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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 10th 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:

From Week beginning 21st April: **sports toys** (frisbees, footballs, skipping ropes etc) for a sporty tombola, **smellies** (for a pamper hamper), **chocolate** (for a chocolate hamper), **bottles of wine** (for wine and water stall)

Friday 9th or Saturday 10th 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 the care but will only continue to be successful if we get enough volunteers and donations to support us. A big thank you to all of you who have already supported us by supporting the Halloween party and Chocolate bingo!



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 12th May for 4 weeks. 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 and attends for a minimum of 2 days a week.

Sports Coaching

Sports coaching provided by Max from Galactica coaching will continue to take 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.



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; Chris Harrison, pilot, Nicola Crimlis, veterinary nurse and Tom Stone, paramedic, who will visit later this year. A big thank you also to Hannah, dental nurse from Diamond Court dental practice and Anthony Boswell, police community liaison officer.

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 2025 are invited to a meeting either on Monday 12th May at 6.30pm or Tuesday 13th May at 9am.

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 Manners School (positive mental health support) will be at the Tuesday morning meeting 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 13th and 16th 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 are two remaining INSET (in service training) days this academic year, which will be on:

Tuesday 6th May and Thursday 24th July

School will be closed to children on these days for staff training. This year staff training has included safeguarding, cyber security, GDPR, maths, Smart board techniques, SEND (special educational needs and disabilities) teaching, Makaton (sign language) and improving children's language skills.

Summer Dates

- **Big Toddle**, Tuesday 10th June, 12.30pm. 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.
- **Sports day and family picnic** at Taddington School Tuesday 17th June from 12.30pm. If the weather is bad on the 17th June, we have a backup date of Tuesday 1st July. All welcome whether your child normally attends on a Tuesday or not. You will receive a consent letter about this shortly.
- **School trip to Matlock Farm Park**: Thursday 26th June all day. This trip is for all children. Bears will be supervised by staff but Cubs will need to be accompanied by a parent or other responsible adult. Nursery will be closed on this day except for breakfast club as all staff will be on the trip.
- **Leaver's assembly** for children going to school this September and their parents: Monday 21st July 2pm.

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 Committee meetings meeting in March we discussed the school budget, prices, safeguarding, SEND (special educational needs and disabilities), children's progress, the curriculum and community involvement.
- The Resource Management Committee has decided on the pricing structure for September 2025, we have decided to put prices up every year in line with inflation and to align with the hourly rate the Government gives us for funded hours. Please see the attached sheet for details. If you ever have any difficulty with payments, please speak to me privately.
- The Teaching and Learning Committee would like to recruit a new governor with knowledge of schools and current teaching matters. Please let me know if you are interested in joining our frinedly and outstanding Governing Body.
- The Governors would like to say a fond farewell to Peter Swann who has helped us over the last three years with setting the budget, budget monitoring, staff recruitment and also with all of the Friends of Flagg events. He has been a great asset to our school and we will miss him. He will be at this year's Starwberry Fayre though so it's not goodbye just yet!
- Governors would also like to say a big welcome to Katie Edwards, mum to Lottie and Rose, who is a qualified accountant and will be able to help us with budget related matters going forward: Welcome Katie!

Reminders

- Please remember that if you have not applied for a HMRC working family entitlement code before the 31st March 2025, you will not be able to access the entitlement funding during the summer term 2025. This does not affect 3- and 4-year-old children accessing the 15 hours of universal funding but it does affect the 30 hour offer and two-year-old working families funding.
- The final charges for the Spring term will be on Parent Pay by 10am on Friday 4th April. Please ensure that all payments are made before we return to nursery on 22nd April. Please check your account even if you think you are up to date with payments.

Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 1st April	Easter Chocolate Bingo 3.30-5pm in the village hall
Thursday 3rd April	Easter egg hunt and singalong in nursery 2pm, all welcome
Friday 4th April	Break up for Easter
Tuesday 22nd April	Back to School
Wednesday 30th April	Full Governing Body meeting 7pm
Monday 5th May	Bank holiday: May day
Tuesday 6th May	INSET day, school closed for children
Saturday 10th May	Strawberry Fayre 12-2pm
Monday 12th May	Ready for School meeting 6.30pm
Tuesday 13th May	Ready for School meeting 9am
Tuesday 20th May	Photographer in school
Friday 23rd May	Break up for half term holiday
Monday 2nd June	Back to School
Tuesday 10th June	Big Toddle 12.30pm
Tuesday 17th June	Sports day 12.30pm at Taddington school
Friday 13th June	Parent consultations
Monday 16th June	Parent consultations
Thursday 26th June	School trip to Matlock Farm Park
Tuesday 1st July	Backup sports day
Monday 21st July	Leaver's assembly 2pm
Wednesday 23rd July	Break up for the summer holiday
Thursday 24th July	INSET day, school closed for children