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Flagg News

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Primary Schools

For those children who start their primary education in September, you should have been offered a place at your choice of school. Each primary school will be offering taster sessions. Please let us know if your child will be absent or needs collecting early. We will invite all reception class teachers from our feeder primary schools into nursery to meet the children in their familiar environment. This year we have 32 children leaving us in July and we would like to ensure as smooth a transition as possible for them. Each child will be given a Buddy Bear in June to help with the transition to primary school.

School Photographer

The school photographer will be in school on Friday 28th May from 8:30am in nursery. If you are not usually in nursery on a Friday you are still welcome to come and have your child's photo taken. Let me know what time you will be coming and I'll make sure that we include your child on the group photo. I'm sorry but parents will have to remain outside. If you do not want your child to be on the group photo, please let us know. Thank you.



Sports and Dance Coaching

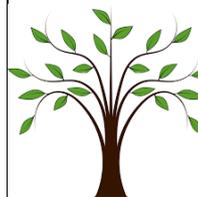
Sports coaching is being provided by Sam and dance coaching by Jennie for the older group on alternate Tuesday mornings from 9:30am for an hour. It is particularly important that children arrive promptly at nursery by 9.15am, dressed in tracksuit bottoms or leggings and trainers.

Goodbye and Good Luck

Sadly we have said goodbye to our caretaker Lesley Hulme and cleaner Jenny Smith. We wish Lesley all the best for the future. Jenny Smith is staying with us as a cover teaching assistant. A big welcome to Phil Brindley who has taken on the new combined role of cleaner/caretaker. Phil previously worked at the Palace Hotel and has already settled in to our happy team.

Forest School Day at Taddington

Due to Covid shielding and illness our forest school leader hasn't been able to run the programme this year. To make up for this we are taking the whole of the older class (starting school this September) to have a forest school day at Taddington Primary School on Monday 14th June. We will be pond dipping, making forest art, minibeast hunting, making habitats, sawing wood and making a fire. A letter with all the details will be sent out shortly to all children in the older class. Nursery will be open as usual to the younger children on this day.



Parent Consultations

Parent consultations will be held on Wednesday 16th and Thursday 17th June. Please call or e-mail to book a slot and let us know whether you would like a zoom meeting or a telephone call. This is a good opportunity to have a chat with us about your child's progress and about any concerns you may have about your child starting primary school.

If your child is leaving us in July then you will receive a summative assessment report, portfolio and a word document with their photographic learning journal at the end of the summer term. If they are staying with us in September you will receive the photographic learning journal and a shorter summative report, unless you have already received a 2-year report this academic year.

Big Toddle

This year we are supporting Barnados by organising a sponsored "Big Toddle." On Tuesday 22nd June we will walk to Monyash over the fields, play in the park and have an ice-cream. Parents are welcome to join us as are children who don't usually attend on Tuesdays along with a parent. We will leave nursery at 12.30pm after dinner. If the weather is terrible we will postpone the activity.

Please pick your child up from Monyash park at 3pm. Thank you.



School Trip: Peak Wildlife Park

This year our school trip will be on Thursday 24th June for children starting primary school in September.

We are going to the Peak Wildlife Park at Winkhill by coach. We will leave school at 9:15 am and will return to school by 3:00pm. **Packed lunches and drinks will be required for all children, in a rucksack style bag that they can carry themselves.** Please ensure that suitable clothing is worn including a sun hat if the weather is good. Due to Covid regulations children will be accompanied by staff rather than parents but we may need a few parent volunteers so let Mrs Brown know if you are interested. Letters will be going home shortly. If you would like your child to attend please remember to return the permission slip as soon as possible. Nursery school will be open as usual to the younger children on this day.

Leaver's Picnic



We are holding a family picnic for the children leaving us to move on to primary school this September on Wednesday 14th July at 1pm. If your child doesn't attend on Wednesday afternoons you are still welcome to join us. The children will sing a few of their favourite songs and we will give them all a leaving gift. We will also be having a raffle and playing school fayre games like hook a boat, the bran tub, milk the cow, spin the arrow and a sports tombola. **Any donations for the raffle and/or the sports tombola such as balls, tennis sets, skipping ropes would be very much appreciated.** Every child will receive a wristband to enable them to play all the games along with picnic lunchbox for a small charge of £5 to cover costs. If you prefer not to buy the wristband just let Mrs Brown know privately. There will also be refreshments available for the adults to buy.

Teddy Bear's Picnic for the younger children

We will be holding a teddy bear's picnic on Thursday 15th July for the younger children who are not going to primary school in September. If your child doesn't attend on Thursday mornings you are still welcome to join us. It will be similar to the leaver's picnic but without the leaver's presentation and gifts. We hope that you will be able to join us for this but please one adult per child until we can be sure that things are Covid safe. Again every child will receive a wristband to enable them to play all the games along with picnic lunchbox for a small charge of £5 to cover costs. If you prefer not to buy the wristband just let Mrs Brown know privately. There will also be refreshments available for the adults to buy.



