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Flagg News

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Happy New Year 2022

This term (or last term) we welcome Maggie-Mae, Ivy, Ellie and their families to our nursery. We look forward to working with them and hope they enjoy their time with us.

Applying for a Primary School place

If your child was born between 1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018, you will need to apply for their infant/primary school place by **15th January 2022.** They will be eligible to start school in September 2022. You can apply online via the Derbyshire County Council website, or by ringing Call Derbyshire on 01629 533190. If you do not apply by this date, there is no guarantee of a place being available at your catchment school. For more information or assistance, please speak to Mrs Simpson or Mrs Brown.

Snow

On occasions it is necessary to close the school because of severe weather conditions. If this happens we will send a parent hub and an e-mail as soon as possible so please check your phones before you set off. We will endeavour to have someone in the school office answering the phone, but this may not always be possible. The advice is, **if in doubt, please don't set out.**

Christmas Jumper Day

We raised £40 on Christmas jumper day for Save the Children. Thank you to everyone who took part.

30 Hour code

If you are entitled to 30 hours of nursery education and want to take this up in full or in part for the summer term, please apply for your code before the 31st March otherwise you will have to wait until September to claim the extra funding.

Evidence Me and Class Dojo

You should be receiving photographs via the "Evidence Me" app. We obviously prioritise the care and education of the children over taking photographs and so you will not receive a photograph every time your child comes to nursery. Similarly we use Class Dojo as a class blog to give you a picture of what the children are learning in school. Your child will not appear on this every time they come to nursery, it is more of a snapshot of what the classes are up to.

Friends of Flagg

The Friends of Flagg is our parent, teacher and friends association. During the past year the Friends have raised money for our school fund which in the past year has paid for for the upkeep of the guinea pigs, a school trip to Peak Wildlife Park, Christmas presents for the children, Living eggs, dance coaching and animal workshops. This year we want to raise money to pay for more school trips, forest school activities and visitors to nursery school such as theatre companies and sports coaches.

Upcoming events:

- Easter egg hunt and Bunny Drive: Thursday 7th April 3.30-5pm
- Strawberry Fayre: Saturday 18th June 1-3pm
- Sports Day: July date tbc

The next Friends of Flagg Meeting will be at 7pm on Monday 7th March via Zoom everyone welcome. This is good way to meet other parents and make new friends as well as raising money for the nursery school. All money raised is spent on the children.

Parent Consultations

Parent consultations will be held on Thursday 3rd and Wednesday 9 February, they will either be in person or via Zoom depending upon the local situation with Covid nearer the time. This is a good opportunity to discuss your child's progress with us and let us know about any concerns you may have. Please e-mail or call the school office with your preferred date and time. If you are unable to make either of these days but would like to speak to a member of staff about your child's progress, please speak to Mrs Brown or Mrs Woodruff. We will always accommodate you.

Valentine's Café

We will be hosting a valentine's café on Tuesday 15th February at 2pm in nursery. Your children will serve you with cakes and biscuits they have made (the day before) for a small fee which we will put towards our school fund. There will also be play opportunities for you to take part in together with your child.

The Circle of Life

Our topic this term is "The Circle of Life." We will be thinking about growing up, staying safe and healthy and also thinking about the contribution people make to society and the jobs people do. We will have visits from a dental nurse to talk about dental hygiene, the refuse collectors to talk about waste collection and from the police community liaison officer to talk about keeping ourselves safe on the road and stranger danger. We would also like parents to come in and talk to the children about their jobs so if you have some time and are willing to come in to nursery for a short talk, please let me know. We would also be very grateful if you could e-mail us a photograph of you dressed ready for work so we can make a display of parent's jobs: thank you!

INSET days

Flagg Nursery School is part of the Local Authority school system and so we have five INSET (In-service training) days like the primary schools. This year we have an extra INSET day to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. On these days the nursery is closed to children for staff training. This academic year the remaining INSET days are Monday 14th March, Tuesday 3rd May and Monday 6th June. Training for staff this year includes: paediatric first aid, the revised EYFS (early years foundation stage) curriculum, safeguarding, comlpeting the Early Years Professional Development programme and reviewing our assessment procedures.

Governor's Section

The next full Governing Body meeting will be held in school on Wednesday 2nd February. The Governors will discuss the school's SIP (School Improvement Plan) and look at the school budget to ensure that the school is providing value for money.

Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 2nd February	Governing Body meeting 6-8pm
Thursday 3rd February	Parent consultations 8.30am-5.30pm
Wednesday 9th February	Parent consultations 8.30am-3.00 pm
Tuesday 15th February	Valentine's cafe
Friday 18th February	Break up for half term
Monday 28th February	Back to School
Monday 7th March 7pm	Friends of Flagg meeting via Zoom
Monday 14th March	INSET day, school closed for children
Tuesday 5th April	Easter egg hunt and singalong in nursery 2pm, all welcome
Thursday 7th April	Friends of Flagg Easter egg hunt and Bunny Drive 3.30-5pm
Friday 8th April	Break up for Easter
Monday 25th April	Back to School
Monday 3rd/Tuesday 4th May	Bank holidays: May day and queen's platinum jubilee (in lieu)
Friday 27th May	Break up for half term
Monday 6th June	INSET day, school closed for children
Tuesday 7th June	Back to School
Saturday 18th June 1-3 pm	Strawberry Fayre
Friday 22nd July	Break up for the summer holiday