

Headteacher: Mrs Sarah Brown



Christmas Concert

This year our Christmas Concert for Bears class: '**Winter's on the way**' will be held on **Wednesday 13th December at 2pm**. If your child does not usually attend on Wednesdays you are still welcome to join us, please arrive by 1.45pm so that we can dress your child in a costume.

Christmas crafts and singalong session

Cubs class will be holding a Christmas crafts and singalong session from **9-11am on Thursday 14th December**, all Cub's parents welcome. If your child doesn't attend on Thursdays, you are still welcome to join us with your child.

Tickets will be issued for these events to avoid confusion as to which group your child is in. There is no charge for tickets. If you don't think you will be attending, please return the tickets to school so we can give them to other families and keep track of how many people will be attending.



Friends of Flagg

Over the past ten years we have had a very active PTA (parent teacher association) called the Friends of Flagg which has organised events such as a Halloween party, Christmas chocolate bingo, an Easter egg hunt and Easter Bunny Drive and a summer fayre called the Strawberry Fayre. We had a great response to the call for volunteers to help with this year's Halloween disco, thank you.

I would like to get the Friends of Flagg off the ground again so if you are interested in getting involved, let me know and I will add you to our What's app group so that we can arrange a meeting either in person or via Zoom. New ideas are always welcomed. Any help at all is very much appreciated and all the money raised is spent on the children on things like Christmas presents, the entertainer at the Christmas party, Living eggs (an incubator with eggs ready to hatch), an animal workshop and school trips.

The Governors would like you to save this date: the Strawberry Fayre will be held on 18th May 2024.

Christmas Party

The Christmas Party will be held on **Wednesday 20th December**. All children are invited to attend, Cubs (children not in their pre-school year) class for the morning session until 12.00am unless booked in all day, and Bears (pre-school children) class for the whole day 9-3. Tickets will also be issued for this to avoid confusion, there will be no nursery charges on this day for funded children but there will be a charge if you normally pay for your sessions. There will be party food, games, Barmy Bella (a magician) and another special visitor...
I think I can hear sleigh bells!



Parent Library

We have a large collection of helpful books and articles of interest to borrow on a range of topics ranging from potty training to supporting children with behaviour issues. The full list is on our website for you to look at on the parents' information tab. If you would like to borrow any of the items listed, then please just ask a member of staff.

Communication between school and home

Everyone has joined Class Dojo where we post photos of what the whole class has been up to, videos of stories and songs and ideas about home learning (it's like a class blog). Each child also has an individual portfolio where we can post photos and videos just of your child. You can comment in the class blog and also in your child's portfolio where you can post photos of your child at home so we can talk to your child about things they have achieved outside nursery school.

You are very welcome to discuss any concerns or questions you may have with staff at the beginning or end of any session in person. If you need a longer, more confidential chat please let us know. Staff are always available in person, via telephone, video call or e-mail. If something is bothering you then let us know straight away and we will deal with it immediately.

Remember, if something significant is happening in your child's life, let us know so that we can support them eg the death of a pet, a poorly grandparent or maybe they have been awake since 4am and will need a sleep!

Governors Section

The two committees of the Governing Body (TLC: teaching, learning and community links committee and RMC: resource management committee) met on Wednesday 29th November.

The Governing Body supports the head teacher in running the school by monitoring standards of education, finances, safeguarding provision, SEND (special educational needs and disabilities) provision, health and safety and the site itself. If you feel that you could spare six evenings per year to support the school to benefit the children and the community, then please let me know. We are a very friendly and effective team and welcome new members warmly.

One of our governors, Mr Peter Swann, successfully applied for a Tesco grant for us in order to pay for dance sessions and sports sessions over the year. A big thank you to Peter for this, the children are really enjoying Jenny's dance sessions and I am sure they will also benefit greatly from the sports sessions starting in January.

Due to the constant reduction in real terms funding from the Government over the past twelve years we are operating with fewer staff for fewer hours and experiencing other cost inflation. Because of this, the governors have decided to enforce a late charge for anyone regularly picking up late ie after 12pm or 3.15pm. We are happy to run a flexible pick up from 3 to 3.15 as we recognise that many of you have children at two schools so being in two places at once is impossible. After this time however, we need to pay for staff to stay longer if children are still here so we will be implementing a late charge of £10 to cover this.

At lunchtime there is a rota in place for staff to have a lunch break which makes it difficult to look after children whose parents are late so the same late charge will apply after 12pm for those attending morning sessions.

Governors would also like to thank the Parish Council and Mark Ramsden from Grafika for the new road signs asking drivers to slow down. We have tried to have the speed limit around nursery reduced from 40mph to 30mph to no avail so hopefully these road signs, designed by Flagg Nursery School children in 2017, will make the roads in Flagg a little safer for our children.

Parent Pay

All charges for this term will be on ParentPay by 10am on Thursday 21st December. Please ensure that all balances are cleared before we return to nursery on Monday 8th January.

Our charging and remissions policy is on our website.

Bad Weather

If there is a heavy snowfall and we think that travelling to Flagg will be dangerous for parents, children and staff, we will send out an e-mail and a message on Class Dojo as soon as possible. We will also endeavour to have someone answering the school phone from 8am if you want to call. If you think the roads are dangerous the advice is: If in doubt don't set out. If it snows during the day and we are worried about children getting home safely we will follow the same procedure.

Dates for your diary

Dates for the whole year can be found on the website

Wednesday 13th December 2pm

Thursday 14th December 9am

Wednesday 20th December

Thursday 21st December

Friday 22nd December

Monday 8th January

Saturday 18th May

Christmas concert for Bears class, parents and carers welcome

Cubs class Christmas singalong and Christmas crafts, parents and carers welcome

Christmas party day: Barmy Bella and Santa visiting, children only

Break up for Christmas holiday

INSET day, school closed for children

Back to school

Strawberry Fayre 12-2pm