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Flagg News

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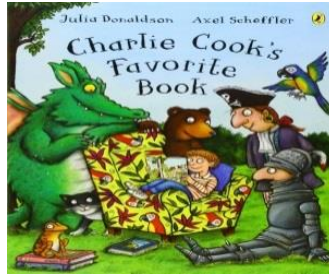
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World Book Day

We will be celebrating World Book Day this year on Thursday 7th March. Your child is welcome to bring their favourite book into nursery on this day or any other day this week if they don't attend on Thursdays. There will be book tokens available for all children. Pupils from Taddington and Monyash primary schools will be coming to read to the nursery children during the week.



Road Safety Resources

The road safety resources, including a set of real traffic lights and pelican crossing will be delivered next week. We will keep these resources for a month so that we can teach all the children about road safety in the garden with the bikes. The police community liaison officer will also be visiting us next week to teach the children about road safety.

The Circle of Life

Our topic from now until the end of term is "The Circle of Life." We will be observing caterpillars metamorphosing into butterflies, chicks hatching, looking at the life cycle of a daffodil and a flower that grows from a seed and also looking at human life cycles from babies to grown-ups, thinking about what we might like to be when we grow up. We have a visit from the police community liaison officer booked to talk about road safety and a dental nurse to talk about oral hygiene. If you would like to come into nursery to talk about your job please let us know. Also, if anyone has any frogspawn when the time comes then we would be very grateful if we could have some to observe in nursery.

Kate Pogmore, one of our parents, is a music teacher and she is coming to do a music session with the children. Freya's dad is a paramedic, and he will come in to talk to the children about his job. Maisy's mum is a veterinary nurse and she has also offered to come in as has Finley's uncle who works with big machines! A BIG thank you to everyone who has offered to come in and talk to the children.

Animal Workshop

Brendan Christopher and his collection of exotic animals will be visiting nursery on Wednesday 13th March in the morning. If your child doesn't attend on Wednesdays and you would like to join us, please let me know.



Living Eggs

Living Eggs will arrive in school on Monday 4th March for two weeks.

The children will have the opportunity to watch the 10 eggs/chicks hatch and learn how to care for them. We will post photos of them on Class Dojo so you can see how they are doing. Please let us know if you would like to provide a home for the chickens which will be available from Friday 15th March.

Friends of Flagg Easter Bunny Drive

The Friends of Flagg are hosting an Easter Bunny drive this year on Wednesday 27th March from 3.30pm until 5pm. Tickets are £4.00 each and are now available in nursery, everyone needs a ticket, adults as well as children. There will be an Easter Egg treasure hunt, snacks and drinks to buy, a raffle and then 2 games of Chocolate bingo. We will need donations of chocolates and Easter eggs in advance for prizes, also cakes, buns and biscuits or healthy snacks on the day. We always need lots of volunteers, both on the day and beforehand.

Friends of Flagg events are planned via a what's app group. We are currently discussing the Easter Chocolate bingo and will shortly be planning the strawberry Fayre. If you are not already on the what's app group and are happy to help, then please let me know.

Money raised by the Friends of Flagg is used to pay for all the extras we have in nursery like sports coaches, living eggs, animal workshops, forest school and school trips so it is definitely worth getting involved.

The date for our annual school fayre, the Strawberry Fayre, is Saturday 18th May 2024: save the date!





Easter Egg Hunt and Sing Along

Flagg Nursery School will be hosting our annual Easter Egg Hunt and Singalong session on Wednesday 27th March at 2.00pm. All children and parents are welcome to attend even if Wednesday is not your usual nursery day. Please come to nursery at 1.50pm. Fingers crossed for warm-ish weather!

If you are coming to the Easter bingo you can then go straight to the village hall when the singalong has finished.

Forest schools

We will be resuming our forest schools sessions in April. All children in Bears class (going to school this September) will be included. You will receive an information booklet and consent letter shortly.



Getting ready for school meeting

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 Wednesday 1st May at 2pm or Thursday 2nd May at 6.30pm. We will talk about the Buddy Bear project and about how to help your child with the move to primary school. There will be parent teacher meetings later in May where you can discuss your child individually if you have any specific concerns.

Governors section

The Governing Body met on Wednesday 7th February and we are very pleased to announce that Simon Amm, Sybil's dad, has agreed to join us. Welcome Simon and thank you!

During the meeting we agreed a new admissions policy which can be found here:

[Admissions - Flagg Nursery School](#)

Going forward applications for September places will need to be made by 31st March. Places will then be considered and offered during the summer term of that year. Any applications received after this time will be considered on an individual basis and may be deferred until the following academic year.

If your child has a brother or sister and you would like them to start nursery during the academic year September 2024-July 2025 please let us know by Friday 1st March. We are going to start allocating places after this date and we will be oversubscribed.

The new criteria for admissions if the nursery is oversubscribed will be considered in the following order:

1. Children in care, children who have a safeguarding plan, children who are entitled to assessment based two-year-old funding or pupil premium, children with a disability or special educational need or children of forces personnel.
2. Children with siblings already attending.
3. Children living nearest to the school.
4. Length of time on the waiting list.
5. Children taking up their full entitlement ie 15 or 30 hours solely at Flagg Nursery School

Dates for your diary:

Monday 4th March	Living Eggs arrive in school
Thursday 7th March	World Book Day
Wednesday 13th March	Animal workshop in nursery
Wednesday 27th March	Easter egg hunt and singalong in nursery 2pm, all welcome
Thursday 28th March	Break up for Easter
Monday 15th April	Back to School
Wednesday 1st May	Getting ready for school meeting 2pm
Thursday 2nd May	Getting ready for school meeting 6.30pm
Monday 6th May	Bank holiday: May day
Tuesday 7th May	INSET day, school closed for children
Saturday 18th May	Strawberry Fayre 12-2pm
Friday 24th May	Break up for half term holiday
Monday 3rd June	Back to School
Tuesday 23rd July	Break up for the summer holiday