nd April. Please note that the forest school group does not get back to nursery until 3pm, we cannot make this any earlier. Sarah Capper is our forest schools trained leader, and she will be leading these sessions. You will receive a letter about this if your child is going to school this September.



Sports Coaching

Sports coaching provided by Max from Galactica coaching will be taking place every Tuesday morning for the children going to school in September. It is particularly important that your children arrive promptly at nursery by 9.15 am on these days dressed in tracksuit bottoms/leggings and trainers. We have one of our governors, Peter Swann, to thank for this sports coaching as it is being paid for by a grant we received from Tesco, which Peter applied for. So thank you Peter!



Thank you to our visitors

I would like to say a big thank you to the parents who came to talk to the children about their jobs: Kate Pogmore, music teacher; Jessica Milwood, blacksmith and Tom Stone, paramedic. A big thank you also to Hannah, dental nurse from Diamond Court dental practice, Anthony Boswell, police community liaison officer and Finlay's uncle who sent us a presentation about his work in the quarry.

Getting ready for school meeting

Please let us know when your child's primary school place has been confirmed. We will then liaise with the feeder primary schools. The reception teachers will all be invited to Flagg to meet your children in a familiar environment before they begin their visits to primary school.

In order to make the transition to Primary School as easy as possible for our children we have bought them all a "Buddy Bear." The Bear will go with them to primary school but before then we will be planning activities around the bears in the Summer term to introduce the children to the idea of "Big School."

All parents of children going to primary school this September 2024 are invited to a meeting either on Tuesday 30th April at 6.30pm or Wednesday 1st May at 2pm PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE.



We will talk about the Buddy Bear project and about how to help your child with the move to primary school. Practitioners from the Changing Lives project based at Lady Manner School (positive mental health support) will be at these meetings to answer any questions and address any anxieties you or your child may have about starting school.

Parent: teacher meetings

There will be parent teacher meetings on 4th and 7th June where you can discuss your child individually if you have any specific concerns. These meetings are for the parents of ALL children, not just the children going to school this September.

INSET Days

There is one INSET (in service training) day remaining this academic year, which will be on:

Tuesday 7th May

School will be closed on this day for staff training. This year staff training has included paediatric first aid, outdoor first aid, food safety, safeguarding, cyber security, GDPR and improving communication and language skills.

Summer Dates

- Big Toddle, Tuesday 11th June. Every year we do a sponsored walk over the fields to Monyash where we have a play in the park and an ice-cream. This is to raise money for Barnados, teaching children to help those who are less fortunate than themselves. You are all very welcome to join us and accompany your child, even if they don't normally attend on Tuesdays.
- School trip to peak Wildlife Park: Wednesday 26th June, all day. This trip is for children going to school in September 2024. You do not need to accompany your child but may do so if you wish. Nursery will still be open for children not going to school in September 2024
- Sports day and family picnic at Knotlow Farm Tuesday 9th July 12.15pm. A family picnic and very informal fun sports day, all welcome whether your child normally attends on a Tuesday or not.

Sessions

- We are full every morning after Easter. Please don't assume that we will be able to change your sessions. If it is an emergency or an important date eg a family funeral or a hospital appointment we will try and accommodate you but if possible, please ask in advance. Thank you.

Governors section

- At the Governing Body meeting in March we discussed the school budget, safeguarding, SEND, children's progress and community involvement.
- **We are still looking for a new governor, if you or anyone you know is interested in joining our friendly and effective team, please let me know.**

Reminders

- Please remember that if you have not applied for a HMRC working family entitlement code before the 31st March 2024, you will not be able to access the entitlement funding during the summer term 2024. This does not affect 3 and 4 year old children accessing the 15 hours of universal funding.
- Although we no longer offer school dinners we do offer food vouchers to families who are entitled to free school meals. To check whether you are eligible please use the QR code on the flier attached. Thank you.
- The final charges for the Spring term will be on Parent Pay by 10am on Thursday 28th March. Please ensure that all payments are made before we return to nursery on 15th April. Please check your account even if you think you are up to date with payments.

Dates for your diary:

Monday 15th April	Back to School
Tuesday 30th April	Getting ready for school meeting 6.30pm
Wednesday 1st May	Getting ready for school meeting 2pm
Monday 6th May	Bank holiday: May day
Tuesday 7th May	INSET day, school closed for children
Saturday 18th May	Strawberry Fayre 12-2pm
Tuesday 21st May	Photographer in school
Friday 24th May	Break up for half term holiday
Monday 3rd June	Back to School
Tuesday 4th June	Parent: teacher meetings
Friday 7th June	Parent: teacher meetings
Tuesday 11th June	Big Toddle: sponsored walk to Monyash 12.30pm
Wednesday 26th June	Bears school trip to Peak Wildlife Park
Tuesday 9th July	Sports day and family picnic 12.15 pm
Tuesday 16th July	Backup sports day date
Thursday 18th July	Leaver's assembly 2pm
Tuesday 23rd July	Break up for the summer holiday