Sessions for September

We will be sending out a letter shortly to the parents of all children who will be staying with us in September to ask which days/sessions you will want your child to attend. **Sessions run from 9am - 12pm OR 9am-3pm** with lunch (flexible pick up until 3.15). You will be able to choose morning sessions or full days.

All children are entitled to 15 hours of free funding from the term after their third birthday. Most children are also entitled to an extra 15 hours of funding making 30 hours altogether.

To find out what you are entitled to go to the Childcare Choices website at www.childcarechoices.gov.uk Some two year olds are also entitled to 15 hours of free funding from the term after their second birthday. To find out if you are eligible for this, please call 01629 539 319 or go to www.derbyshire.gov.uk/free4two Working parents can also be entitled to tax free childcare, please go to the childcare choices website to find out about this.

If you want to increase your sessions throughout the year please make this clear on the form as we are usually full by January. If you have any siblings of children already here who you would like to start nursery in September, please remember to put their names down on the waiting list. Thank you.

Governors Section

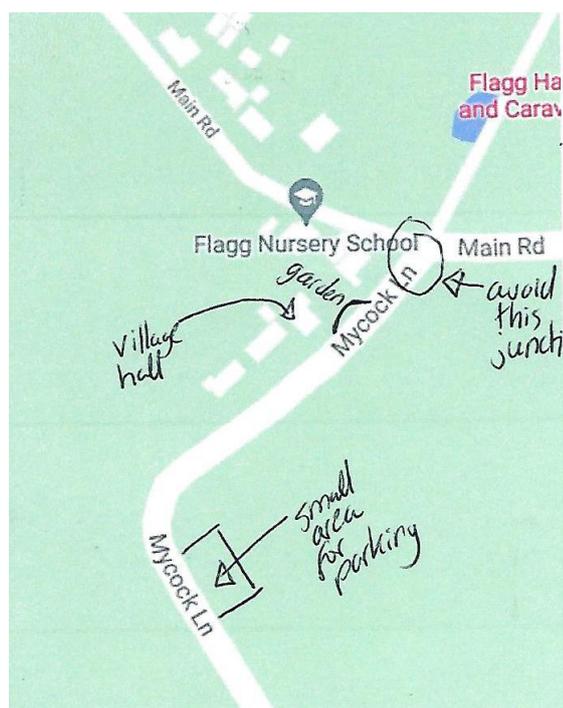
The Governing Body met on Wednesday 28th April to approve our budget. They have ensured that our budget is sustainable for the next few years. In light of the Covid pandemic the Governors recognised that many families may be struggling financially and so have decided not to put prices up. Prices remain as follows:

Breakfast Club £5.00 per hour, £2.50 for 30 minutes, £2.00 for early drop off: from 7.45am
Non-funded 2 year olds £16.50 per 3-hour session and
Extra sessions for 3 - 4 year olds, if not entitled to 30 hours (from the term after they turn 3): £15 per 3-hour session

The school fund is a bank account we hold for money raised from fundraising events. It is used to pay for gifts for the children at Christmas and when they leave, the guinea pigs, the entertainer at Christmas and school trips. The accounts are audited annually and published on the website for anyone who wishes to see them.

Governors have agreed to re-open our parent and toddler group called Tiddlypeeps, run by the Friends of Flagg and managed by Helen Brittain-Carlidge on a voluntary basis. It is running on Friday mornings from 9-11 in the village hall, all welcome.

There have been complaints about dangerous and discourteous parking from Flagg residents and the Parish Council. I will consult with our Police Community Liaison Officer about this but please do remember not to park too close to the junction, in the school bus stop or over people's driveways. We are still operating a flexi drop off from 9 to 9.15 and flexi pick up from 2.45-3.15 to alleviate queuing and crowding, this should also alleviate parking issues a little too. The safest place to park is on Mycock Lane (by the pencil fence) as traffic is very fast on the Main Road. We do acknowledge that the little village of Flagg was never designed to accommodate so many cars at once so let's try and work together for the safety of the children and the peace of mind of Flagg residents. It's better to park further away and walk than to park dangerously. There is a parking area, shown on the map opposite where the recycling area used to be. It is a short walk and obviously care needs to be taken when crossing the road, there is also no footpath for some of the way.



Dates for your diary

Friday 28th May	School photos. Break up for half term
Monday 7th June	Back to school
Monday 14th June	Forest School day at Taddington school
Wednesday 16th June	Parent Consultations
Thursday 17th June	Parent consultations
Tuesday 22nd June 1pm	Big Toddle to Monyash Park
Thursday 24th June	Older class trip to Peak Wildlife Park
Wednesday 14th July 1pm	Leaver's picnic (children going to primary school in September 2021)
Thursday 15th July 9.30-11.30	Teddy Bear's picnic (children NOT going to school in September 2021)
Wednesday 21st July	Break up for the Summer holiday
Thursday 22nd July	INSET day, school closed to children