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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 20th May** from **12-2pm** in school. There will be games, stalls, crafts and refreshments. Raffle tickets are now on sale at £1 each. You have all been 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 be in need of additional volunteers. There is a list in school today. Please sign up if you are able to help.

It would be great if we could also ask for the following donations:

Sports toys for a sporty tombola, offers to bake scones, cakes or buns to bring on Friday 19th or Saturday 20th May.



Welcome

A big welcome to our new children and their families this term: Bertie, Sophie D, Elsie C, James R, Wilf, Eva, Oona, Jack, Lottie and Abigail. We look forward to working with you and hope you enjoy your time with us.

We have two classes in nursery, Bears and Cubs. Bears are children who will start primary school in September 2023 and Cubs are children who will start primary school in September 2024 or 2025. Bears start the day in the smaller classroom and Cubs start the day in the "big" classroom ie the chapel building.



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 have invited all reception class teachers from our feeder primary schools into nursery to meet the children in their familiar environment. This year we have 27 children leaving us in July and we would like to ensure as smooth a transition as possible for them. We have set up two meetings for parents about starting school, see details below.

Forest Schools

Forest School sessions have been offered to those children who start primary school in September on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons for five weeks. These sessions started last week and got off to a flying start. Sarah Capper is our forest schools trained leader and she is leading these sessions.

Please note that the forest school group does not get back to nursery until 3pm.



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 to introduce the children to the idea of "Big School."

All parents of children going to primary school this September 2023 are invited to a meeting either on Wednesday 3rd May at 2pm or Thursday 4th 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.

Parent: teacher meetings

Parent:teacher meetings will be held on Wednesday 24th May 8am-5pm, Thursday 25th May from 2pm to 6pm and Friday 26th May from 8am to 12pm. You can book an appointment by calling or e-mailing us. 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. These meetings are for the parents of ALL children, not just the children going to school this September.

School Photographer

The school photographer will be in nursery on Tuesday 23rd May from 8:30am. As always, family groups and older/younger siblings are very welcome. If you are not usually in nursery on a Tuesday you are still welcome to come and have your photo taken. Group photos will be taken during the morning. Please let Mrs Brown know if you would prefer your child not to have an individual photo or to be included in the group photo.



Animal Workshop

Brendan Christopher and his collection of exotic animals will be visiting nursery on Tuesday 6th June in the morning. If your child doesn't attend on Tuesdays and you would like them to join us, please let me know.



School trip to Crich Tramway museum

I have booked a school trip to Crich Tramway museum on Wednesday 21st June. We will leave nursery at 9.15am, arriving about 10 am. Children in Bears class will be accompanied by staff but children in Cubs class will need to be accompanied by an adult. Nursery will be closed on this day as all staff will be on the trip. All children are welcome on this trip even if they don't usually attend nursery on Wednesdays. I will send out a separate letter about this with details and instructions about how to complete the permission form on Parent Pay. The trip is free to children but we will need a contribution from accompanying adults.

Big Toddle

This year we are supporting Barnados by organising a sponsored "Big Toddle." On Thursday 15th June we will walk to Monyash over the fields, play in the park and have an ice-cream. Hopefully the infant class at Monyash school will join us for an ice-cream and a play. We will leave nursery at 12.30pm after dinner.

**You are very welcome to join us.
Alternatively, please pick your child up from Monyash at 3pm.
Thank you.**



Sports Day and family picnic

We will be holding a sports day and family picnic on Tuesday 4th July. At 12.15 pm we will walk up to Knotlow farm: you are welcome to meet us there at 12.30. There will be no school dinners on this day so all children will need a packed lunch. All children are welcome, not just those who attend on a Tuesday. There will be races and sports toys to play with. If the weather is bad on 4th July, we will postpone until 11th July.

Leaver's assembly

There will be a final singalong and presentation for parents of children leaving us this year at 2pm on Wednesday 19th July. All welcome, including children leaving in July who do not usually attend on Wednesdays.

Governors Section

You may not be aware that we have to pay DCC for the school dinner service. Due to ongoing budget cuts to nursery schools the governors have taken the very difficult decision not to buy into this service from September. Therefore all children will need to bring a packed lunch from September if they are staying all day.

Our Governors visit school regularly to monitor various aspects of school life and school improvement. They carry out visits to school to monitor the curriculum, health and safety, provision for children with SEND (special educational needs and disabilities), safeguarding, the school improvement plan and to carry out headteacher performance management. Governors are also responsible for ensuring that children's progress and standards of achievement are high and hold the headteacher to account for standards in school.

We have a vacancy for a co-opted Governor. If you or anyone you know is interested in joining our friendly and very effective Governing Body then please let us know. They don't have to be a parent, it could be anyone in our community.

Dates for Your Diary

Monday 1st May	Bank holiday: May day
Tuesday 2nd May	INSET day, school closed for children
Wednesday 3rd May 2pm	Getting ready for school parents meeting
Thursday 4th May 6.30 pm	Getting ready for school parents meeting
Monday 8th May	Bank holiday: King's coronation
Saturday 20th May	Strawberry Fayre 12-2 pm
Tuesday 23rd May	Photographer in nursery
Wednesday 24th May	Parent teacher meetings
Thursday 25th May	Parent teacher meetings
Friday 26th May	Parent teacher meetings. Break up for half term
Monday 5th June	Back to School
Tuesday 6th June	Wildlife workshop
Thursday 15th June 1pm	Barnado's Big Toddle: sponsored walk to Monyash over the fields
Wednesday 21st June	School trip to Crich Tramway museum
Tuesday 4th July 12.30pm	Sports day and family picnic
Tuesday 11th July 12.30pm	Back up sports day
Wednesday 19th July 2pm	Leaver's assembly
Thursday 20th July	Break up for the summer holiday
Friday 21st July	INSET day, school closed for children